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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

NOTICE 4202 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/m³	c/m³	c/m³	c/m³	c/m³
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/m³	c/m³	c/m³	c/m³
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 Approved tariffs
Berg Water Project (BWP)	BWP Capital Charge (R/m^3)	0.0407
	BWP Third Party Capital Charge (R/m^3)	18.9990
Vaal River System (VRS)	VRS Capital Unit Charge (CuC) (R/m^3)	2.924
	Bulk Operation and Royalties Charge (BO&RC) (R/m^3)	2.961
	Marginal Tariff (R/m3)	6.252
Vaal River Eastern Sub-System Augmentation Project (VRESAP)	Eskom-User tariff (R/m^3)	1.861
	Sasol-User tariff (R/m^3)	3.400
	Marginal tariff (R/m^3)	5.4240
Komati Water Scheme Augmentation Project (KWSAP).	KWSAP User tariff (R/m^3)	3.1840
	KWSAP Marginal tariff (R/m^3)	7.2600
Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project Phase -1 (MCWAP-1)	User tariff (R/m^3)	1.3200
	Marginal Tariff (R/m^3)	2.0300
Mooi-Mgeni Transfer Scheme 2 (MMTS-2)	MMTS-2 Capital tariff (R/m^3)	0.000 (Zero-rated)
	MMTS-2 Incremental tariff (R/m^3)	5.5140
Umkhomazi Water Project - Phase 1 (uMWP-1)	Raw Water Tariff (R/m^3)	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

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