**Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme**

The Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme helps households with the costs of replacing lead piping or related fittings located within the internal distribution system connected to a domestic water supply that serves a house.

The scope of the grant and relevant definitions are as detailed in the [Housing (Domestic Lead Remediation Grant) Regulations 2022](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2022/si/519/made/en/print) (S.I. No. 519 of 2022), which came into operation on 1 December 2022.

**Who can apply?**

You may be eligible to apply for a grant to your local authority if you meet the criteria set out in the **Terms and Conditions** for the scheme.

To qualify for the grant, you must occupy the house concerned as your normal place of residence. If you are a long-term tenant of the property, you must have the permission of the owner to carry out the works.

For the purposes of this grant scheme, the property must be a domestic residence. Private holiday homes and properties operated on a commercial basis are excluded (for example: short-term holiday lettings, self-catering properties, caravans/mobile homes, caravan/mobile home sites). Properties owned by local authorities, housing associations and the Health Service Executive (HSE) are not eligible.

In advance of applying for a grant, you must ensure that you have evidence of a requirement to replace lead pipes and related fittings to include with the application to your relevant local authority. This evidence must be in the form of a:

* notification from a water supplier advising that there is likely to be lead pipes and related fittings within the internal distribution system of the house concerned, **OR**
* certificate issued within the six months immediately prior to the date of application by a laboratory accredited by the Irish National Accreditation Board, confirming a parametric value for lead in the drinking water supply to the house concerned, which exceeds the statutory limit, currently 10μg/l (10 micrograms per litre), **OR**
* notification from a registered building professional advising that there are lead pipes and related fittings located within the internal distribution system of the house concerned.

The scheme will continue to be administered by the local authorities on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The following procedure will apply to the processing of all grants under the Housing (Domestic Lead Remediation Grant) Regulations 2022:

* claims for payment should be submitted to the local authority in whose functional area the house, the subject of the application, is located.
* claims must be submitted on the DLRG 1a form. You can get this form from your local authority.
* if assistance with completing the form is required, please [contact the relevant local authority](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/942f74-local-authorities/)
* the relevant local authority will subsequently advise you in writing (or via email) if the application is eligible (subject to terms and conditions) or ineligible.
* once all required documentation, as detailed in the Terms and Conditions, have been received and verified, the local authority will endeavour to process the claim as quickly as possible.
* the local authority reserves the right to make any enquiries it considers necessary, to verify information or supporting documents provided as part of a claim for grant aid and may exclude from consideration for grant aid any applicant who supplies false or misleading information or documents.

**Irish Water Customer Opt-in Lead Pipe Scheme**

If you are a customer of Irish Water and you plan on replacing all the lead drinking water pipes within your property’s boundary, you must apply for Irish Water’s Customer Opt-In Lead Pipe Replacement scheme before you replace the pipes.

By doing this, Irish Water will replace any lead pipes on the public side of your property’s boundary. Both sets of pipes must be replaced for your drinking water to have a lead level that will probably be below the legal limit.

Their application form is available on [Customer-Opt-in-Lead-Pipe-Scheme-2016 (water.ie)](https://www.water.ie/docs/2017-02-13-Updated-Customer-Opt-in-Lead-Pipe-Scheme-application-form.pdf)

For more information on Irish Water’s Customer Opt-In Lead Pipe Replacement Scheme, visit [www.water.ie/lead](http://www.water.ie/lead) or call Irish Water on 1850 278 278 or +353 1 7072828

**What do you need to do to apply for the Grant?**

1. Contact Irish Water to apply for their Customer Opt-In Lead Pipe Replacement scheme before you replace your pipes.
2. Submit a completed Domestic Lead Pipe Remediation Grant Scheme DLRG 1a Application Form with Terms & Conditions and Privacy Statement to South Dublin County Council– click here for the application form.
3. Post or email the completed form to the address below.

Environment, Water and Climate Change Department,

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County Hall,

Belgard Square North,

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Dublin 24.

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