



PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES ARE REGULATED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES USING THE PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2006 AND THE WATER (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980.

The Private Water Supply (Scotland) Regulations 2006 update earlier regulations.

The 2006 Regulations also incorporate the latest advice and knowledge from around the world about what is good and what is bad about drinking water quality.

All private water supplies are required to be registered with the local authority where the source of the supply is located.



You can check the entry for your property in the register by contacting your local authority environmental health service. Their details are on the back of this Information Guide or in your local telephone directory.

If you get your drinking water from a private supply that serves 50 or more people or provides water to a commercial activity like a hotel, restaurant, bed and breakfast or campsite then the 2006 Regulations will classify the supply as a "Type A" supply.

This means that the drinking water quality will be monitored and assessed against the requirements set out by the European Union in the Drinking Water Directive of 1998.

If you get your drinking water from a private water supply that does not fall into the description of a Type A supply then it is a "Type B" supply and the drinking water quality only has to meet standards detailed in the Regulations.

