

Deadlines extended for existing metering conditions in 5 water sharing plans

The following advice is for water users in the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee, Richmond, Hunter and Murray and Lower Darling regulated rivers water sources who have condition MW2452-00001 on their works approval.

Why government has extended metering deadlines for some water users

The NSW Government has extended the deadlines for some water users to comply with existing metering conditions in 5 water sharing plan areas. These conditions were imposed before the NSW non-urban metering rules. We recognise there may have been confusion about when you need to comply with these conditions.

The extension:

- aims to make the deadlines for complying clear and give select water users more time to comply
- recognises that some water users with these existing conditions may have installed non-AS4747 meters before 1 April 2019. These water users will have until their regional rollout dates to comply with the new standards, if they can ensure their existing meter is accurate and working properly
- requires water users with these conditions who have not already installed meters, to install AS4747-compliant meters that meet the standards under NSW's new non-urban metering rules, by 1 December 2021.

The department has no plans to change any other metering deadlines as part of the non-urban metering framework. These are important reforms and when fully rolled out, around 95% of licensed water take capacity will be metered. This will significantly improve the management and regulation of water in NSW.

How to know if the extension applies to you

The extension applies to these users

If the extension applies to you, the department will write to you directly to tell you about the extension.

The extension applies to you if you are a water user:

- in the relevant water sharing plans listed below, and
- you currently have condition MW2452-00001 on your works approval or access licence.

Relevant water sharing plans:

- Hunter Regulated River Water Source 2016
- Lachlan Regulated River Water Source 2016
- Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016

- New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016
- Richmond River Area Unregulated, Regulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016 – regulated water source only.

The extension does not apply to these water users

The extension does not apply to you if:

- you have a surface water pump 500mm in size or greater, or
- you installed a new meter, or replaced an existing meter, after 1 April 2019.

If the extension does not apply to you and you haven't already done so, you need to take immediate steps to ensure you have metering equipment that meets the standards under the new non-urban metering rules.

Figure 1 shows whether an extension applies to users in the relevant water sharing plan areas.

