

Module 3.7 WATER USE		STATEMENT OF INTENT Water resources are conserved
Measures		Notes
Legal requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water use is authorised if that use meets the requirements of a Schedule I activity as defined in the National Water Act 36 of 1998 Some water may fall outside of schedule 1, and should be registered with DWA Some water may fall outside of schedule 1 and has been registered with DWA, but authorisation may not have been received yet 	<p>All water use has to be authorised and this authorisation is granted in four different categories, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule 1 Water Use Existing lawful water use General Authorisation of Water Use Licensed Water Use <p>With the exception of Schedule 1 water use, all other categories of authorised water use, need to be registered with the DWA.</p> <p>Schedule 1 Water Use Water use is authorised in terms of that use being a Schedule I activity as defined in the National Water Act 36 of 1998 viz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water is taken from a water resource to which that person has lawful access for reasonable domestic use, small gardening not for commercial purposes and the watering of animals (excluding feedlots) which graze on that land within the grazing capacity of the land. However, the water use must not be excessive in relation to the capacity of the water resource and the needs of other users. Water is stored and used from run-off water from a roof. Water is used in emergency situations for human consumption or firefighting. <p>Water use outside of Schedule 1 Water use that falls outside Schedule 1 includes: taking and storing water, activities which reduce stream flow (e.g. cultivation of crops), waste discharges and disposals, controlled activities (activities which impact detrimentally on a water resource), altering a watercourse, removing water found underground for certain purposes, and recreation.</p> <p>If any water use falls outside Schedule 1 use, it must be registered with the Department of Water Affairs who will process the necessary authorisation.</p>