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First Mover Shared Quotable Rebate Scheme User Guide

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Details of the Scheme:

Worked Examples:

Shared Quotable Rebate Calculation Methodology

Developers impacted by First Mover Disadvantage may qualify for a Shared Quotable Rebate (SQR) from 19th November 2023 if they meet certain criteria as set out in Section 4 of Uisce Éireann's Water Charges Plan.

The SQR will be funded by Uisce Éireann charging subsequent developers a Shared Network Infrastructure Charge (SNIC) in return for making use of the public water main and/or sewer extension funded by the First Mover (FM) developer.

The subsequent developer will be charged a SNIC in addition to their standard and/or quotable connection charges.

The SNIC will be calculated using the following formula:

$$QC*(PD2/PC)*(D2/(D1+D2))$$

- D1 = Demand of existing connection(s) (measured in no. of housing units)
- D2 = Demand of new connection (measured in no. of housing units)
- QC = Applicable total quotable connection charge for the network extension, as charged to the FM Developer connection.
- PD2 = Portion of FM Developer pipe used by D2
- PC = Pipe capacity

SQR Qualification Criteria

- To be part of the Shared Quotable Rebate Scheme you must opt in when executing your Connection Agreement(s).
- Developers who qualify for Self-lay in the Public Road may also opt in if they meet the scheme criteria.
- If you do not opt in no SNIC will be charged to subsequent developers and you will not receive a rebate.
- The First Mover's timeline begins on the date of execution of their Connection Agreements(s) for a period of up to 10 years or until payback has been fulfilled.
- Rebates are associated with the executed Connection Agreement(s) only. Therefore, where there has been a change of legal entity on the Connection Agreement prior to the Connection being completed, the new legal entity is eligible for the rebate and the previous Customer has no further entitlement.
- The SQR rebate must exceed a minimum monetary value to be payable.
- Single domestic connections are exempt from paying a SNIC.

Water	Wastewater
100mm in diameter (internal), ≥ 300m in length	all diameter sizes > 100m in length
150mm in diameter (internal), ≥ 300m in length	
200mm in diameter (internal), ≥ 200m in length	
250mm in diameter (internal), ≥ 100m in length	

Scenario 1 – Water Network Extension

First Mover	Year	# of Units	Pipe Diameter	Length of Extension	Cost of Extension
Developer 1	2024	148	150mm[1]	305m	€281,101
Subsequent Mover	**Year**	**# of Units**	**Pipe Diameter**	**Length of Pipe Used**	**SNIC2 to Developer 1**
Developer 2	2028	80	-	180m	€55,879

At the end of the 10-year rebating period, the net contribution paid by each developer towards the extension to the public water main is the sum of the Quotable Charge (QC or SNIC) net of any SQR rebates received and in this scenario is structured as follows:

	Developer 1	Developer 2
Quotable Charge or SNIC	€281,101	€55,879
Less total SQR received	€55,879	€0
Net Contribution	€225,222	€55,879

[1]The maximum number of housing units for a 150mm pipe size is 300. The Code of Practice setting out pipe capacity can be found here.

[2]Straight line depreciation of 1% per annum has been incorporated into each calculation in this guide.

Scenario 2 – Wastewater Network Extension

First Mover	Year	# of Units	Pipe Diameter	Length of Extension	Quotable Charge		
Developer 1	2024	148	300mm3	143m	**€88,370**		
Subsequent Mover	**Year**	**# of Units**	**Pipe Diameter**	**Length of Pipe Used**	**SNIC to Developer 1**	**SNIC to Developer 2**	**Total**
Developer 2	2025	122	-	50m	€13,822	-	**€13,822**
Developer 3	2030	150	-	80m	€14,000	€2,596	**€16,596**

At the end of the 10-year rebating period, the net contribution paid by each developer towards the extension to the public water main is the sum of the Quotable Charge (QC or SNIC) net of any SQR rebates received and in this scenario is structured as follows:

	Developer 1	Developer 2	Developer 3
Quotable Charge or SNIC	€88,370	€13,822	€16,596
Less total SQR received	€27,822	€2,596	€0
Net Contribution	**€60,548**	**€11,226**	**€16,596**

[2]The maximum number of housing units for an 300mm wastewater pipe diameter is 830. The code of practice setting out pipe capacity can be found here.

Scenario 3 – Self-lay in the Public Road – Water Extension

First Mover	Year	# of Units	Pipe Diameter	Length of Extension	Cost of Extension[4]			
Developer 1	2024	40	150mm	300m	**€349,436**			
Subsequent Mover	**Year**	**# of Units**	**Pipe Diameter**	**Length of Pipe Used**	**SNIC to Developer 1**	**SNIC to Developer 2**	**SNIC to Developer 3**	**Total**
Developer 2	2025	20	-	200	€76,872	-	-	**€76,872**
Developer 3	2027	20	-	50	€11,016	€3,107	-	**€14,122**
Developer 4	2029	20	-	20	€3,304	€932	€178	**€4,414**

At the end of the 10-year rebating period, the net contribution paid by each developer towards the extension to the public water main is the sum of the Quotable Charge (QC or SNIC) net of any SQR rebates received and in this scenario is structured as follows:

	Developer 1	Developer 2	Developer 3	Developer 4
Quotable Charge or SNIC	€349,436	€76,872	€14,122	€4,414
Less total SQR receivable	€91,191	€4,039	€178	€0
Net Contribution	**€258,245**	**€72,833**	**€15,471**	**€4,414**

[4]The Self-lay in the Public Road FM Developer agrees to an ‘open book’ approach and provides documented evidence of costs incurred.