**Information on Inspections of Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems.**

**Previous scheme**​

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* **Circular L4/13**​
* **S.I. No. 222 of 2013**​
* **Grant maximum €2,000 or €4,000**​
* **75% of approved costs**​
* **Means test requirement**​
* **Prescribed date requirement S.I. No. 220 of 2012 and S.I. No. 180 of 2013**

**Revised scheme​ since 2020**

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* **Circular L1/20**​
* **S.I. No. 184 of 2020**​
* **Grant maximum €5,000**​
* **85% of approved costs**​
* **No means test requirement**​
* **Prescribed date requirement S.I. No. 220 of 2012 and S.I. No. 180 of 20**

**The 3 different types of inspections**

1. **National Inspection plan**

These are the inspections that are carried out by Local Authorities in compliance with the EPA National inspection plan .

* DWWTS selected as per EPA guidelines
* LA inspects DWWTS
* Advisory Notice issued (non-compliance only)
* Works completed - applicant submits claim on *Form* *DWWTS 1a*
* LA checks DWWTS to verify works remedy the issues
* LA checks all criteria are met
* LA pays claim
* LA recoups amounts from Department using *Form* *DWWTS 1* and *DWWTS 1 Schedule*

1. **Priority Areas for Action**

* S.I. No. 185 of 2020 – Circular L2/2020
* PAAs identified in accordance with the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 (LAWPRO)
* Registration date requirement (same as NIP)
* No means test requirement
* Approved costs maximum is 85%
* Maximum grant amount is €5,000
* Minimum total cost to qualify for grant is €750
* LAWPRO acting on behalf of LAs to identify and write out to home owner re: DWWTS

For a DWWTS to be eligible for a grant it not only has to fall within the PAA boundary, it also has receive a letter from the Local Authority Waters Programme Office (LAWPRO) on behalf of the relevant local authority confirming potential eligibility to apply for a grant under the scheme.

For a letter to issue from LAWPRO it has to satisfy itself that the DWWTS meets the criteria set out in Article 3(1) of SI 185 of 2020.

3. (1) A Local authority may pay a grant to a person for the carrying out of remediation, repair or upgrading works to, or replacement of, a domestic waste water treatment system where, in the opinion of the housing authority, the system:

(a) is causing, or may cause, a threat to the environment,

(b) is of need of remediation, repair, upgrading or replacement, and

(c) serves a house, which is situated in a catchment area identified as a Prioritised Area for Action, in accordance with the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.

A DWWTS owner therefore may not automatically be eligible for the grant.

It also has to meet the following criteria:

Have registered their system by the 1st Feb 2013

System has to be in need of repair etc but the grant does not include costs of maintenance.

As well as other criteria set out in circulars from the Department.

LAWPRO are working on the assessment protocol to determine if the system is causing or may cause a threat to the environment at the moment.

**3 High Status Objective Catchment Areas.**

* S.I. No. 186 of 2020 – Circular L3/20
* HSOCAs identified in accordance with the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021
* Registration date requirement (same as NIP)
* No means test requirement
* Approved costs maximum is 85%
* Maximum grant amount is €5,000
* Minimum total cost to qualify for grant is €750
* Potential applicants self-identify if house/DWWTS is situated in HSOCA using online [map](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5eaae1b83cf84197b1f184a5ef7c2696) at link [https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5eaae1b83cf84197b1f184a5ef7c2696](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__storymaps.arcgis.com_stories_5eaae1b83cf84197b1f184a5ef7c2696&d=DwQFAw&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=SL9oWfufu5-N48xWLSB9IjwDuA-PS4w2Df28JnQiaoc&m=2SuiJbAO4957_pwn4ciEmm9SyEIAT9vo4FORyAMp7UM&s=7LeiUhLHdVQpZDipVaOZvc8rDbjLXRA0pLInqF_0GAo&e=)

The process for High Status Sites

* Potential applicant checks if house/DWWTS is in a HSOCA using online map
* Applicant submits application on *Form* *DWWTS 3a*
* LA conducts onsite assessment, confirms eligibility status and notifies applicant
* Works completed – applicant submits claim on *Form DWWTS 3b*
* LA checks DWWTS to verify works remedy the issues
* LA checks all criteria are met
* LA pays claim