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Acts Nos. 18 of 1966, 19 of 1974, 46 of 1988

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER BOARD FOR THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY THROUGHOUT THE KINGDOM

[18th October, 1966]

1. This Act may be cited as The Water Board Act.

Short title.

Interpretation. | 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
 “this Act” includes Orders in Council, Proclamations, regulations and by-laws made under this Act;
 “the Board” means the Tonga Water Board established pursuant to this Act.

Water board
may be
established.

3. (1) For the purpose of this Act His Majesty in Council may by Order-in-Council establish a Water Board which, subject to the authority of His Majesty in Council, shall be charged with the general administration of this Act.

(2) The Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property, and shall be capable of suing and being sued.

(3) All Courts, Judges and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the seal of the Board affixed to any document or notice and shall deem that it was duly fixed.

Members to
be appointed
by Privy
Council.

4. (1) The Board shall consist of not less than 7 nor more than 15 members to be appointed by His Majesty in Council from time to time.

(2) A person who is—

(a) insolvent,

(b) undergoing a sentence of imprisonment,

(c) insane, or

(d) convicted of any offence under this Act,

is not eligible to be, or to continue to be, a member of the Board.

Chairman of
Board.

5. (1) The Cabinet shall appoint a Minister who is a member of the Board to be Chairman of the Board for such period as the Cabinet determines.

(2) The Chairman of the Board holds office as Chairman until the expiration of the period of his appointment or until he ceases to be a member of the Board, whichever first happens.

Deputy
chairman.

6. (1) At the first meeting in each year, the members of the Board may elect one of their members to be Deputy Chairman until the following meeting of the Board in the following year.

(2) In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting, the Deputy Chairman shall preside.

(3) A quorum of the Board consists of—

(a) the member presiding at the meeting (being the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman);

(b) the Director of Health or his nominee (being a medical officer);

(c) the Manager of the Board;

(d) the Water Engineer of the Board; and

such number of other members as constitute a majority of the members of the Board.

(4) At any meeting of the Board at which the Chairman is present, he shall have a deliberative vote, and, in the event of the votes being equal, a second or a casting vote.

7. All acts of the Board, and all questions coming or arising before the Board, may be done and decided by the majority of such members of the Board as are present and vote at a duly constituted meeting held in pursuance of this Act. Questions, etc., to be decided by majority.

8. Every question coming before the Board shall be decided by open voting. Voting.

9. (1) A member of the Board shall not vote on or take part in the discussion of any matter before the Board in which he or his partner in any business or calling has directly or indirectly any pecuniary interest otherwise than as the occupier or owner of private property, or as a member of a registered company in which there are not less than 10 members and of which he is neither a director nor the general manager. Member with pecuniary interest in a matter not to vote.

(2) A member who knowingly offends against this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General to institute proceedings under this section, but nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent such proceedings from being taken by any other person. *(Amended by Act 46 of 1988.)*

10. (1) The Board shall hold an Annual General Meeting in the month of January in each year. Procedure relating to meetings.

(2) The Board shall hold such ordinary meetings at such time and such places as it from time to time appoints.

(3) The Secretary shall give notice in writing to each member of the Board of the time and place appointed for each ordinary meeting, and the members shall attend such meetings without further notice of each meeting.

(4) The Board may hold special meetings, and the Chairman or any 3 or more of the members may call a special meeting by notification to the Secretary of their desire to do so.

(5) The Secretary shall give notice in writing of any such special meeting, and no special meeting shall be held unless notice in writing thereof and of the business to be transacted thereat has been given to members, and no business shall be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been so given.

Adjourned
meetings.

11. Any meeting of the Board may be adjourned to another day not later than 7 days thereafter, and notice of such adjourned meeting shall be given to each member.

Extraordinary
business.

12. (1) No extraordinary business shall be transacted at any ordinary meeting of the Board unless due notice of such business has been given at a prior meeting, or forwarded to the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting at which it is to be brought up and at least 7 days notice in writing of such business has been sent to each member.

(2) Subject to the by-laws or any regulations made under this Act the Chairman shall determine what business shall be extraordinary within the meaning of this section.

Meetings
open to
public.

13. (1) Meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, but the Board for sufficient reason, of which it shall be the sole judge, may exclude strangers altogether from any meeting.

