

## GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

## ELECTORAL COMMISSION

## NOTICE 4203 OF 2026

## APPROVED RAW WATER USE CHARGES FOR THE 2027/28 FINANCIAL YEAR

By virtue of the powers vested in me under section 57(3)(a) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), I, **Pemmy C.P. Majodina**, Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby give notice of the approved Raw Water Use Charges for the 2027/28 financial year, applicable during the periods specified in this Notice.

## 1. Water resource management charges

The Water Resource Management Charges fund water resource management activities within each Water Management Area (WMA), including the protection, allocation, conservation, management, and regulation of the nation's water resources. The Water Resource Management Charge comprises two components, namely abstraction-related water use and waste discharge-related water use.

a) Abstraction Related Uses

| CMA/WMA               | Municipal        | Industrial and Mining | Strategic Users  | Agriculture      | Forestry         |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                       | c/m <sup>3</sup> | c/m <sup>3</sup>      | c/m <sup>3</sup> | c/m <sup>3</sup> | c/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Limpopo North-West    | 5.73             | 5.73                  | 5.73             | 4.25             | 3.42             |
| Olifants              | 5.26             | 5.26                  | 5.26             | 4.09             | 3.06             |
| Inkomati - Usuthu     | 6.20             | 6.20                  | 6.20             | 3.04             | 2.67             |
| Pongola - Mzimkhulu   | 3.66             | 3.66                  | 3.66             | 2.77             | 2.62             |
| Vaal                  | 3.11             | 3.11                  | 3.11             | 2.64             | 2.64             |
| Orange                | 2.10             | 2.10                  | 2.10             | 1.27             | -                |
| Mzimvubu - Tsitsikama | 4.60             | 4.60                  | 4.60             | 3.52             | 3.40             |
| Breede - Gouritz      | 6.60             | 6.60                  | 6.60             | 3.78             | 1.99             |
| Berg - Olifants       | 6.60             | 6.60                  | 6.60             | 3.54             | 3.47             |

b) Waste Related activities

The application of waste discharge-related water use charges is expanded to the agricultural sector with effect from the 2027/28 financial year to give effect to the Revised Pricing Strategy for Raw Water Use Charges, 2024.

| CMA/WMA             | Municipal        | Industrial and Mining | Strategic Users  | Agriculture (New Charge) |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|                     | c/m <sup>3</sup> | c/m <sup>3</sup>      | c/m <sup>3</sup> | c/m <sup>3</sup>         |
| Limpopo North-West  | 4.39             | 4.39                  | 4.39             | -                        |
| Olifants            | 4.07             | 4.07                  | 4.07             | -                        |
| Inkomati-Usuthu     | 6.20             | 6.20                  | 6.20             | -                        |
| Pongola-Mzimkhulu   | 3.90             | 3.90                  | 3.90             | 3.90                     |
| Vaal                | 2.47             | 2.47                  | 2.47             | 2.47                     |
| Orange              | 2.35             | 2.35                  | 2.35             | 2.35                     |
| Mzimvubu-Tsitsikama | 3.58             | 3.58                  | 3.58             | 3.58                     |
| Breede-Gouritz      | 6.75             | 6.75                  | 6.75             | 4.93                     |
| Berg-Olifants       | 4.87             | 4.87                  | 4.87             | 4.46                     |

## 2. Water Resource Infrastructure Charges

- (a) Water Resource Infrastructure Charges are intended to recover costs associated with the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, refurbishment, rehabilitation, and betterment of Government Water Schemes. The Water Resource Infrastructure Charge comprises the following components: (i) Depreciation; (ii) Return on Assets; and (iii) Operation and Maintenance (O&M).
- (b) The water resource infrastructure charges for state schemes and water user categories are approved as follows:

| Sector              | Approved Increase Range |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Industry and Mining | 0% – 4.8%               |
| Strategic Users     | 0% – 4.8%               |
| Municipal           | 0% – 4.8%               |
| Agriculture         | 0% – 4.8%               |

- (c) The full list of the approved Water Resource Infrastructure Charges is uploaded on the Department website at DWS: WARMS – Water Charges 2027/28.

## 3. Capital Unit Charges

These charges are levied to recover costs associated with the repayment of loans for government water resource infrastructure financed through off-budget funding arrangements. The approved charges are sufficient to enable the Department and the Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) to meet their debt-servicing obligations during the 2027/28 financial year.

The charges for the VRS, VRESAP, KWSAP, and MCWAP-1 apply from 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028, while the charges for the BWP, MMTS-2, and uMWP-1 apply from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028.

The approved charges are set out below:

| Scheme                                                                          | Charge / Tariff                                                 | 2027/28<br>Approved<br>tariffs |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Berg Water Project (BWP)                                                        | BWP Capital Charge (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                          | 0.0407                         |
|                                                                                 | BWP Third Party Capital Charge (R/m <sup>3</sup> )              | 18.9990                        |
| Vaal River System (VRS)                                                         | VRS Capital Unit Charge (CuC) (R/m <sup>3</sup> )               | 2.924                          |
|                                                                                 | Bulk Operation and Royalties Charge (BO&RC) (R/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 2.961                          |
|                                                                                 | Marginal Tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                             | 6.252                          |
| 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> )                           | 3.400                          |
|                                                                                 | Marginal tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                             | 5.4240                         |
| Komati Water Scheme Augmentation Project (KWSAP).                               | KWSAP User tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                           | 3.1840                         |
|                                                                                 | KWSAP Marginal tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                       | 7.2600                         |
| Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project Phase -1 (MCWAP-1) | User tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                                 | 1.3200                         |
|                                                                                 | Marginal Tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                             | 2.0300                         |
| Mooi-Mgeni Transfer Scheme 2 (MMTS-2)                                           | MMTS-2 Capital tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                       | 0.000<br>(Zero-rated)          |
|                                                                                 | MMTS-2 Incremental tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                   | 5.5140                         |
| Umkhomaizi Water Project - Phase 1 (uMWP-1)                                     | Raw Water Tariff (R/m <sup>3</sup> )                            | 2.4340                         |

4. If any of the above charges remain wholly or partially unpaid after the due date, interest shall be charged on the outstanding amount in terms of section 59(3)(a) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), at a rate determined from time to time by the Minister with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance by notice in the Gazette.
5. Section 59(3)(b) of the National Water Act provides that where a water use charge remains unpaid, the supply of water from a waterwork, or the authorisation to use water, may be restricted or suspended until the outstanding charges and interest have been paid.
6. This Notice takes effect on 1 April 2027, provided that the charges applicable to the BWP, MMTS-2, and uMWP-1 shall come into operation on 1 July 2027.



**MISS PEMMY C.P. MAJODINA. MP**

**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**DATE:**

29 - 09 - 2026