Unit Metering Class B Standards Update

In July 2024, the ACT Government introduced legislation relating to new Class B developments to ensure water equity for property owners. As a result, Icon Water updated the *STD-SPE-M-006 Property Service Connections and Water Meters* <u>standards</u>. Developers are responsible for making sure that they comply with Icon Water standards and guidelines for Class B units.

Where do I find the new Class B standards and guidelines?

The STD-SPE-M-006 Property Service Connections and Water Meters <u>standards</u> and guidelines for unit metering of Class B developments are located on <u>Icon Water's</u> website.

What's changed?

People working with Class B unit developments need to read and understand the standards, standard drawings, and approved products list for metering. All details are available on the <u>Icon Water website</u>. Table 1 summarises the key changes to the standards and guidelines for new Class B developments to encourage reference to the technical materials for compliance.

Class B updates	Details					
New sub-metered connection requirements	 Each unit needs to be individually metered. There are four approved hydraulic arrangement options for Class B individual submetering. See <i>Hydraulic configuration solution options</i> table below. There are specific design requirements for below ground (pit) and above ground (cabinet) arrangements. 					
Sub-meter connection kits	 Developers and plumbers will need to purchase approved sub-meter components (meter pits and/or cabinet bracket connection kit) from reputable plumbing outlets. For further details see our <u>Approved Product List</u>. Developers and plumbers will need apply for, and then collect master and sub-meters from lcon Water at 12 Hoskins Street Mitchell ACT. When collecting a water meter from lcon Water, the plumber should return the blank spool from the submeter connection kit to lcon Water, which allows it to be reused. Water, which allows it to be reused. AlValve sub-meter box AlValve sub-meter box 					
Asset clearance requirements	 Class B unit metering has new clearance requirements. <u>Refer to 3350 Series – Unit</u> <u>Metering – Unit Title Developments Drawings</u>. 					
Tagging requirements	 New labelling and tagging requirements apply to meters and enclosures e.g. cabinets. Refer to section 8.6.3 and 8.7 in the <u>standards</u> and SD-1307-D in the <u>drawings</u> for further details . 					

Table 1: Summary of key changes to the standards and guidelines for Class B developments





Class B updates	Details
Connectivity Audit	 A connectivity audit will need to take place and the completed form sent to Icon Water. See further details below.
Approved Product List (APL)	 The Approved Product List has been updated to include sub-metering components and can be found on the <u>lcon Water website</u>.

Hydraulic configuration solution options

These are the 4 core acceptable configurations that Icon Water will accept.

Table 2: Options for Class B sub-metering

Option description	Up to six sub-meters	Up to ten sub-meters	More than ten sub-meters	Drawing reference	
Sub-meters installed in standard meter box, in manifold layout (at boundary)	Yes	No	No	SD-3351 SD-3352	SD-3354 SD-3355
Sub-meters installed in standard meter box (outside individual units)	Yes*	Yes*	No	SD-3355	SD-3357
Sub-meters installed in cabinet (at boundary)	Yes	Yes	Yes	SD-3353	SD-3356
Sub-meters installed in cabinets (at boundary and at internal intervals)	No	No	Yes	SD-3356	SD-3358

*Additional Body Corporate meter considered adjacent and downstream of master meter.

Dual occupancies shall not be sub-metered and shall have two separate connections to the water network (one for each dwelling) refer to SD-3350.

Asset ownership for sub-metering arrangements

Icon Water does not own or maintain any infrastructure downstream of the outlet of the master meter, including pits and cabinets, except for sub-water meters issued by Icon Water. Further detail can be found under clause 8.4 of the *STD-SPE-M-006 Property Service Connections and Water Meters* standards.

Figure 1: Asset ownership for sub-metering arrangements