(2) The Chairman at any meeting may order any police constable or officer of the Board to exclude or remove from the meeting any stranger on account of noisy or disorderly conduct.

Revocation
or alteration
of
resolutions.

14. Any resolution of the Board may be revoked or altered at the same meeting by the unanimous vote of the members present when it was passed, or by a resolution passed at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

Proceedings
not
invalidated
for failure of
notice.

15. No act or proceeding of the Board shall be invalidated in consequence of any failure to give to any member of the Board due notice of any meeting or of the business to be transacted thereat.

Minutes to
be kept by
secretary.

16. (1) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Board in a book, in which he shall enter the names of the members attending each meeting and the names of the members voting on each question on which there is a division, and every resolution, order, or other proceedings of the Board, and any other matter directed by the Board shall be entered in the minutes.

(2) The minutes of the proceedings of every meeting shall be read at the next ordinary meeting succeeding, and, if approved by the Board or when amended as directed by the Board, shall be signed by the Chairman of such succeeding meeting.

(3) The minute-book of the Board shall be kept by the Secretary in the office of the Board and shall be open to inspection during all office hours by any member of the Board.

17. The Board may, out of its funds, pay to members such reasonable remuneration for their services as may be prescribed by resolution of the Board.

Remuneration of members.

18. The Board may from time to time provide public offices with fittings and furniture for the same for holding its meetings and transacting its business, and for the use of its officers, and for any other purpose, and may purchase or take on lease any land or buildings for such purpose, or may cause buildings to be erected on any land belonging to or leased by the Board, or any such building to be added to or improved.

Offices of board.

19. The Board may by resolution from time to time appoint fit persons to be Secretary, Treasurer, Accountants, Engineers, Manager, and all such other officers and servants as it thinks necessary to assist in the execution of the provisions of this Act, and may pay such persons such salaries and allowances as it thinks fit. One person may hold two or more of such offices.

Officers of the board.

20. During the absence from duty of any officer of the Board by reason of illness, leave of absence, or other cause, the duties and powers of such officer may be performed and exercised by an acting officer appointed by resolution of the Board.

Acting officers.

21. (1) The Board may with the approval of His Majesty in Council borrow from time to time such sums as are necessary for the undertakings authorized by this Act.

Board may borrow money.

(2) Such sums and their rate of interest shall be borrowed in the manner prescribed or directed by His Majesty in Council.

22. (1) The Manager shall during the month of April in every year prepare for submission to the Board for approval an estimate—

Annual estimates.

(a) of the amount of expenditure for the forthcoming financial year;

(b) of the amount of income expected to accrue to the Board during the forthcoming financial year.

(2) Such estimates shall be submitted by the Manager to the Board at a Special Meeting to be held not later than 15th June in every year and shall thereat be considered by the Board with a view to their approval modification or otherwise.

(3) Such estimates after approval by the Board shall be sufficient authority to the Manager or any other officer duly authorized in that behalf to expend the moneys of the Board for the purposes specified therein up to an amount not exceeding the sums specified therein as being required for each particular object.

(4) In no circumstances shall the Manager or any other officer of the Board expend any funds belonging to the Board in excess of the amounts specified and approved by the Board for including in such estimates without the approval of the Board conveyed by resolution of the Board.

Water board
account.

23. (1) All moneys belonging to the Board shall be paid into either the Treasury or the Bank of Tonga, in each case to an account to be called the Tonga Water Board Account. (*Amended by Act 19 of 1974.*)

(2) No money shall be drawn out of such account unless the withdrawal voucher is signed for by the person or persons for the time being authorized by the Board to sign and all payments shall be supported by a payment voucher in the prescribed form signed by the Chairman or an officer duly authorized by the Board in that behalf.

Proper books
of account to
be kept.

24. (1) The Board shall cause books to be provided and kept and true and regular accounts to be entered therein of all sums received and paid by the Board, and of the several purposes for which such sums were received and paid.

(2) Such books shall at all reasonable time be open for the inspection of any member of the Board.

Balance
sheet.

25. (1) The Board shall, not later than the last day of July in any year cause its account for the preceding Financial Year to be balanced, and a true statement and account to be prepared.

(2) All such accounts shall be audited by an Auditor duly appointed by the Board for that purpose.

(3) Such accounts shall be accompanied by a report prepared by the Manager setting out the works undertaken by the Board and any matters appertaining thereto during the preceding financial year.

(4) The audited accounts mentioned in subsection (2) and the report mentioned in subsection (3) shall, as soon as practicable after their preparation, be furnished to the Prime Minister who shall cause a copy of the accounts and the report to be laid before the Legislative Assembly.

Board to
have similar
power,
authority,
etc., as a
board under
the Electric
Power Board
Act.
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26. Subject to this Act and to any Orders in Council, Proclamations, by-laws and regulations that may be made under this Act from time to time, the power, authority, rights, duties and obligations conferred or imposed by the Electric Power Board Act, on a Board constituted pursuant to the last-mentioned Act in relation to the production, control, management and distribution of electric power throughout the Kingdom shall, with such adaptations or modifications as are necessary or convenient to render those powers, authority, rights, duties and obligations applicable and appropriate in relation to the

production, control, management and distribution of water supply throughout the Kingdom, devolve upon the Board.

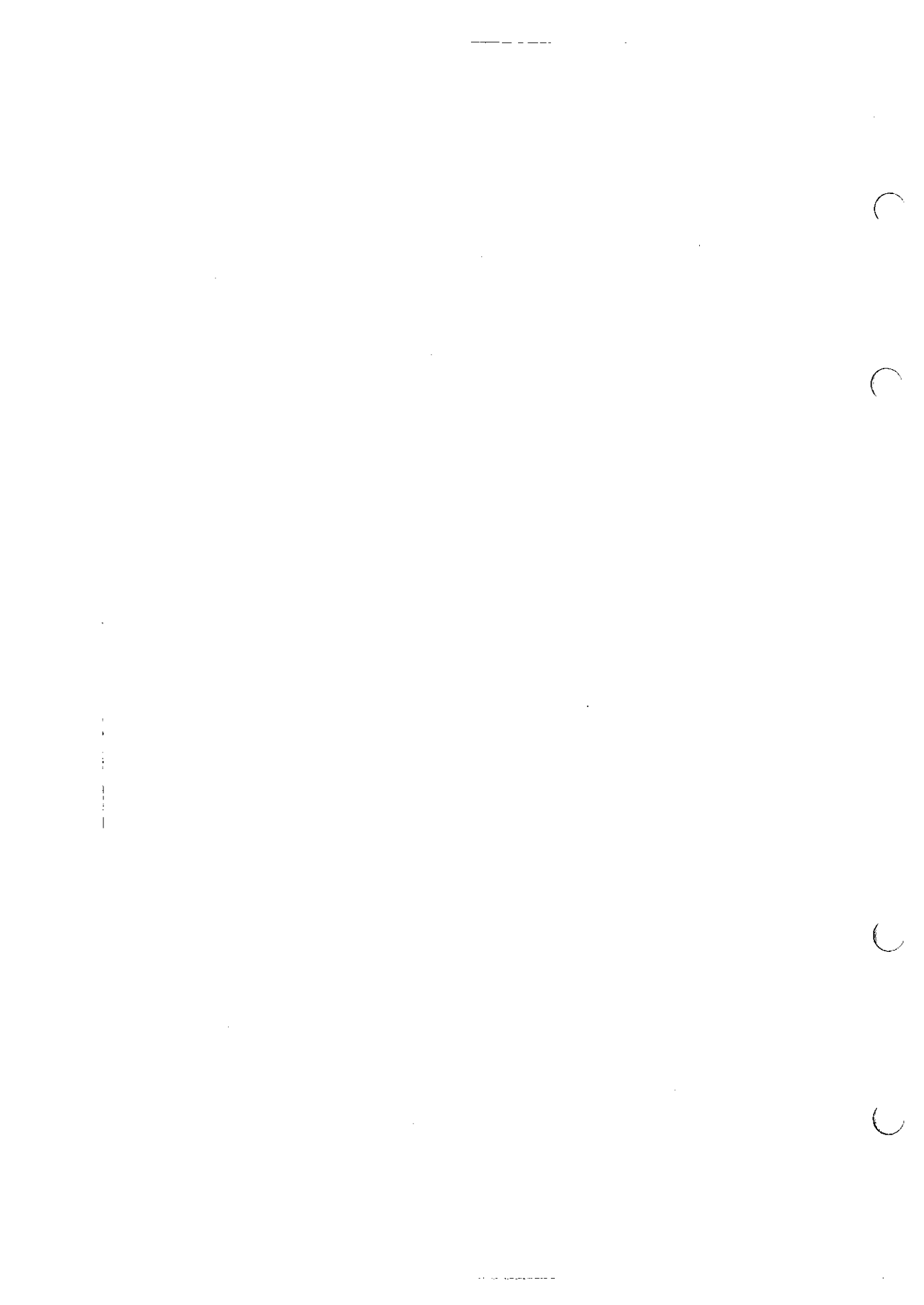
27. (1) His Majesty-in-Council may from time to time confer or impose upon the Board its members and employees such powers, authority, rights, duties and obligations as are necessary or convenient for the proper and efficient functioning of the Board.

Privy Council
may confer
other power
and authority
etc.

(2) A power, authority or right conferred, or a duty or obligation imposed, under subsection (1), shall have the same force in law as if that power, authority or right, or the duty or obligation, were conferred or imposed by this Act.

28. His Majesty-in-Council may make regulations prescribing all matters which are required or permitted to be prescribed or which by this Act are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

Regulations.



CHAPTER 92

WATER BOARD

SECTION 3(1)—Order in Council Establishing Water Board

Made by His Majesty in Council on 22nd December, 1966

G.S. 41/66

1. There is hereby established a Water Board which is charged with the administration of the Water Board Act, subject to the provisions of that Act.

2. The Board hereby established shall be called the Tonga Water Board.

SECTION 28—Water Supply Regulations

Made by His Majesty in Council

G.S. 109/70

[30th November, 1970] Commencement.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Water Supply Regulations.

Short title.

2. In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

Interpretation.

“communal water supply” means a supply of water by means of a fountain, valve, tap or appliance for the communal use of the inhabitants of a town, village or rural settlement;

“connection” means that part of the pipe which connects the main to premises supplied with water from the waterworks and which lies between the main and the meter, including the meter and the stop-cock before the meter;

“fire service” includes any pipes and fittings used for the sole purpose of supplying water to premises to combat fire;

“fittings” includes all taps, stop-cocks, ballcocks, cold water cisterns, hot water apparatus, flushing apparatus, or any other apparatus or appliances used on a service connected with water supplied from the water-works, but does not include meters;

“main” includes any pipe owned and maintained by the Board;

“meter” means an apparatus which measures and registers the quantity of water supplied and includes a meter box or meter box cover;

“owner”, in relation to any premises separately metered and supplied with water, means—

(a) where the premises are not the subject of a lease registered under the Land Act as amended—the landholder as defined in that Act; or

(b) where the premises are the subject of a lease so registered—the lessee, the occupier or both;

“premises” includes structure, building or part of any structure and building, land without buildings, landing places, piers and wharves;

“public standpipe” includes a fountain, valve, tap or appliance supplied and maintained by the Board for the purpose of supplying water to the public;

“service” means so much of the pipe between the main and the premises as is not a connection;

“serviced premises” means premises supplied with water from the waterworks;

“waterworks” includes reservoirs, dams, weirs, tanks, cisterns, tunnels, filter beds, conduits, aqueducts, mains, pipes, meters, fittings, fountains, sluices, valves, hydrants, pumps, prime-movers and all other structures or appliances used or constructed for or in connection with the storage, conveyance, distribution, supply, measurement or regulation of water, and which are or may hereafter become the property of the Board.

Obtaining supply.

3. (1) A person who wishes to obtain a supply of water from the Board shall make application therefore in accordance with Form I in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The supply of water from the Board is subject to the provisions of these regulations.

Application.

4. (1) The application for water supply from the Board shall be accompanied by a fee of not less than 50 per cent of the estimated costs for connecting the supply from the main to the premises and the balance of such fee to be paid within 4 months from the date of connection.

(2) The fee shall be returned if for any reason the application is refused.

Connection to supply.

5. (1) The kind and size of connection shall be determined by the Board.

(2) The connection shall be taken from the main to a meter box and shall there terminate in a stopcock and meter.

(3) All meters and meter boxes shall remain the property of the Board, and the meters and meter boxes together with all connections and stopcocks shall remain at all times under the control of the Board and shall not be interfered with, nor the stopcocks turned on or off by any person on any pretext whatever except with the authority of the Board.

Meters.

6. (1) Except where the Board otherwise directs, water shall not be supplied to any premises unless a meter is fitted to the service.

(2) The meter shall be provided by the Board and shall be installed in accordance with these regulations.

(3) A meter shall not be installed until it has been examined, tested and approved by the Board.

(4) A meter shall be installed in a position approved by the Board.

(5) A meter shall be fixed to register the whole of the quantity of water supplied to any premises except where otherwise allowed by the Board.

(6) If a meter is required to be repaired, or tested for accuracy, the owner or occupier shall immediately give notice to the Board.

(7) The Board shall do all things necessary to repair, test and maintain a meter in good working order.

(8) Where a meter is damaged through any act of the owner or occupier of a serviced premises, the costs of repairs to or of replacement of the meter shall be borne by the owner or occupier.

(9) The position of a meter shall not be altered without permission granted by the Board.

(10) A person shall not construct or place a building or erection, stack or store materials or goods, over or upon a meter or do or permit anything which prevents or interferes with the inspection at any time of a meter.

7. All service pipes required for the purpose of supplying water from the main shall, except where otherwise allowed by the Board, start from the meter. Service pipes.

8. If a meter ceases to register altogether, or is found to register so incorrectly that in the opinion of the Manager of the Board the true quantity of water consumed during any period cannot be deduced from the meter then the consumption for that period— Faulty meter.

(i) shall be the average deduced from the quantity supplied during the last preceding period of not less than one month and not more than 6 months; or

(ii) where the meter has been installed for a period of less than one month, shall be such as the Manager of the Board may determine having regard to the number of persons who used the water and the purpose for which the water was supplied.

9. All pipes, fittings and other materials used by a person for or in connection with the supply, storage, conveyance, distribution, control or measurement of water supplied by the Board shall be in accordance with the specifications set or approved by the Board. Fittings to be approved.

10. Where houses or other premises are already provided with a system of water supply from tanks, cisterns, wells or other sources, the system may not be connected with a main unless— Existing water facilities.

(a) the tanks, cisterns, wells or the other sources of supply are disconnected; and

(b) the pipes of the system, so far as they will be subjected to the pressure of water from the main, are, in the opinion of the Board, of sufficient strength to sustain the pressure.

11. The Board may erect and maintain at such times and places as may appear proper to the Board, public fountains, baths and washing places as the Board deems expedient for the use of the public but subject to these regulations. Public facilities.

12. The Board may, on laying down a main in a street, at the time of laying that main or afterwards from time to time, fix such fire-plugs and firecocks as the Board may deem necessary on or near the street for the supply of water for extinguishing fires. Fire hydrants.

13. A person shall not—

- (a) open any ground so as to uncover any part of the waterworks; or
- (b) alter, repair or replace any pipes or fittings in communication with any part of the waterworks,

without first giving notice to the Board and obtaining its permission and approval for and of the manner in which the work is to be carried out. Tampering with waterworks.

Board's
powers to lay
etc. pipes.

14. The Board may—

- (a) after giving reasonable notice in writing to the owner or occupier carry any main through, across or under any land or street whatever; and
- (b) upon giving such reasonable notice as circumstances permit or, in case of serious emergency, without giving notice, enter upon that land or street for the purpose of repairing, maintaining, renewing, removing, altering, inspecting, attending to or testing the main thereon,

and the Board shall make good or, at its option, pay for, any damage done or occasioned through the operations under this regulation.

Board's
power of
entry.

15. Any authorised employee of the Board may at any reasonable time between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. or, in the case of emergency, at any time, enter into and upon any serviced premises for the purposes of—

- (a) inspecting any service and ascertaining whether there is any waste, leakage, obstruction, alteration, interference or damage to any service or meter;
- (b) regulating or repairing any service or meter;
- (c) ascertaining consumption of water supplied;
- (d) disconnecting the service to the premises; or
- (e) turning off or diverting the supply of water to any premises.

Charges.

16. (1) The charges for water or other services supplied by the Board under these regulations are such as may from time to time be fixed by the Board.

(2) The Board may, from time to time, fix different charges for water or other services supplied by the Board for different purposes.

(3) Accounts shall be rendered every month by the Board.

(4) Payments due under these regulations shall be made at the head office of the Board at Nuku'alofa or at an authorised branch office.

Liability for
charges.

17. The owner or the occupier of the premises, or both of them, is or are liable jointly and severally for the due payment of all charges for water or for other services supplied to those premises by the Board under these regulations.

Use of water.

18. (1) A person shall not, without authority of the Board, sell any water supplied by the Board.

(2) A person shall not wilfully or negligently allow water supplied by the Board to run to waste.

(3) A person who offends against subregulations (1) or (2) is on conviction liable to a fine of not exceeding \$20, and, in the case of continuing offence, a further fine not exceeding \$10 for each day or part thereof during which the offence continues after the Board has given that person notice of the offence.

Unlawful use
of water.

19. (1) A person who—

- (a) unlawfully takes or diverts water supplying or flowing into the waterworks;
- (b) unlawfully uses or takes water from the waterworks; or
- (c) does any unlawful act whereby the water from waterworks may be drawn off or diminished in quantity,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of \$20 for every day during the whole or any part of which the supply of water is used, taken, diverted or diminished by reason of any act done by or by the direction of that person.

(2) Whenever water is or has been unlawfully used in, taken into or diverted onto any premises owned or occupied by any person, the using, taking or diversion of the water shall be deemed to have been effected by, or by the direction of, that person, unless that person satisfies the court that the using, taking or diversion of the water was effected without his direction or connivance.

20. A person who—

- (a) bathes, or washes any animal, skin of any animal, clothes or any other thing whatever, in any water in the waterworks;
- (b) causes or suffers the sewage of water of any sewer or drain to run or be conveyed into any water in the waterworks;
- (c) depastures livestock or permits any livestock to be in any catchment area; or
- (d) does, or permits any other thing to be done, to the waterworks whereby or by means of which the whole or any part of the water in the waterworks is or may be fouled or polluted, or rendered unsafe or dangerous for human consumption,

Fouling the water.

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or to both the fine and the imprisonment.

21. (1) The Board may—

- (a) whenever the available supply of water from the waterworks is, in the opinion of the Board, insufficient;
- (b) whenever it may be expedient or necessary for the purpose of extending, altering, testing or repairing the waterworks or for the purpose of connecting services or fire services;
- (c) whenever any public standpipe is damaged or the supply through the standpipe is polluted or wasted; or
- (d) in case of a breakdown in the waterworks,

Board may regulate supply.

restrict, diminish, withhold or suspend, stop, turn off or divert the supply of water through, any main, service or standpipe, either wholly or in part, without prejudice to any water charges or other sums due or to become due under these regulations.

(2) No compensation shall be paid for any damage or loss which may result from anything done under sub-regulation (1).

22. Without prejudice to any water charges or other sums due under these regulations, the Board may disconnect from the waterworks the service to any premises where—

Disconnection.

- (a) charges for water or other sums due under these regulations are not paid within 30 days from the date of service of written notice for payment of these charges or other sums;
- (b) the water supplied from the waterworks to the premises is being wilfully or negligently wasted; or
- (c) an act or thing is done or omitted to be done contrary to these

regulations relating to any damage, alteration, pollution, or abuse of the waterworks or of a service or fire service.

Consumer may discontinue service.

23. A consumer who wishes to discontinue a supply of water from the main shall give at least 48 hours' notice to the Board and the Board shall thereupon arrange for the service to be disconnected without prejudice to any charges that may be payable.

Set-off of debts of employees etc.

24. (1) Where a member, or an employee, of the Board is indebted to the Board for an amount of money or in money's worth, the Board may satisfy that debt to the Board by deducting from or retaining out of any money that is due and payable by the Board to the member or employee (whether for salary or otherwise) such sum or sums as the Board may determine.

(2) In addition to any other indebtedness, a member or any employee of the Board is, where the Board satisfies a judgement obtained against the Board and the member or employee jointly, deemed to be indebted to the Board for the amount which the member or employee is liable to contribute to satisfy the judgement.

Salary may be used to pay debt.

25. (1) Subject to this regulation, where a person obtains a judgement against a member or employee of the Board, the Board may satisfy that judgement out of any money that is due and payable (whether for salary or otherwise) by the Board to that member or employee.

(2) In Regulations 24 and 25 of these regulations—

“judgement” means a judgement made by a court of competent jurisdiction, being—

- (a) a judgement, decree, order or an award made in a civil action for the payment of monetary compensation or for damages; or
- (b) an order or an award made in criminal or quasi criminal proceedings for the payment to the complainant of monetary compensation.

