Water Champions

Water Champions is an award aimed at helping businesses, farms and schools improve water efficiency and save money on bills.

Could you be a Water Champion?

We recognise businesses, farms and schools who have improved their water efficiency and continue to effectively manage their water use.

Water Champions has been developed with the support of InvestNI and NI Water.

Water use savings of between 30 and 50 per cent can be achieved by investing in low cost or no cost water reduction practices and technologies.

We have produced guides (<u>Every Drop Counts - Business</u> and <u>Every Drop Counts - Agricultural</u>) to help businesses and farms improve their water efficiency, get the best service and save money on their bills.

Who can take part?

Public and private organisations, farms, the self-employed and schools are welcome to apply. Entry is easy and it is free.

How can my business be recognised as a Water Champion?

Review your business's water use and look at ways you can save water. Make sure your bills are correct by requesting our free Water Bill Health Check. Once you contact us we will help you complete the (application form) and once approved you will be presented with a framed Certificate of Achievement and a Water Champion logo to use on your online platforms.

How do I apply?

You can apply by filling in this <u>form</u> and sending it back to us by post or email to <u>waterchampions@consumercouncil.org.uk</u> (Please note the form is a PDF file which can be edited when downloaded)

Within the application form you must complete the 4 compulsory questions and at least 2 of the other questions.

If you need help filling in the form or have any other questions about Water Champions you can contact us on our Freephone number 0800 121 6022 or our dedicated email waterchampions@consumercouncil.org.uk.

How will becoming a Water Champion benefit me or my business?

Some of our previous Water Champions have gone on to win local and national water efficiency and environmental awards. Some have used the Water Champions recognition within their ISO compliance and won large national tenders and contracts.

We will work with you to promote your achievements through social media or your local press.

My business is not metered. Can I still apply?

Yes, by becoming more water efficiency you are still making a contribution to the environment and although you cannot measure the savings through a meter we can still evaluate the efforts you have made. You should also have requested a free Water Bill Health Check to ensure you are being billed in the most cost effective way.

Can the Consumer Council offer advice on water efficiency practices in my business?

As part of our free <u>Water Bill Health Check</u> we try to compare your water consumption with other similar businesses. If we feel that your business is using more water than normal, we can offer some simple water efficiency advice. If you need more detailed information, we can point you in the right direction.

Useful Contacts

- NI Business Info
- <u>InvestNI</u>
- NI Water