

# REGULATIONS 1972, No. 29\*

2085

## Regulations under the *Supply of Services Ordinance*

I. FREDERICK CHARLES CHANEY, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, having received the advice and approval of the Administrator's Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Supply of Services Ordinance*.

Dated this eleventh day of December, 1972.

F. CHANEY

Administrator

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### AMENDMENTS OF THE WATER SUPPLY (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY) REGULATIONS†

1. Regulation 3 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations is amended— Definitions

(a) by omitting the definitions of "annual charge", "annual water allowance", "excess water" and "yearly period"; and

(b) by omitting the definition of "broken period" and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

"'charge period' means any of the following:—

(a) the period from and including the date of commencement of Regulations 1972, No. 29 and ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1973;

(b) the financial year commencing on the first day of July, 1973;

(c) any subsequent financial year;".

2. Regulation 23 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations is amended— Faulty meters

(a) by omitting paragraphs (c) and (d) of sub-regulation (2.) and inserting in their stead the following word and paragraph:—

"or (c) where there is no such record of a quantity of water being supplied to the consumer, by reference to the quantity of water supplied during a period corresponding to a period for which the estimate is to be made after the meter again registers or registers accurately"; and

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\* Notified in the *Northern Territory Government Gazette* on 12 December, 1972.

† Regulations 1953, No. 1 as amended by Regulations 1953, No. 9; 1954, No. 13; 1955, No. 7; 1956, Nos. 9 and 19; and 1963, No. 8.

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(b) by omitting from the proviso to that sub-regulation the words "paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d)" and inserting in their stead the words "paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)".

3. Regulations 24 and 25 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations are repealed and the following regulation is inserted in their stead:—

Water charge

"24.—(1.) Subject to these Regulations, a water charge is imposed in respect of each parcel of land for the supply of water to which in a charge period a system of works has been constructed by the Commonwealth.

"(2.) The amount of the water charge in respect of water supplied in a charge period from such a system of works to a parcel of land otherwise than through a meter is—

- (a) if the parcel of land is used as a commercial garden or for agricultural purposes—One hundred and ninety dollars;
- (b) if the parcel of land is used solely for residential or domestic purposes—Thirty dollars; or
- (c) if the parcel of land is used for any other purpose—Sixty dollars.

"(3.) The amount of the water charge referred to in sub-regulation (2.) becomes due at the commencement of the charge period.

"(4.) Where water is supplied to a parcel of land from such a system of works through a meter (not being a meter that is temporarily installed on the parcel of land in connexion with construction works being carried out on the parcel of land), the amount of the water charge in respect of water so supplied in a charge period is—

- (a) if the total quantity of water so supplied does not exceed 100,000 gallons—Thirty dollars; or
- (b) if the total quantity of water so supplied exceeds 100,000 gallons—the sum of—
  - (i) Thirty dollars;
  - (ii) an amount calculated at the rate of Thirty cents for each 1,000 gallons, or part of 1,000 gallons, for the first 50,000 gallons of water so supplied in excess of 100,000 gallons;
  - (iii) an amount calculated at the rate of Thirty-three cents for each 1,000 gallons, or part of 1,000 gallons, for the next 150,000 gallons of water so supplied in excess of 150,000 gallons;
  - (iv) an amount calculated at the rate of Thirty-five cents for each 1,000 gallons, or part of 1,000 gallons, for the next 800,000 gallons of water so supplied in excess of 300,000 gallons;
  - (v) an amount calculated at the rate of Forty-three cents for each 1,000 gallons, or part of 1,000 gallons, for the next 19,000,000 gallons of water so supplied in excess of 1,100,000 gallons; and

- (vi) an amount calculated at the rate of Forty-five cents for each 1,000 gallons, or part of 1,000 gallons, for the next 20,000,000 gallons of water so supplied in excess of 20,100,000 gallons.

“(5.) The amount of Thirty dollars referred to in sub-regulation (4.) becomes due at the commencement of the charge period and any amount of the water charge by which the sum of the amounts under paragraph (b) of that sub-regulation exceeds the amount of Thirty dollars becomes due at the end of the charge period.

“(6.) Where water is supplied to a parcel of land from a system of works through a meter that is temporarily installed on the parcel of land in connexion with construction works being carried out on the parcel of land, the amount of the water charge in respect of water so supplied in a charge period is an amount calculated at the rate of Thirty-three cents for each 1,000 gallons, or part of 1,000 gallons, of water so supplied.

“(7.) Where water is supplied from such a system of works through a meter elsewhere than to the consumer's premises, the amount of the water charge in respect of water so supplied in a charge period is an amount calculated at the rate of Thirty-three cents for each 1,000 gallons, or part of 1,000 gallons, of water so supplied.

“(8.) The amount of the water charge under sub-regulations (6.) or (7.) becomes due at the end of the charge period.”.

4. Regulation 26 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-regulation:— Dates of meter readings

“(2.) A reading of a meter taken on or after the date of commencement of Regulations 1972, No. 29 and on or before the thirty-first day of January, 1973 in respect of the charge period ending on thirtieth day of June, 1973, shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be deemed to have been taken at the end of the preceding period in respect of whether a charge for water was made under these Regulations.”.