Powers of Director of Health.

26. (1) The Director of Health may at any time in the interest of public health—

- (a) inspect, or cause the inspection of, the waterworks,
- (b) inspect, or cause the inspection of, the records, works, and laboratory equipment of the Board;
- (c) examine and test, or cause the examination and testing of, any water in or from the waterworks; and
- (d) recommend the replacement of equipment and materials used in the waterworks, the alteration of laboratory procedures, the addition of water treatment plants and generally anything in relation to the waterworks which in his opinion affects the health of the public.

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(2) If a recommendation made by the Director of Health to the Board under sub-regulation (1) is not carried out by the Board, the Director of Health shall report the matter to the Principal Board of Health established under the Public Health Act, and a direction made by the Principal Board of Health on the matter under reference shall be conclusive and final and shall be carried out.

(3) A person who fails to carry out a direction made under sub-regulation (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding

\$100, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or to both the fine and the imprisonment.

27. (1) A power, authority, discretion or duty given to the Board under these regulations may be exercised or carried out by a person empowered or authorised by the Board in that behalf. Exercise of functions of Board.

(2) An act or omission by a person empowered or authorised under sub-regulation (1) does not bind the Board unless that act or omission is done or committed within the scope of the employment of the person empowered or authorised.

(3) Nothing in this regulation affects the personal liability of any person for his act or omission.

28. Strict compliance with a form in the Schedule to these regulations is not required but substantial compliance is sufficient for the purpose of these regulations. Forms.

29. Where no other penalty is provided, a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of these regulations is on conviction liable to a fine not exceeding \$10 for the first offence, and, in addition, where the offence is a continuing offence, to a fine not exceeding \$1 for each day or part thereof during which the offence continues. Penalty.

THE SCHEDULE

Regulation 3 TONGA WATER BOARD ACT Form I

WATER SUPPLY REGULATIONS

APPLICATION FOR WATER SUPPLY

(This application must be made by the owner of the premises.)

To the Tonga Water Board,
Nuku'alofa.

1 of hereby apply for
(insert full name) (insert address)

supply of water from the main to my premises situated
(insert name

.....
of road or location).

2. The water will be used for purpose
(insert: domestic, business, trade,
building, school or as the case
may be)

3. The approximate total number of persons expected to use the water
(insert number)

4. I enclose the sum of pa'anga seniti
being half of the estimated costs for connecting the supply from the main
to my premises.

5. Accounts for fees for connections, rates or other charges are to be forwarded to me at
(insert address).

Dated this day of 19....
..... Signature of Applicant.

FOR USE BY THE BOARD ONLY

1. Main off which connection is to be made:
2. Size of pipes and meter:
3. Sketch and remarks on work to be done:
4. Total estimated costs to applicant(s):
 - A.—Material
 - B.—Labour
5. Date when water turned on:

NOTE: If a meter is not available, water consumption will be based on estimated number of users and usage to be estimated by the Board.

SECTION 26—Water Board Charges and Rates Notice

Made by the Tonga Water Board

G. 126/67

[31st August, 1967]

1. This notice may be cited as the Water Board Charges and Rates Notice.
2. The following Charges and Rates shall apply with respect to services and water supplied by the Water Board—

CONNECTION AND INSTALLATION CHARGES

- (i) Labour charges for connection from the water main to site of meter:—

For service lines and meters $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 1 inch in diameter	\$ 8.00
For service lines and meters $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch to 2 inches in diameter	\$12.00
For service lines and meters $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches and upwards in diameter	\$20.00
- (ii) Labour cost for trenching and cost of all fittings including pipes from the main to the service lines will be paid by applicant.
- (iii) All charges and costs are payable in full on the completion of installation and connection, or within twelve months thereafter on such terms and conditions as may be satisfactory to the Board.

WATER RATES

The following rates are due and payable monthly.

- (a) *For Premises with Meters:—*

For the first 5000 gallons—55s per 1000 gallons.
Thereafter for consumption—
in excess of 5000 gallons—40s per 1000 gallons.

(b) For Premises without Meters:—

Until these premises are metered, they will be charged at the minimum monthly water consumption rate of 55 seniti with effect from the date of connection to the Board's supply line.