

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

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RAW WATER USE CHARGES FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of Section 57(3)(a) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act. 36 of 1998), I, Senzo Mchunu, in my capacity as the Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby give notice of the increases in the Raw Water use charges for the periods 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

1. Capital Unit Charges for the Berg Water Project, Mooi-Mgeni Transfer Scheme 2 and uMkhomazi Water Project-Phase 1 will be applicable from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
2. All other charges will be applicable from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.
3. Water resource management charges

The charge serves as financial support for water resource management activities within each Water Management Area (WMA). These activities encompass the safeguarding, allocation, conservation, management, and regulation of the nation's water resources. The Water Resource Management Charge comprises of two main components: abstraction and the waste related activities.

3.1 Abstraction Related uses

| CMA / PROTO CMA | 2024/25 FY Approved Tariffs | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Domestic & Industrial | Irrigation | Forestry |
| | c/m ³ | c/m ³ | c/m ³ |
| Limpopo North-West | 5.21 | 3.65 | 2.87 |
| Olifants | 4.78 | 3.54 | 2.68 |
| Inkomati-Usuthu | 5.07 | 2.57 | 1.99 |
| Pongola-Mzimkhulu | 3.39 | 2.50 | 2.19 |
| Vaal | 3.11 | 2.64 | 2.64 |
| Orange | 1.89 | 1.15 | - |
| Mzimvubu-Tsitsikama | 4.38 | 3.33 | 2.94 |
| Breede-Gouritz | 5.85 | 3.26 | 1.67 |
| Berg-Olifants | 6.36 | 3.06 | 2.99 |

3.2 Waste Related activities

The charge for waste related activities will be implemented in all Water Management Areas from the 2024/25 financial year for the Domestic & Industry Sector.

| CMA / PROTO CMA | 2024/25 FY Approved Tariffs |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| | c/m ³ |
| Limpopo North-West | 3.91 |
| Olifants | 3.55 |

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| Inkomati-Usuthu | 5.07 |
| Pongola-Mzimkhulu | 3.46 |
| Vaal | 2.93 |
| Orange | 2.20 |
| Mzimvubu-Tsitsikama | 3.04 |
| Breede-Gouritz | 5.67 |
| Berg-Olifants | 4.36 |

4. Water Resource Infrastructure Charges

- 4.1 Water Resource Infrastructure charges intend to recover costs associated with the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, refurbishment, and betterment of Government water schemes. The infrastructure charges are categorised into 4 components, namely: 1) Depreciation; 2) Return on Assets; 3) Operation and Maintenance; and 4) the Capital Unit Charge.

- 4.2 The water resource infrastructure charges for the Komati and Usuthu schemes are approved as follows, for the Domestic and Industry Sector:

| Sector | 2024/25 FY Approved Increase Range |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Domestic & Industry | 8.39% – 18.6% |

- 4.3 The water resource infrastructure charges for all other systems/schemes and water user categories are approved as follows:

| Sector | 2024/25 FY Approved Increase Range |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Domestic & Industry | 0% – 8.6% |
| Irrigation | 0% – 8.6% |
| Forestry | N/A |

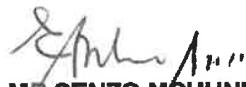
4.4 Capital Unit Charges

| Project | | | 2024/25 FY Approved tariffs R/m ³ |
|---|--|--|--|
| Vaal River System (VRS) | Capital Unit Charge (CUC) | | 2.805 |
| | Bulk Operation and Royalty Charge (BO&RC) | | 0.920 |
| | Total Weighted Average Augmentation Schemes capital tariff | | 3.725 |
| | Marginal Tariff | | 5.997 |
| Berg Water Project (BWP) | Berg Water Capital Charge | | 0.191 |
| | Third Party Capital Charge | | 7.627 |
| Vaal River Eastern Sub-System Augmentation Project (VRESAP) | Eskom VRESAP -User Tariff | | 1.861 |
| | Sasol VRESAP User Tariff | | 3.701 |
| | VRESAP Marginal tariff | | 5.542 |
| Komati Water Scheme Augmentation Project (KWSAP) | KWSAP User tariff | | 3.184 |
| | KWSAP Marginal tariff | | 7.260 |

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| Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project Phase-1 (MCWAP-1) | MCWAP-1 User Tariff | 4.53 |
| | MCWAP-1 Marginal Tariff | 6.95 |
| Mooi-Mgeni Transfer Scheme 2 (MMTS-2) | MMTS-2 Capital Tariff ¹ | 0.000 |
| | MMTS-2 Incremental Tariff | 4.879 |
| uMkhomazi Water Project-Phase 1 (uMWP-1) | uMWP-1 Capital Tariff | 2.139 |

¹ The MMTS-2 Capital tariff is zero-rated and not discontinued.

5. If the above charges remain wholly or partly unpaid after a due date, interest shall be charged in terms of section 59(3)(a) of the National Water Act (Act No.36 of 1998) on the outstanding amount at a rate determined from time to time by the Minister with concurrence of the Minister of Finance by notice in the gazette.
6. Section 59(3)(b) of the National Water Act (Act No.36 of 1998) stipulates that if a water use charge is not paid, the supply of water to the water user from a waterwork or the authorisation to use water may be restricted or suspended until the charges, together with interest, have been paid.
7. The full list of all the approved raw water use charges is uploaded on the Departmental website(<https://www.dws.gov.za/Projects/WARMS/Revenue/charges2024.>)
8. The effective date of this Notice is as outlined on section 1 and 2 above.



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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION