

The process of Compulsory Licensing for water

1 Getting Ready...

We prepare and plan

We **verify (confirm)** that Existing Water Use is lawful.

We look at ways to make the best of the water we have and to make more water available (like stopping wastage and removing alien vegetation).

We look carefully at how much water is needed and used, and where there are **opportunities for new, productive** use of water.

2 Ensuring Equity

We work with our partners to make sure new users have the **capacity** to make productive use of water.

We **consult** with water users and stakeholders.

We develop a plan to share out water for everyone to discuss. This is the **Framework for Allocation**. (If your CMA has an Allocation Plan, that will be used)

We show in the Plan how water allocations to different sectors could be **changed**, and what this will mean.

3 Implementing

We publish a **Call for Licence Applications** under Section 43 (3) of the National Water Act.

From the licence applications we work out how much water we must **set aside**, and how much we can **share out** for productive use.

We publish the **Proposed Allocation Schedule**.

After considering objections we publish the **Preliminary Allocation Schedule**.

If there are no Appeals to the Water Tribunal, or if the Water Tribunal instructs us, we publish the **Final Allocation Schedule** and issue licenses.



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