Explanation of Water Register EntitiesIrrigation Districts





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.



Delivery Share (DSE)

A delivery share is an entitlement to have water delivered to land in an irrigation area. It gives you access to a share of the available capacity in the channel or piped network that supplies water to your property.



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.

Water Register

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