



What will happen now?

The next step will be to **identify opportunities** for productive use of water and then to **Call for Licence Applications**.

More preparation is needed before this Call for Licence Applications can be made. Most importantly, we need to work with all stakeholders to plan how we might share out water resources in future.

When the planning and preparation is finished, the **Department of Water Affairs and Forestry** will call on everyone in the area to apply for a water licence.

The new **Water Allocations Schedules** will only be made final **after** applications for water licences are received, and stakeholders have had the chance to raise objections or appeals to the Water Tribunal.

Compulsory Licensing will be a fair process, which will bring security to all water users so that they can plan for the future.



Get involved and find out more about Compulsory Licensing

Make sure you find out more about the process to identify **opportunities for productive use** of water, and are ready when the **Call for Licence Applications** is made.

Contact the **Department of Water Affairs and Forestry** or visit our website to find out how to get involved in Compulsory Licensing.

Listen to your radio and look out in your newspapers and magazines for more news about Compulsory Licensing and the **Call for Licence Applications**.

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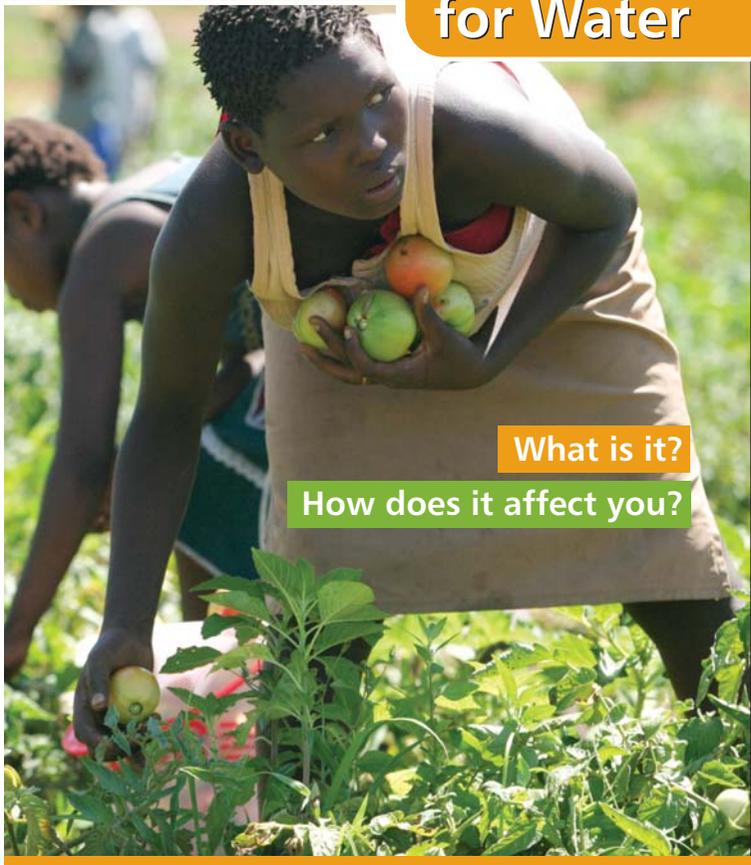
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We're waiting to help you.



The Water Allocation Reform Programme

Compulsory Licensing for Water



What is it?

How does it affect you?



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Compulsory Licensing for water has been announced in the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Compulsory Licensing for water means that the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry is going to **change** how water is **shared out** and **used** in the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

Compulsory Licensing is part of **Water Allocation Reform (WAR)**. It is a **process** to help us make sure that:

- Water is shared out **fairly**
- Everyone, especially **historically disadvantaged individuals** and **women**, has a fair chance to benefit from using water
- Water is used in the **best** way possible, to **benefit the public and the nation**
- Our natural water resources are protected, and kept **clean and healthy**

Compulsory Licensing means that you **may need** a licence to use **raw water for commercial purposes**. **Raw** water is the water in rivers, dams and reservoirs, and underground. You **will not** need a licence for **tap water**, which is potable (treated) water from the municipality.

Existing water users will need a water licence

At the moment many people and organisations in this area are using water for **farming, forestry, mining, business and industry**.

Some water users already have a water licence. But they must now re-apply for a licence, so that they can be included when the water is shared out, and so that their licences can be reviewed.

Some water users are Existing Lawful Users. They are **entitled** to use water and they will/may also have a **verification certificate** from the Department, telling them how much water it is lawful to use. But now all Existing Lawful Users must also apply for a licence.

Remember!

Compulsory Licensing means all **Existing Lawful Users** and **licence holders** must apply for a water licence.

We have done a lot of work to prepare for Compulsory Licensing. We have:

- **registered** water use
- **verified** water use (confirmed how much water may be used lawfully)
- established **Catchment Management Agencies** to manage water locally.

We are now ready to put Compulsory Licensing in place. It is the most important tool we have to manage our water resources!



Support for new water users to apply for a water licence

Government is serious about addressing past injustices, and giving everyone a fair chance to benefit from using water. Through Compulsory Licensing, Government is making a special effort to help black rural communities, and individuals, women and people with disabilities who want to use water to **fight poverty**, or to set up **businesses**.

During the Compulsory Licensing process, the Department will identify **opportunities** for historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs), especially women, to make **productive** use of water.

The Department, together with local and other government departments, will help HDI applicants to ensure that everything needed to make productive use of the water is in place like land, technical skills, markets and a business plan.

Then they will help HDIs to **apply for a water licence** for a community project or business.

"We need to make water available in a way that will sustain and grow the first economy while allowing the second economy users to develop into the first economy." *Minister Buyelwa Sonjica, Minister of Water Affairs & Forestry, 12 April 2005.*