

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA DRAINAGE REGIONS & WATER MANAGEMENT AREAS (2012)

The National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) requires the progressive development of a National Water Resource Strategy (NWRS), which provides the framework for the protection, use, development, conservation, management and control of water resources for the country as a whole. Further, the NWRS provides the framework within which water will be managed at regional or catchment level, within defined Water Management Areas.

The purpose of this map is to give a representation of the primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary drainage region boundaries of the Republic of South Africa. The Department of Water and Sanitation is the custodian of these boundaries and they are reviewed on an on-going basis. The amended Water Management Areas (WMA's) of the Republic of South Africa (See Government Gazette No. 35517 (20 July 2012)) is shown in relation to the drainage regions. Main rivers and dams in the respective drainage regions are also represented in the map.

- LEGEND**
- Town
 - City
 - Dam
 - River
 - Water Management Area Boundary
 - Provincial Boundary
 - International Boundary
- Catchment Boundaries**
- Primary Drainage Region
 - Secondary Drainage Region
 - Tertiary Drainage Region
 - Quaternary Drainage Region

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Water Management Area boundaries (2012), Primary Drainage Region boundaries, Secondary Drainage Region boundaries, Tertiary Drainage Region boundaries and Quaternary Drainage Region boundaries were obtained from the Department of Water and Sanitation.

Provincial boundaries (2012) were sourced from the Municipal Demarcation Board.

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