

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY
DEPARTEMENT VAN WATERWESSE EN BOSBOU**

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WATER RESEARCH FUND – RATES AND CHARGES

1. I, Buylewa Patience Sonjica, in my capacity as Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, hereby levy, in terms of the authority vested in me by section 11 of the Water Research Act, 1971 (Act No. 34 of 1971), the following rates and charges, which include Value Added Tax of 14%.
 - (a) Three hundred and forty cents (340c) in respect of each hectare of land of which the water use is permissible during the 2005/2006 water year in terms of section 22(1)(a)(ii) of the National Water Act, 1998, (Act No. 36 of 1998), or in respect of which an allocation has been made under Chapter 4 of the said National Water Act for the irrigation thereof at any time during the said water year, with water supplied or made available from any government water work. These rates and charges shall be recovered by or on the instructions of the Director-General: Water Affairs and Forestry, simultaneously with any other charge which I may make in respect of the land concerned during the said period in terms of section 57 of the said National Water Act or, if no such charge is made; the charge shall be payable upon demand to the Director-General: Water Affairs and Forestry.
 - (b) The amount mentioned in 1(a) above shall apply in respect of each hectare of land permitted under the control of an irrigation board or other water management institution established in terms of the said National Water Act for the irrigation of land at any time during the 2005/2006 financial year of such board or institution with water supplied or made available from a government or a water work belonging to such board or institution. This charge shall be recovered by the irrigation board or statutory body concerned and shall be remitted to the Director-General: Water Affairs and Forestry within thirty (30) days of the close of the financial year of that irrigation board or statutory body.
 - (c) With effect from 1 July 2005, three comma three zero cents (3,30c) per cubic metre in respect of metered water supplied or made available from a government water work for purposes other than the irrigation of land: Provided that if a gratis allocation has been made to a specific consumer from a government water work, the said charge shall not apply to that allocation, as it shall be deemed to be water supplied from his own sources by the consumer concerned. These charges shall be recovered by the Director-General: Water Affairs and Forestry, simultaneously with any charge which I may make in terms of section 57 of the National Water Act in respect of the supply of water as from the said date or shall be payable to him upon demand.

- (d) With effect from 1 July 2005, three comma three zero cents (3,30c) per cubic metre in respect of the quantity of water supplied or made available for use for urban, industrial or domestic purposes by a statutory body or water management institution established in terms of the said National Water Act or by any other water services institution as defined in terms of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997): Provided that there shall be deducted from the total quantity of water supplied or made available after 1 July 2005 by any one of the abovementioned suppliers the quantity of water supplied or made available from a government water work as contemplated in paragraph 1(c) and the quantity of water obtained from any of the abovementioned suppliers after that date in respect of which the charge referred to in paragraph 1(c) or (d) has already been paid. The total amount payable in terms of this paragraph in respect of water supplied or made available shall be remitted by the supplier concerned, so as to reach the Director-General: Water Affairs and Forestry, Private Bag X3 13, Pretoria, 0001, or such other offices as may be agreed upon, as follows:
- (aa) In respect of the period 1 July to 31 December of each year, on or before 31 March of the ensuing year; and
- (bb) in respect of the period 1 January to 30 June of each year, on or before 30 September of the same year.

The audited statements prescribed in terms of section 11(3)(b) of the said Water Research Act shall be submitted as soon as possible after the payments mentioned in paragraph 1(d) have been made.

2. If such rates and charges remain wholly or partly unpaid after the due date, interest shall be charged in terms of section 80(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, (Act No. 1 of 1999) on the outstanding amount at a rate determined from time to time by the Minister of Finance, on loans granted out of a Revenue Fund.
3. For the purpose of this notice, one cubic metre shall be equal to one kiloliter.


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