



Frequently Asked Questions and Guidance on the WRAS Secondary Product Approval Process

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WHAT IS A SECONDARY APPROVAL?

- 1) Company A possesses an approval for Product A (primary product). Company B then purchase this product and re-name/re-brand it as Product B (secondary product) in order to sell it. Products A and B are identical in the following aspects:
 - a) Water pathways, materials of construction, and site & method of manufacture.
 - b) For Product B to be sold as 'WRAS Approved', it needs to have its own entry in the WRAS Approvals Directory and its own unique approval number so that people can identify it from its brand or model name, supplier etc.
 - c) A secondary approval can be granted as an administration exercise where the only difference between the products is the company selling it, the name of the product & the identification markings present on the fitting.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

- 2) The fees for secondary approvals can be found on the [Fees page](#) of the WRAS website.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

- 3) Wherever possible, secondary approvals will be processed and granted within 10 working days of receipt of a fully completed application form and all required evidence.

WHAT DO I GET?

- 4) An approval letter and certificate with a unique approval number will be issued which will detail the model name of the secondary product and the name of the secondary company. The approval is displayed on the WRAS website until it expires. There will be no reference to the primary approval on the issued documentation.

WHEN DOES THE SECONDARY APPROVAL EXPIRE?

- 5) The secondary approval will expire the same time as the primary approval. The maximum possible duration of approval is 5 years.

HOW DO I APPLY – WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED?

- 6) Completed the online application through the online portal, if you do not have login please contact the WRAS team for access to the portal.
 - a) The WRAS team will contact the primary approval holder for permission to use their approval and an assurance that the products are identical to the primary product.
 - b) Associated brochures/installation instructions/manuals must be provided where applicable.
 - c) WRAS will require images of the products and the markings to be uploaded to the application.

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- d) A sample of the secondary product may require a sample for inspection to verify marking and design features. The request for the sample will come through the application process, we will ask for a sample when the product is deemed to be safety critical device e.g. used for backflow prevention.
 - e) WRAS may seek additional information to clarify an application this will be done directly within the application process.

WHAT IF THE SECONDARY PRODUCT DIFFERS COSMETICALLY?

- 7) Generally, secondary products must be identical to primary products. Exceptions may be made where the cosmetic change does not warrant further mechanical or water quality testing. Examples could include handle variants or alternative finishes. Should this be the case, please contact the Scheme directly for further advice before submitting the application.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

- 8) Applications are submitted through the online portal, help guide is found on the [website](#).