

## ***Domestic Wastewater Treatment System<sup>1</sup> Grant Scheme 2020***

The Domestic Wastewater Treatment System (DWWT) grant scheme has been introduced by the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) as a measure under the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) in order to assist in bringing about water quality improvements. It is a targeted scheme to improve water quality and as such it does not provide open access to the grant.

There are 3 parallel processes

### **1: National Inspection Plan (NIP) (S.I. No. 184 of 2020)**

In the case of the NIP, homeowners who receive an advisory notice on foot of a NIP Inspection from the local authority may be eligible for the grant subject to satisfying the terms and conditions of the scheme.

### **2: High Status Objective Catchment Areas (HSOCA) (S.I. No. 186 of 2020)**

Where DWWTs are located within designated HSOCA, due to the pristine nature of these waters, homeowners may self-identify and subject to meeting the terms and conditions may apply to the LA for a grant. See link to [Map of High Status Objective Catchment Areas](#) (chrome browser is recommended to ensure full functionality).

### **3: Priority Areas for Action (PAAs) (S.I. No. 185 of 2020)**

In the RBMP, 190 Priority Areas for Action (PAA) have been identified, these areas have been selected for targeted attention in terms of improving water quality.

Homeowners within PAAs may be eligible for a grant only if they receive a letter issued by the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO). LAWPRO is a local authority shared service set up in 2018 and consists of scientists with a wide range of technical expertise. They are identifying measures within the 190 PAAs aimed at improving water quality. This involves river assessments and stream walks to understand the issues affecting water quality. If LAWPRO identify a DWWTs that may be causing a 'threat to the environment' during its investigation, it will issue a letter to the homeowner. If the homeowner receives the letter, then they may be eligible for the grant subject to the terms and conditions of the grant scheme. The homeowner may not self-identify.

More details on the location of the PAAs and LAWPRO can be found at [www.catchments.ie](http://www.catchments.ie) and [www.watersandcommunities.ie](http://www.watersandcommunities.ie)

The three grant schemes are being administered by local authorities on behalf of the Department, you should contact the rural water section in your local authority for application form and further information. For more details on the grant please see the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government website - [LINK](#)

Information on domestic wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks) and guidance on remediation may be found on the EPA's website <http://epa.ie/water/wastewater/info/>

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<sup>1</sup> Domestic wastewater treatment systems include all septic tanks, waste water tanks and treatment systems receiving, storing, treating or disposing of domestic waste water. It also includes all fittings and percolation areas associated with such tanks and systems and drains used to discharge waste water from a premises, whether or not a receiving tank is present.

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