



Guidance

Difference between a S45 and a S41

S41 New Water Main Requisition

If you are building 5 or more new houses, with a new road serving them, you may need a water main to be extended into your site. This can be priced for under the [S41 new water main requisition](#) application.

S41 can also be applied for if a mains extension is required to existing properties, where the distance between the nearest main and properties is considered to be excessive for a service connection.

Section 41 of the Water Industry act imposes duty on the water undertaker to comply with water main requisition.

Note: S41 application must not be used for service connections as there is a separate process / application for this (S45).

S45 New Water Connection

If you require a new or replacement service connection/s to existing, new or converted property, you will need to submit an S45 Application.

Often times Section 45 is referred to as "S45", "SN45" or "New Connection"

Section 45(1) of the Act imposes a duty (subject to certain conditions) on water companies to make a connection from their mains to a service pipe (supply pipe), when requested by the owner or occupiers of a premises.

Southern Water own and maintain the large water mains and smaller communication pipes that run in the public highway. The same is true for the water meter installed at the site boundary. The supply pipe is the section of pipework within the private land and is the customer's responsibility. The picture below illustrates this.

