

Water is a finite renewable resource, and life on earth as we know it would not be possible without water. The National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA) places the water resources of South Africa under control of the Minister of Water Affairs, who is the public trustee of our water resources. As such, the Minister has the power to decide who can use water under which circumstances. Water can only be used under governance of one of 4 types of Water Use Authorisations, namely a water use declared under Schedule 1 of the NWA, a General Authorisation, a continuation of an Existing Lawful Use, or in terms of a Water Use License.

Failure to obtain a water use licence where one is required can give rise to severe penalties, however, there are many constraints, difficulties and pitfalls in the water use license application process that can hamper applicants from being successful with their applications.

Course Objective and Structure

The objective of this two-day course is to facilitate understanding of water use authorisation and the Water Use License Application (WULA) process in the broader context of environmental management legislation and the NWA's Water Use Authorisation framework, as currently described in procedures and guidelines of the Department of Water Affairs, and to address practical pitfalls within this process. Preparation of specific application documents such as Integrated Water and Waste Management Plans (IWWMPs) are also addressed.

Course Topics

- Integrated Water Resource Management and the National Water Act (NWA)
- Source and Resource Directed Measures under the NWA
- Legal Requirements for Water Use Authorisation
- Types of Water Uses
- Tiers of Water Use Authorisations (i.e. do I need a Water Use License?)
- Integrated Water Use Licenses
- Considerations for evaluating Water Use License Applications (WULA's) – section 27
- DWAF External Guidelines for WULAs
- WULA's for abstraction and storage of water
- WULA's for disposal and discharge: Risk Assessments and IWWMP's
- WULA's for river diversions and in-stream activities
- WULA's for stream-flow reduction activities
- Avoiding pitfalls in water use license applications

Who should attend this course?

This course is designed for professionals in management and planning in the public and private sectors, who wish to improve their understanding of the Water Use Authorisation process and who want to discuss some practical issues to find solutions for the day-to-day challenges they experience with water use license applications.

Entrance requirements

A Grade 12 certificate as a minimum and preferably also:

- some tertiary education in at least one of the fields of environmental management; OR
- some prior learning in general environmental management and environmental issues; OR
- some relevant activities and responsibilities in at least one of the fields of environmental management.

It is strongly recommended that participants in this one-day Workshop also attend the one-day Workshops on The National Water Act and Regulations and on Environmental Risk Assessment and Management.

Course Certificate

A Certificate of Attendance is issued to those delegates that completed the Training Course in accordance with applicable requirements.

Presenters

Ms Carin Bosman, Director, Carin Bosman Sustainable Solutions
Other leading specialists in the field, depending on the course date and their availability.

Course Dates

27 – 28 September 2011

A minimum number of five attendees are required for the course to proceed, and a maximum number of 25 delegates can be accommodated on each day. Should more than the maximum number of delegates register for the course, additional Course Dates will be scheduled.

- To register for the Training Course, please complete the Registration Form, clearly indicating the appropriate COURSE NAME and DATE, and fax it to 086 693 5189 or e-mail: training@cboss.com.
- Each course participant must register on a separate form for each training course s/he wishes to attend.
- Final date for registration is one week (7 days, 5 working days) prior to the course date.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The language medium of all courses is in English
- Course Certificates will only be issued when participation and attendance are satisfactory, and where payment has been settled in full.
- A minimum number of attendees are required for courses to proceed. CBSS reserves the right to cancel or re-schedule training courses up to one week (7 days) prior to the scheduled course date, in which case course fees will be refunded. See below for our refund policy.

COURSE FEES

The following are included in your Course fee:

- Programme of proceedings, training material, and training certificates
- Complementary secure parking at the Venue
- Tea, coffee & refreshments on arrival
- Mid morning and afternoon refreshments
- Lunch
- VAT

Course Duration	1-day	2-days	3-days	5-days
Course Cost	R 1,535.00	R 3,070.00	R 4,605.00	R 7,500.00
14% VAT	R 214.90	R 429.80	R 644.70	R 1,050.00
TOTAL	R 1,749.90	R 3, 499.80	R 5,249.70	R 8,550.00
20% Early Bird discount (inc VAT)	R 1,399.92	R 2,799.84	R 4,199.76	R 6,840.00

DISCOUNTS

There are several options to save on registration fees, which could save you up to 40% on regular course registration fees:

- Early registration (registration and payment received 4 weeks before course start date): – 20%
- Bona fide students (must provide proof of Student Registration at recognised higher education institution for current academic year): -10%
- Group registrations (3 or more registrations from the same organisation submitted simultaneously): – 10%*

*The group discount will only apply to an organisation submitting registration applications simultaneously and paying for the group in one transaction.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- Course fees are payable upon registration, and CBSS will confirm receipt of your registration application and issue an invoice containing our deposit/bank details within two working days from receipt of your registration form.
- Payment will be due on receipt of the invoice. Payment can be made by direct bank deposit or electronic transfer. No cash or credit cards can be accepted.
- To identify your payment, please indicate your name and the course date on the deposit/electronic payment and fax/email proof of payment to CBSS.
- Organisations requiring a quotation to obtain order numbers will be issued with a pro-forma invoice that will serve as a valid quotation. Order numbers must be forwarded to CBSS a minimum of 14 days in advance of the Training Course Date to confirm the booking.
- Government officials** must obtain an order number from their Finance Department immediately on receipt of their invoice, and forward the order number to CBSS, who will then issue a fresh invoice reflecting the order number. If no order number is received within two weeks from the scheduled course start date, your registration will be cancelled.
- Please note that if CBSS has to register/re-register as a service provider with your organisation to facilitate the generation of an order number, you must provide the necessary documentation to us in good time.

No delegate will be allowed to attend any training course unless payment has been made in full. If a delegate fails to attend he/she/their organisation will still be liable for payment of the full course costs.

SUBSTITUTIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

There is no charge for **substitutions**, and registered participants can exchange places with colleagues from within the same company, provided that a request for substitution has been submitted in writing, and is accompanied by written permission from the original registered participant.

Cancellations can be accepted up to one week prior to a scheduled course date, in which case course fees will be refunded. All cancellation and refund requests must be submitted in writing, and will be subject to a 15% administration fee. Unfortunately, no refunds or credit can be made for late cancellations or no-shows.

Attendees registered for Courses cancelled by CBSS will be refunded in full.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements and payments. Accommodation is available at the venue (Rietondale Lodge and Conference Centre , phone 012 329 2910).

