

WATER ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SCHEDULES

Schedule 7: Further amendments

362. This Schedule makes minor and consequential changes to the WIA and other primary legislation, mostly relating to the amended water supply licensing regime and the new sewerage licensing regime.
363. Many of the provisions in this Schedule substitute references to “licensed water suppliers” with references to “water supply licensees” or add references to “sewerage licensees” (or certain authorisations given to such licensees) as appropriate. Other provisions in this Schedule substitute references to “companies” with references to “persons” to give effect to the policy that the holders of retail authorisations do not have to be companies.
364. [Paragraph 3\(8\)](#), amongst other things, extends the duty on Ofwat, the Secretary of State and the Welsh Ministers in section 2 of the WIA to the exercise of their respective functions under relevant new sections inserted by the Act.
365. [Paragraphs 9 to 25](#) extend the application of the sections in Chapter 1A of Part 2 to the WIA. They make provision in relation to the new types of authorisations available to water supply licensees and in relation to sewerage licensees.
366. [Paragraphs 26 to 38](#) amend the enforcement provisions in the WIA including extending the special administration regime to any removal of matter by a qualifying sewerage licensee which is designated as strategic sewerage provision (as provided for under new sections 117N and 117O). This ensures that essential water and sewerage services provided to premises can continue if the holders of the relevant authorisations become insolvent or otherwise fail to meet their statutory obligations.
367. [Paragraphs 54 to 57](#) and [87 to 95](#) make repeals and amendments consequential on the new charging rules introduced by sections 17 to 19.