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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

GENERAL NOTICE 3687 VAN 2025

RAW WATER USE CHARGES FOR 2026/27 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, 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 2026 to 31 March 2027.

1. The following charges will be applicable from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

2. Water resource management charges

   These charges serve 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.

   a) Abstraction Related uses

	Approved Tariffs 2026/27 FY		
CMA / PROTO CMAs	**Domestic & Industrial**	**Irrigation**	**Forestry**
	c/m^3	**c/m^3**	**c/m^3**
Limpopo North-West	5,21	3,86	3,23
Olifants	4,78	3,72	2,89
Inkomati - Usuthu	6,06	2,71	2,38
Pongola - Mzimkhulu	3,66	2,64	2,49
Vaal	3,11	2,64	2,64
Orange	1,98	1,15	-
Mzimvubu - Tsitsikama	4,60	3,52	3,40
Breede - Gouritz	6,60	3,44	1,81
Berg - Olifants	6,59	3,22	3,15

b) Waste Related activities

The charge for waste related activities will be implemented in all WMA from the 2026/27 financial year for the Domestic & Industry Sector.

	Approved Tariffs 2026/27 FY
9 CMA / PROTO CMA's	**c/m^3**
Limpopo North-West	4,18
Olifants	3,88
Inkomati-Usuthu	5,65
Pongola-Mzimkhulu	3,90
Vaal	2,47
Orange	2,20
Mzimvubu-Tsitsikama	3,58
Breede-Gouritz	6,75
Berg-Olifants	4,87

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 3 components, namely: 1) Depreciation; 2) Return on Assets; 3) Operation and Maintenance (O&M).

b) 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% – 10.5%
Irrigation	0% – 10.5%

c) The full list of the approved water resource infrastructure charges is uploaded on the Department website. DWS: WARMS - Water Charges 2026/27

4. Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority – Capital Unit Charges

These charges are recovered to fund the repayment of loans for government schemes funded off-budget. The approved charges are sufficient to enable the Department and TCTA to service loans through cost recovery in the year under review.

Scheme		**2026/27 Approved tariffs**
Berg Water Project (BWP)	BWP Capital Charge (R/m^3)	0,0773
	BWP Third Party Capital Charge (R/m^3)	18,966
Vaal River System (VRS)	VRS Capital Unit Charge (CuC) (R/m^3)	2.805
	Bulk Operation and Royalties Charge (BO&RC) (R/m^3)	2.303
	Marginal Tariff (R/m3)	5,998
Vaal River Eastern Sub-System Augmentation Project (VRESAP)	Eskom-User tariff (R/m^3)	1,861
	Sasol-User tariff (R/m^3)	2,817
	Marginal tariff (R/m^3)	5,033
Komati Water Scheme Augmentation Project (KWSAP),	KWSAP User tariff (R/m^3)	3.184
	KWSAP Marginal tariff (R/m^3)	7.260
Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project Phase -1 (MCWAP-1)	User tariff (R/m^3)	4.53
	Marginal Tariff (R/m^3)	6.95
Mooi-Mgeni Transfer Scheme 2 (MMTS-2)	MMTS-2 Capital tariff (R/m^3)	0.000
	MMTS-2 Incremental tariff (R/m^3)	5.277
Umkhomazi Water Project -Phase 1 (uMWP-1)	Raw Water Tariff (R/m^3)	2.324

5. If above charges remain wholly or partly unpaid after 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 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 2026.



MISS PEMMY C.P. MAJODINA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

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