

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY**  
**Recreational Water Use Manual**  
Guideline

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<b>Subject:</b>	Pro Forma Letter for Section 113 Access and Use for Recreational Purposes Approvals: Boats and Jetties and Related Infrastructure.
<b>Purposes:</b>	To assist Regional Directors and relevant authorities in approving boat access at Government Waterworks.
<b>Authority:</b>	Government Notice R654 and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), Section 113.
<b>Approval:</b>	Director: Water Abstraction and Instream Use.
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<Applicant's Contact Details>

Dear <Name of Applicant>

**<NAME> DAM: PERMISSION IN TERMS OF GOVERNMENT NOTICE R654 OF 1 MAY 1964 AND SECTION 113 OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 36 OF 1998)**

Your letter dated <Add>, regarding the aforementioned matter refers.

**Permission for boats and small vessels**

In terms of Government Notice R654 of May 1964 read together with the National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), Section 113(2), use of the following small vessels at <Add> Dam is hereby authorised for your private use on condition that you comply with all other requirements as set out in Government Notice R654 until repealed and all applicable laws and regulations governing the safety of small vessels and access and use of government waterworks for recreational purposes:

- <Add description of vessel/s>.

This authorisation is for an indefinite period but terminates when a Resource Management Plan for the dam is approved for the Dam.

**Permission for jetties and related infrastructure**

Jetties and related structures (e.g. moorings, slipways etc.) are regarded as water uses in terms of Section 21(c) and (i) of the NWA. Permission for jetties is thus also afforded in terms of the NWA. The Act provides for General Authorisations (GAs) for these uses (attached for your convenience). If your use falls within the requirements of these GAs, it is authorised under the

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NWA. You are advised to contact the DWAF <Add> Regional Office for assistance regarding interpretation of the GAs at Tel: <Add>, Fax: <Add>, or Address: <Add>.

However, if it exceeds any of the GAs provisions, you will be required to apply for a water use licence. Licence forms can be obtained from the same office or from the Department's website: <http://www.dwaf.gov.za>.

For further enquiries, kindly contact <add>.

**REGIONAL DIRECTOR: <ADD>**

**DATE:**