



Water Share (WEE)

A water share is a legally recognised, ongoing entitlement to a share of the water available in your water system. It gives the owner a right to a share (allocation) of water available in the dams (eg Hume and Dartmouth).

The volume of a water share is defined as a maximum amount of allocation (usable water) that can be issued against it each year.



Allocation Account (ABA)

An account to keep track of allocated water available for use or trade. This account records allocations made against water shares throughout the irrigation season, as well as water trades and usage. **Account holders must maintain a positive balance.**

If you have no water share you will be required to trade allocation, perhaps through a purchase organised by a water broker, via the water market.



Water Use Licence (WUL)

A licence that authorises the use of river water for the purpose of irrigation on the land specified in that licence. The main condition of use on a licence is the **annual use limit (AUL)** which is the **maximum volume that can be applied each season.**



Water Use Registration (WUR)

An authorisation to use river water on specified land, usually for domestic & stock purposes. The main condition of use on a registration is the annual use limit (AUL) which is a **limit on use for each season.** This also means that in years of drought, as long as allocation is available in your ABA, water restrictions do not apply.



Works Licence (WLE)

Authorises the holder to operate works (pumps, dams, bores) for the purpose of extracting water from a river, stream or aquifer.



Extraction Share (ESE)

A share of the total amount of water that can be drawn from regulated rivers at a certain point over a given period of time. Extraction shares are used to restrict water extraction in times of high demand during a shortfall event.

In all other times the extraction share does not restrict your daily take. (For example: you may only be able to use 80 % of your extraction share - customers without may not access water at all during a shortfall).



General 'Place of Take' Approval (AP)

An approval to take water from a river or stream at a certain place. You must also have water in your allocation account and a water use licence or registration.

For Private Diverters, the AP includes an extraction share which is your share of the water available during a shortfall or rationing.



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Water Register

The Victorian Water Register provides up to date information on entitlements and trades, including pricing.

For further information please visit www.waterregister.vic.gov.au