

## Applying for a PWS Radon Waiver

All Regulated PWS should either be sampled for radon, or have been issued with a waiver in accordance with DWQR PWS information letter 2016-1 [pws-information-letter-2016-1-the-private-and-public-water-supplies-miscellaneous-amendments-scotland-regulations-2015-taste-and-odour-colour-and-radon.pdf](https://www.dwqr.scot.nhs.uk/media/1000/pws-information-letter-2016-1-the-private-and-public-water-supplies-miscellaneous-amendments-scotland-regulations-2015-taste-and-odour-colour-and-radon.pdf) (dwqr.scot) .

Waivers were issued by DWQR when the regulations were introduced initially, since then Local Authorities need to apply to DWQR for any new waivers required.

A waiver can be granted in the following circumstances:

- The PWS is outside the radon high risk area
- The PWS inside the high risk area but is a surface water, or a groundwater where the LA considers the water is adequately ventilated prior to consumption
- The supply has been sampled at least once and all samples have been <50 Bq/l .

All supplies with a radon waiver should be marked with the RADX flag on the annual data return to DWQR.

DWQR will proactively issue a waiver where a supply records a radon sample less than 50 Bq/l in the annual return. In all other cases, the local authority needs to send a list of supplies requiring a waiver to [regulator@dwqr.scot](mailto:regulator@dwqr.scot) .

Radon waivers do not expire, however if a local authority has reason to believe that the risk from radon in a supply has increased, they should notify DWQR and the waiver can be rescinded, or the circumstances discussed.