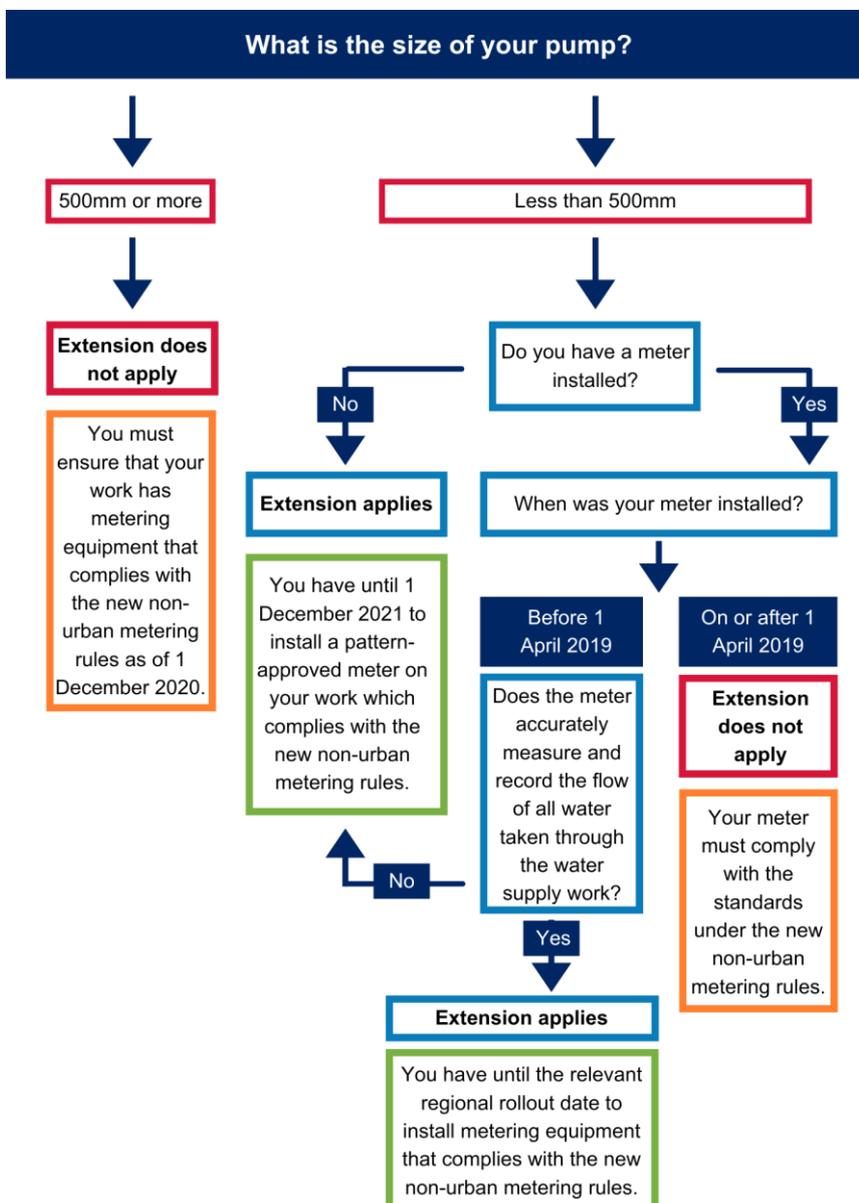


Figure 1. Determining if the extension applies to you

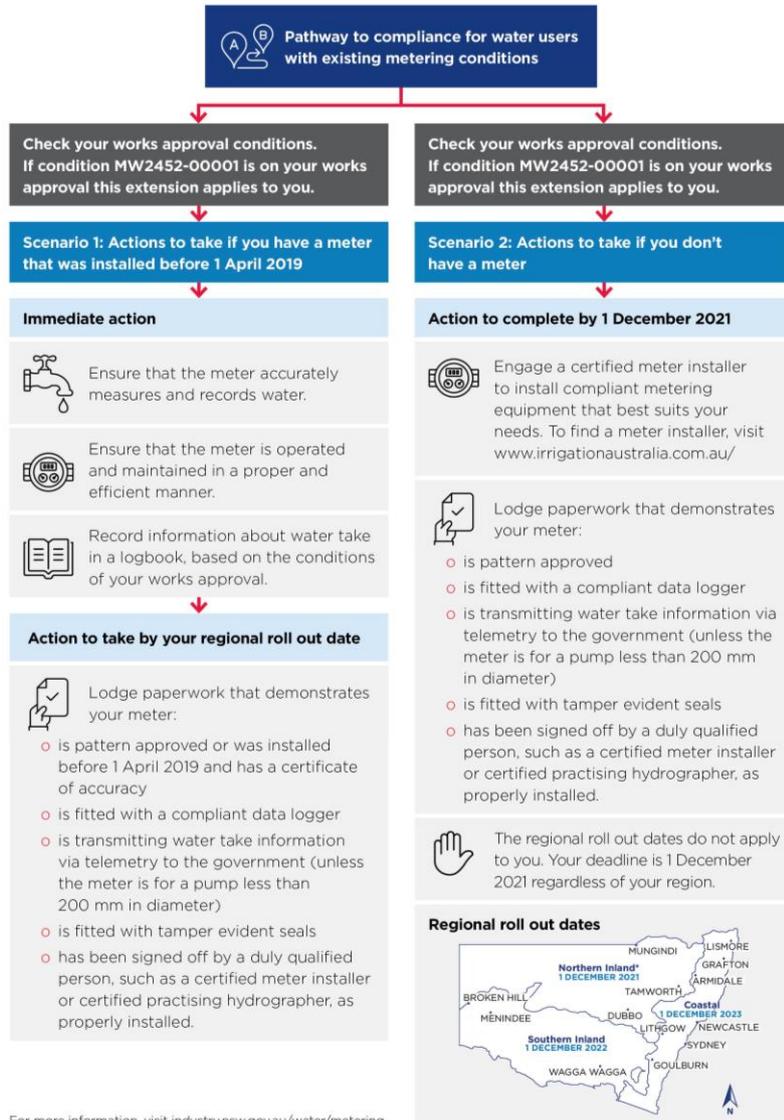
What you need to do if the extension applies to you

If this extension applies to you, and you have:

- **already installed a meter before 1 April 2019**, and it accurately records and measures the flow of all water taken through the water supply work, you have until your regional rollout date to ensure your meter meets the standards under the non-urban metering rules. In the meantime, you must ensure your meter is operating properly and is accurate. If it is not, you need to either repair your meter, or replace your meter with a meter that meets the standards under the non-urban metering rules by no later than 1 December 2021.
- **not already installed a meter**, you have until 1 December 2021 to install metering equipment that meets the standards under the non-urban metering rules.

Figure 2 shows how you can comply if the extension applies to you.

Metering requirement information for water users in the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee, Richmond, Hunter and Murray and Lower Darling regulated rivers water sharing plans who have condition MW2452-00001 on their works approval



For more information, visit industry.nsw.gov.au/water/metering

Figure 2. Pathway to compliance if the extension applies to you

Water users with state-owned meters

WaterNSW is responsible for ensuring these meters meet the standards and will contact affected water users directly.

In the meantime, if you are a water user with a state-owned meter, you should report to WaterNSW as soon as possible if your meter is not operating properly. Please use the [S91I Self Reporting Form](#) at www.waternsw.com.au.

More information about the extension and metering rules

Read more about the non-urban metering rules at www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/metering.

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