

These notes refer to the Water Act 2003 (c.37)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

WATER ACT 2003

INTRODUCTION

TERRITORIAL APPLICATION: WALES

SUMMARY

OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

PART 1: ABSTRACTION AND IMPOUNDING

Sections 1 to 10 Restrictions on abstraction and impounding

- 32. Section 1: Licences to abstract water.**
- 38. Section 2: Restrictions on impounding.**
- 40. Sections 3 and 4: Existing impounding works.**
- 42. Section 5: Rights of navigation, harbour and conservancy authorities.**
- 44. Section 6: Rights to abstract small quantities.**
- 47. Section 7: Rights to abstract for drainage purposes,**
- 50. Section 8: Amendments relating to section 7.**
- 52. Section 9: Power to provide for further exemptions.**
- 54. Section 10: Orders under section 33 of the WRA,**

Sections 11 to 14 Applications for a licence

- 57. Section 11: Who may apply for a licence.**
- 58. Section 12: Abolition of combined licences.**
- 59. Section 13: Applications: types of abstraction licence.**
- 60. Section 14: Publication of application for licence.**

Sections 15 to 18 Consideration of licence applications

- 62. Section 15: General consideration of licence applications**
- 64. Section 16: Protection from derogation.**
- 65. Section 17: Protected rights.**
- 67. Section 18: Register of certain protected rights.**

Sections 19 to 20 Form, contents and effect of licences.

- 69. Section 19: Form, contents and effect of licences.**
- 72. Section 20: Limited extension of abstraction licence validity.**

Sections 21 to 22 Modification of licences

- 73. Section 21: Modification of licences.**
- 75. Section 22: Proposals for modification at instance of Agency or Secretary of State.**

Section 23 Transfer and appointment of licences

- 77. Section 23: Transfer and appointment of licences.**

Sections 24 to 27 Claims and compensation

- 82. Section 24: Claims arising out of water abstraction.**

These notes refer to the Water Act 2003 (c.37)

Schedule 8 Minor and consequential amendments: licensing of water suppliers

**PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCIAL COST AND PUBLIC SECTOR MANPOWER
EFFECTS**

SUMMARY OF REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMENCEMENT