

Water Act provisions valid from 01 March

The Namibian Constitution's Article 100 states that underground as well as surface water is the property of the state.

Against this background, the NAU has been creating awareness amongst its members on the new water legislation (Water Resources Management Act 11 of 2013) implemented on 29 August 2023, after the supporting regulations for the legislation were finalised. Specific requirements include the registration of boreholes and dams. The grace period for registration ends on 28 February.

Information regarding the requirements, procedures and contact details is available on the NAU's website at <https://www.nau.com.na/water>

The NAU requested postponement of the implementation of the law. However, even if granted, it still means that the documents must be completed and submitted for registration. The NAU therefore calls on its members to support the government in this matter.

Workshops in various regions were announced by the Ministry this week to provide clarity on the Water Act. A list of towns is attached. Contact the NAU should you be interested in attending a workshop.

The documents below have since been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform and can also be accessed at <https://www.nau.com.na/water>

- **Regional Stakeholders awareness raising workshops schedule**
- **Summary of the Water Resources Management Act 11 of 2013**
- **Water licence application process in Namibia**
- **Water licence pamphlet**