

## DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

NO. 5575

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**RAW WATER USE CHARGES FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR**

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of Section 57(3)(a) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), I, PEMMY C.P. MAJODINA, in my capacity as the Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby give notice of the increase in the Raw Water Use Charges for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

1. The following charges will be applicable from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

**2. 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 i.e., abstraction and the waste related activities.

**a) Abstraction Related uses**

CMA / PROTO CMAs	Approved Tariffs 2025/26 FY		
	Domestic & Industrial	Irrigation	Forestry
	c/m <sup>3</sup>	c/m <sup>3</sup>	c/m <sup>3</sup>
Limpopo and North-West	5.21	3.84	3.09
Olifants	4.78	3.72	2.89
Inkomati - Usuthu	5.48	2.70	2.15
Pongola - Mzimkhulu	3.58	2.63	2.37
Vaal	3.11	2.64	2.64
Orange	1.98	1.15	-
Mzimvubu - Tsitsikama	4.38	3.50	3.18
Breede - Gouritz	6.14	3.43	1.76
Berg - Olifants	6.59	3.22	3.15

b) Waste Related activities

The charge for waste related activities will be implemented in all WMAs from the 2025/26 financial year for the Domestic and Industry Sector.

	Approved Tariffs 2025/26 FY
9 CMA / PROTO CMA's	c/m <sup>3</sup>
Limpopo and North-West	4.16
Olifants	3.88
Inkomati-Usuthu	5.45
Pongola-Mzimkhulu	3.72
Vaal	2.93
Orange	2.20
Mzimvubu-Tsitsikama	3.35
Breede-Gouritz	6.14
Berg-Olifants	4.71

3. **Water Resource Infrastructure Charges**

a) 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 charge is categorised into four components, namely: 1) Depreciation; 2) Return on Assets; 3) Operation and Maintenance; as well as 4) Capital Unit Charge.

b) The Water Resource Infrastructure Charges for the Komati and Usuthu schemes are approved as follows:

Sector	Approved Increase Range
Domestic & Industry	0% – 15.1%
Irrigation	0% - 10%

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

Sector	Approved Increase Range
Domestic & Industry	0% – 10%
Irrigation	0% – 10%

d) The full list of the approved water resource infrastructure charges is uploaded on the Department website. [DWS: WARMS - Water Charges 2025/26](#)

**4. Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority – Capital Unit Charges**

<b>Scheme</b>		<b>2025/26 Approved tariffs</b>
Berg Water Project (BWP)	BWP Capital Charge (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.077
	BWP Third Party Capital Charge (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	12,645
Vaal River Eastern Sub-System Augmentation Project (VRESAP)	Eskom-User tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.861
	Sasol-User tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	3.539
	Marginal tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	5.564
Komati Water Scheme Augmentation Project (KWSAP),	KWSAP User tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	3.184
	KWSAP Marginal tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	7.260
Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project Phase -1 (MCWAP-1)	User tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	4.53
	Marginal Tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	6.95
Mool-Mgeni Transfer Scheme 2 (MMTS-2)	MMTS-2 Capital tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.000 (Zero-rated)
	MMTS-2 Incremental tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	5.133
Umkhomaizi Water Project -Phase 1 (uMWP-1)	Raw Water Tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	2.256

5. If the above charges remain wholly or partly unpaid after the due date, interest shall be charged in terms of Section 59(3)(a) of the National Water Act, 1998 (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 government gazette.
6. Section 59(3)(b) 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 effective date of this Notice is 1 April 2025.



**MISS PEMMY C.P. MAJODINA, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 03/10/2024