

United Utilities Water Ltd

Indicative Access Code prices 2026/27

October 2026

Assumptions

The prices charged for access will be determined on a case specific basis for each application. However, the indicative prices shown here give a guide to licensees and potential licensees of the likely level of prices for combined access, for a given set of scenarios and assumptions. These should be read in conjunction with the Access Code complying to the Ofwat access code guidance (published October 2011), which can be found here: [Combined supply \(PDF 569 KB opens in a new window\)](#).

General

The indicative access prices have been calculated based on four volumes of water: 5 MI, 25MI, 50MI and 500MI. They are referenced to the lowest charge available to a customer consuming that volume of water, as published in the wholesale charges scheme 2026/27.

The characteristics of these customers are:

- 5MI customer – one meter, Standard water tariff.
- 25MI customer – two meters, Standard water tariff.
- 50MI customer – two meters, Select 50 tariff.
- 500MI customer – two meters, Select 180 tariff.

All information is in 2026/27 prices.

Non-household Retail

Following retail separation, United Utilities Water Limited (U UW) does not have non-household retail tariffs, therefore no information on Retail charges is included on this document. The Combined Supply Discounts published in this document are the discounts relative to our wholesale charges.

Wholesale

Meter reading, sales and marketing activities will be carried out by the Licensee.

Common Carriage

Supply and demand deficits for each water resource zone are taken from the Water Resources Management Plan 2024 (WRMP24).

Power and chemical costs are based on historical costs incurred within each zone and are therefore subject to change.

Carlisle, North Eden and the Strategic Resource Zone

There is no supply deficit and therefore the only costs that could be avoided are some power and chemicals costs.

Payments in advance

The same Combined Supply Prices apply to both licensees paying charges in arrears and to licensees paying charges in advance.

66C Secondary supply

The introduction by a licensee into U UW's water supply system, of a supply obtained from a secondary undertaker involves two transactions, governed by separate agreements:

- (1) The secondary undertaker sells water to the licensee
- (2) The licensee introduces that water into the primary water undertaker's water supply system.

In respect of 66C, the combined prices stated in this document relate to (2) above only.

Access prices (2026-27 prices)						
Strategic Resource Zone	Year	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
Forecast Supply Deficit without entry (-ve is deficit)	MI/d	- 59.029	- 61.708	- 35.811	- 46.740	- 48.474
5MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.847	2.959	2.981	2.988	2.988
Combined supply price	£/m3	2.701	2.813	2.834	2.842	2.842
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	17.501	33.156	77.217	89.177	7.069
25MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.840	2.951	2.973	2.980	2.980
Combined supply price	£/m3	2.694	2.805	2.827	2.834	2.834
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	17.556	33.211	77.272	89.232	7.124
50MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.836	2.947	2.969	2.976	2.976
Combined supply price	£/m3	2.690	2.801	2.823	2.830	2.830
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	17.625	33.279	77.340	89.300	7.192
500MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.121	2.204	2.221	2.226	2.226
Combined supply price	£/m3	1.975	2.058	2.074	2.080	2.080
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	18.858	34.512	78.573	90.533	8.425

Access prices (2026-27 prices)						
Carlisle Zone	Year	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
Forecast Supply Deficit without entry (-ve is deficit)	MI/d	3.426	3.265	3.081	2.876	2.725
5MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.847	2.959	2.981	2.988	2.988
Combined supply price	£/m3	2.644	2.756	2.778	2.785	2.785
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.203	0.203	0.203	0.203	0.203
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	6.885	7.221	7.471	7.651	7.741
25MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.840	2.951	2.973	2.980	2.980
Combined supply price	£/m3	2.637	2.748	2.770	2.777	2.777
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.203	0.203	0.203	0.203	0.203
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	6.940	7.276	7.526	7.706	7.796
50MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.836	2.947	2.969	2.976	2.976
Combined supply price	£/m3	2.633	2.744	2.766	2.773	2.773
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.203	0.203	0.203	0.203	0.203
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	7.009	7.344	7.594	7.775	7.864
500MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.121	2.204	2.221	2.226	2.226
Combined supply price	£/m3	1.918	2.001	2.017	2.023	2.023
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.203	0.203	0.203	0.203	0.203
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	8.242	8.577	8.827	9.008	9.097

Access prices (2026-27 prices)						
North Eden Zone	Year	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
Forecast Supply Deficit without entry (-ve is deficit)	MI/d	2.076	2.061	2.055	2.045	2.038
5MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.847	2.959	2.981	2.988	2.988
Combined supply price	£/m3	2.617	2.729	2.751	2.758	2.758
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.230
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	5.715	5.754	5.785	5.810	5.808
25MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.840	2.951	2.973	2.980	2.980
Combined supply price	£/m3	2.610	2.721	2.743	2.750	2.750
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.230
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	5.770	5.808	5.840	5.865	5.863
50MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.836	2.947	2.969	2.976	2.976
Combined supply price	£/m3	2.606	2.717	2.739	2.746	2.746
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.230
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	5.838	5.877	5.909	5.933	5.931
500MI per annum						
Wholesale price	£/m3	2.121	2.204	2.221	2.226	2.226
Combined supply price	£/m3	1.891	1.974	1.991	1.996	1.996
Combined supply discount	£/m3	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.230
Supply surplus with licensee's water and water undertakers revised investment plan	MI/d	7.071	7.110	7.142	7.166	7.164