5. Regulation 27 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations is amended— Determination of quantity of water supplied

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1.) the words “the beginning and reading taken at the end of the period” and inserting in their stead the words “the end of the period and the reading taken at the end of the immediately preceding period in respect of which a charge for water under these Regulations was made, or, if since the last-mentioned reading the meter is read on one or more other occasions in the period, the sum of the differences between readings taken in that period”;
- (b) by adding at the end of paragraph (b) of that sub-regulation the word “or”;
- (c) by omitting from paragraph (c) of that sub-regulation the word “or” (last occurring); and
- (d) by omitting paragraph (d) of that sub-regulation.

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Proportionate  
liability for  
water charges

6. Regulation 28 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations is repealed and the following regulation inserted in its stead:—

“28.—(1.) Where in respect of the supply of water in a charge period otherwise than through a meter to a parcel of land—

- (a) the parcel of land is connected to the system of works for the supply of water for part only of the charge period;
- (b) no person was the owner of the parcel of land at the commencement of the charge period but a person becomes such an owner for a part of the charge period;
- (c) a person, after having given notice under regulation 45, vacates the parcel of land at the expiration of part only of the charge period; or
- (d) the parcel of land is used for a part only of the charge period for a purpose referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of sub-regulation (2.) of regulation 24,

the amount of the water charge otherwise payable for that part of the charge period under regulation 24 shall be reduced by an amount that bears the same proportion to that charged as the number of complete months in the other part of the charge period bears to twelve.

“(2.) Where in respect of the supply of water in a charge period through a meter to a parcel of land (not being a meter that is temporarily installed on the parcel of land in connexion with construction works being carried out on the parcel of land)—

- (a) the parcel of land is connected to the meter for part only of the charge period;
- (b) no person was the owner of the parcel of land at the commencement of the charge period but a person becomes such an owner for part of the charge period; or
- (c) a person, after having given notice under regulation 45, vacates the parcel of land at the expiration of part only of the charge period,

the amount of the water charge payable in respect of that part of the charge period is the sum of—

- (d) an amount of Thirty dollars less an amount that bears the same proportion to the amount of Thirty dollars as the number of complete months in the other part of the charge period bears to twelve; and
- (e) an amount or amounts, if any, calculated in accordance with sub-regulation (4.) of regulation 24 in respect of a quantity of water used in the part of the charge period referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) in excess of a quantity of water that bears the same proportion to 100,000 gallons as the number of complete months in the broken period bears to twelve as if the quantity or quantities of water referred to in that regulation on which the amount or amounts is or are to be so calculated were correspondingly reduced.

“(3.) Where the amount of water charge payable under sub-regulation (1.) or (2.) is less than Thirty dollars, the amount of the water charge

payable under regulation 24 at the commencement of the charge period next after the charge period referred to in that sub-regulation shall be reduced by the amount by which the water charge payable under that sub-regulation is less than Thirty dollars.

“(4.) For the purposes of the application of sub-regulations (2.) and (5.) of regulation 24, the commencement and end of the part of the charge period for which proportionate amount of the water charge is payable by virtue of this regulation shall be regarded as the commencement and end of the charge period, respectively.”.

7. Regulations 29 and 30 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations are repealed and the following regulation is inserted in their stead:—

“29.—(1.) The Administrator shall cause an account specifying the amount of any water charge that has become due and the time within which it is payable to be given to the person liable to pay the water charge under these Regulations. Accounts

“(2.) Where the Administrator has caused the meter on a parcel of land referred to in sub-regulation (4.) of regulation 24 to be read on a day before the end of a charge period and the quantity of water shown to have been supplied through the meter at the reading taken at the ending of the immediately preceding period in respect of which a charge for water under these Regulations was made exceeds 100,000 gallons, he may cause an account of the amount of water charge payable in respect of any quantity of water in excess of 100,000 gallons shown to have been so supplied through the meter since the commencement of the charge period and specifying the time within which the charge is payable to be given to the occupier of the parcel of land.

“(3.) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (5.) of regulation 24, the amount of the water charge specified in the account under sub-regulation (2.) becomes due on the date of the account.

“(4.) An account under this regulation in respect of a charge period shall be reduced by the amount of any water charge paid in respect of that period.

“(5.) An account for an amount of water charge shall be in writing and shall be given to the person liable to pay the water charge by—

- (a) delivering it personally to that person;
- (b) delivering it to a person apparently over the age of sixteen years on and apparently an occupant of the parcel of land; or
- (c) posting in a prepaid letter addressed to that person at his last-known place of residence.”.

8. Regulation 31 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (2.) the words “annual charge, or the part of an annual charge raised in accordance with regulation 30 of these Regulations, as may be appropriate,” and inserting in their stead the words “water charge”. Collection and recovery of charges

9. Regulation 32 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations is amended by omitting the words “due and”. Due date for payment

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consumers**10.** Regulation 45A of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations is repealed.Certificate  
of Administrator**11.** Regulation 46 of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations is amended—

(a) by omitting the words “of a particular class of consumers during a particular year” and inserting in their stead the words “during a charge period”; and

(b) by omitting the words “of that class of consumers”.

Decimal currency  
amendments**12.** The Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations are further amended as set out in the following table:—

<i>Regulation amended</i>	<i>Decimal Currency Amendments</i>	
	<i>Omit—</i>	<i>Insert—</i>
8A	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
9(3.)	£3	Six dollars
11(2.)	Three pounds	Six dollars
22(1.)	Two pounds	Four dollars
47	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
	Five pounds	Ten dollars
	Two hundred pounds	Four hundred dollars