

Cross compliance checklist

GAEC 2 - Abstraction of water for irrigation

The aim of GAEC 2 rules is to protect water resources by licensing abstraction of water for irrigation.

Answer each question below with a yes, no or n/a to help check if you have adhered to the rules. If the rules are applicable to you, and you are compliant, your answers to the questions should be yes.

If you are abstracting less than 10m³ of water each day you have to follow General Binding Rule 2 (GBR 2) i.e. demonstrate that the abstraction is always less than 10m³ in any one day by measuring the rate, or demonstrate that the maximum volume that could be extracted cannot exceed more than 10m³ in any one day. Complying with GBR 2 means there is no requirement to contact SEPA to register or apply for a licence.

- If you are abstracting less than 10m³ of water each day are you able to demonstrate compliance with GBR 2?

- If you are abstracting more than 10m³ and less than 50m³ of water each day have you registered with SEPA?

- If you are abstracting more than 50m³ and less than 2,000m³ of water each day have you obtained a Simple Licence from SEPA?

- If you are abstracting more than 2,000m³ of water each day have you obtained a Complex Licence from SEPA?

- If you require a water abstraction licence, are you complying with all the conditions of the licence, including:
 - Abstraction sites?
 - Abstraction periods?
 - Maximum daily abstraction volumes?
 - Submitted an annual data return to SEPA by 31 December, even if you don't abstract any water?