

# Trade waste

## Trade waste categorisations (by business type)

Trade Waste Approval holders are assigned to a trade waste category for charging purposes. Trade waste categories link similar business types to equitable charges and relevant methods for measuring or estimating volume and strength of discharges.

<b>CATEGORY A</b>	
Typical business type	Minor food service or hospitality activities; care facilities with high residential character; residential care facility; aged persons home; community hall kitchen; school canteen; small scale community title schemes and other premises with low volume difficult to measure trade waste discharges or no water meter.
Waste description	Deemed domestic strength.  Minor discharge volume difficult to measure but assumed to be less than 65kL/quarter.
<b>CATEGORY B</b>	
Typical business type	Small to medium non-food service trader; automotive and mechanical workshop; panel shop; commercial laundry, hotel, motel, bar, club (without cooking), hairdresser, beautician, veterinary practice and other businesses with similar characteristics.
Waste description	Assumed domestic strength.  Indirectly metered using fraction of potable water usage.

<b>CATEGORY C</b>	
Typical business type	Cooling tower discharges; boiler blow-down and wastewater; commercial refrigeration condensate; low impact manufacturing; swimming pool backwash, low contaminant seepage water; metal finishers and other businesses with similar characteristics.
Waste description	Assumed or measured less than half domestic strength for BOD <sub>5</sub>  Indirectly metered using fraction of potable water usage.
<b>CATEGORY D</b>	
Typical business type	Brewery; cannery; abattoir; food and chemical processor; significant manufacturing or industrial activity and other businesses with similar characteristics.
Waste description	Large trader with volume greater than 10 kL/day or strength greater than 20 kg/day BOD <sub>5</sub> . Trade waste quality fully assessed by routine sampling and chemical testing.  Volume directly measured using effluent flow meter.
<b>CATEGORY E</b>	
Typical business type	Food service business including café; restaurant; takeaway; hospitality and catering; pub, tavern or club; coffee shop; fast food franchise; canteen; cafeteria; food manufacturing (minor); shopping centre; sports club with catering; bakery with cooking/baking; pizza shop; hotel or motel (with cooking); chicken cooking; commercial kitchen; hospital and other businesses with similar characteristics.
Waste description	Assumed or measured greater than double domestic strength for BOD <sub>5</sub> .  Indirectly metered using fraction of potable water usage.

Note: where a property contains mixed business types, the applicable category is determined using the assumed mixed waste quality for the property.

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