

*What do I need to do?*



If you are a poor community.....and you have a plan to start a community farming project, or any other development project that needs water, contact the DWAF office in your region. We will assist you, and work with other government departments to help you start and run your project.



If you have an idea to start a business that needs water..... contact the DWAF office in your region for information on how to apply for water for your business and access to government support. Government will assist HDI entrepreneurs as part of our Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) programme. Women entrepreneurs are especially encouraged to ask for support.



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 We're waiting to help you.

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## Water Allocation Reform and Compulsory Licensing



Sharing water to fight poverty and build businesses



New opportunities for historically disadvantaged individuals and communities



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## DWAF's Water Allocation Reform Programme



The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) has a programme to provide raw water to historically disadvantaged individuals and communities (HDIs) to **fight poverty** and **build businesses**. This is called the Water Allocation Reform (WAR) programme. WAR is part of government's effort to ensure that all South Africans can **benefit from the country's limited water resources**.

The WAR programme is for **raw water**. This is water taken directly from rivers, dams and boreholes. This is different to the treated drinking water for use in the home. For more information about water services in your home, speak to your local municipality.

*In the past, most black South Africans were not able to use water from rivers to run farms and other businesses. Under apartheid, use of water from rivers was tied to land ownership - and most land was owned by white South Africans.*

*The WAR programme aims to transform the way water is shared out so that all South Africans can share in the benefits of water use.*



WAR will enable black South Africans, and women in particular, to have a **fair share of water** to:

- start **community projects** to fight poverty
- develop **businesses** in farming, forestry, mining, manufacturing and tourism that will **grow the economy** and **create jobs**.

DWAF is encouraging HDIs to **apply** to use raw water for your community and business projects. You may need a licence to use large amounts of water. If so, we will assist you to get a licence. We need to ask people who are using large amounts of water to apply for licences so that we can make sure water is shared out fairly.



*In some areas, where there are many demands on the water, or the water is very unfairly shared out, we will introduce Compulsory Licensing for water. Compulsory Licensing is a WAR tool to make sure that everyone has a fair chance to benefit from using our water resources, especially historically disadvantaged communities. Compulsory Licensing can change the way water is shared out, but the change will be careful and fair. In this, we will make the best use of our precious water resources and grow the economy for the benefit of all South Africans.*

*How can we help you?*



### Community projects

If you are a **poor community**....DWAF can help you to fight poverty by providing water for community farming projects like fruit and vegetable gardens. Community projects can provide food for poor households and can earn money for the community. They can also help families and communities affected by HIV and AIDS by providing affordable, healthy food.



For example, DWAF might work with a local community, the municipality, the Department of Agriculture (DOA) and provincial government departments to make water available to set up a small-scale farming operation. At first this may provide for the basic food needs of the community, but with the proper support, it can grow to provide jobs and income. In the longer term, the project can become a business that sells its produce on local, regional and even international markets. With proper support, poor communities can pull themselves out of poverty and contribute to national economic growth.

### Business Development

If you have an idea to start a business that needs water....DWAF can help you by providing water for your business. We will also help you plan your business properly. Working with other government departments, we will:

- check that water is available in your area
- help you find people who could provide finance to start your business
- help you find people who could provide the business skills you need
- help you find people to speak to so that you can reach the markets for your products