

Chapter 20:24

Water (Subcatchment Councils Rates) Regulations, 2005

*Statutory Instrument 6 of 2005
Amended by S.I. 127/2011.*

THE Minister of Water Resources and Infrastructural Development, in terms of subsection 119 of the Water Act [*Chapter 20:24*], and after consultation with the Subcatchment Councils, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Title

1 These regulations may be cited as the Water (Subcatchment Councils **Rates**) Regulations, 2005.

Interpretation

2 In these regulations—

"**rate**" means the rate levied in terms of section *three* of these regulations;

"**permit holder**" means the holder of a permit for the use of ground or surface water issued or deemed to have been issued in terms of the Water Act [*Chapter 20:24*], and includes the holder of a permit for the construction of water storage works on a public stream required in terms of subsection (4) of section 32 of the Act, but **does not include** Zimbabwe National Water Authority, except in relation to any permit issued to it for the purposes referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section *three*;

"**quarter**" means a period of 3 months ending on the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December in each year;

"**subcatchment council**" has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Water Act [*Chapter 20:24*];

"**catchment council**" has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Water Act [*Chapter 20:24*];

"**water storage works**" has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Water Act [*Chapter 20:24*];

"**megalitre**" means 1 000 000 (one million) litres or 1 000 (one thousand) cubic metres.

Subcatchment Councils rates

3 (1) No later than the end of each quarter—

(a) every permit holder shall pay to the respective subcatchment Council to which the permit relates for the performance of duties assigned to it by the catchment Council, rates calculated in terms of subsection (2);

(b) the Zimbabwe National Water Authority shall pay to respective subcatchment councils a rate as per the *Schedule* per megalitre of water it has supplied to other persons in the quarter immediately preceding that in which payment is made under any agreement with such persons made by virtue of a permit issued to it for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 39 of the Water Act [*Chapter 20:24*].

(2) The rates payable—

(a) in respect of storage of water in any **water storage** works for the construction of which a permit is or would have been required in terms of subsection (4) of section 32 of the Water Act [*Chapter 20:24*], shall be an amount per quarter obtained by applying the following formula—

A x B

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in which—

A. represents the total capacity in megalitres of the water permitted to be stored in the works concerned;

B. represents the rate specified in the first column of the *Schedule*;

(b) in respect of the **direct abstraction** of water by a permit holder or other levies as outlined in the *Schedule*, shall be an amount per quarter obtained by applying the following formula—

$$\frac{C \times D}{4}$$

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in which—

C. represents the total volume in megalitres (**ML**) of the water permitted to be abstracted under permit;

D. represents the rate specified in the second column of the *Schedule*.

[para (b) substituted by SI 21/11 w.e.f. 25th February, 2011]

[and further by SI 127/11 with effect from the 4th November , 2011]

SCHEDULE (Sections 2, 3 and 4)

[substituted by SI 103/06,122/07,86/08,127/09 ,by]

[SI 21/11 w.e.f. 25th February, 2011]

[and further by SI 127/11 with effect from the 4th November , 2011]

	Applicable Rate US\$/ml
Raw water use for—	
Local Authorities - water supply	0,75
Industries and Mines	2,00
Commercial farming-irrigation	1,00
Commercial farming-cattle watering	1,00
Water bottling	5,00
Beverage purposes	5,00
Authority to drill (Commercial purposes) (per application or allocation)	60,00
Authority to drill (urban household) (per application or allocation)	30,00 [not millilitre -Editor]
Ground water permit application institutionalised	30,00
Ground water permit application — urban use	60,00
Surface water permit (per application or allocation)	20,00
Permit amendments (per application or allocation)	15,00

Permit partitioning, consolidation (per application or allocation)	15,00
Per cancellation (per application or allocation)	5,00
Permit renewal, extension (per application or allocation)	15,00
Ground water use - U Urban household monitoring (quarterly)	10,00
Ground water use — institutional use (quarterly)	15,00
Recreational use	10,00
Late registration penalty — urban household (late allocation)	5,00
Late registration penalty — Commercial	25,00
Late registration penalty — Institutional	25,00
Tampering with dam basin and river beds (per offence)	100,00

Collection of rates

4 (1) Payment of the rates in terms of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section *three* shall be made **by a permit holder** to—

- (a) the subcatchment Council established for the area to which the permit relates; or
- (b) such offices of the Zimbabwe National Water Authority as the subcatchment Council shall notify by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the area where the offices are located; or
- (c) water bailiffs or national water authority or subcatchment staff monitoring such river systems.

(2) If a permit holder fails to pay any rate due, he or she shall be liable to the penalties prescribed in terms of section 118 of the Act.

Renewal of rates

5 Rates shall be renewed in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of the Water (Subcatchment Councils) Regulations, 2000, published in SI 47/2000.