

WASTE WEBINAR

OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT (ACT 59 OF 2008), as amended

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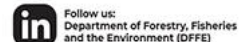


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ROLES OF SPHERES OF GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF NEMWA

NATIONAL (DFFE)

Policy, legislation, and strategy

- Develop **national waste management policy** and legislation
- Set **national norms and standards** for waste management (e.g. classification, storage, disposal)
- Establish the **National Waste Management Strategy (NWMS)**

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Regulatory functions

- Identify and list:
 - **Waste management activities** requiring licensing
 - **Priority waste streams** (e.g. WEEE, tyres)
- Develop and implement **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes**

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Licensing and authorisation

- Issue **waste management licences** for:
 - Activities with **national or cross-provincial impact**
 - Hazardous waste facilities of national importance
- Act as the **appeal authority** for certain decisions (DMPR)

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NATIONAL (DFFE)

Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement

- Monitor implementation of NEMWA nationally
- Enforce compliance through:
 - Environmental Management Inspectors (Green Scorpions)
- Maintain national information systems (e.g. **SAWIC**)

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Support and coordination

- Provide **guidance and support** to provinces and municipalities
- Coordinate international obligations (e.g. **Basel Convention**)

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

- **Implementation and regional planning**
- Develop **Provincial Waste Management Plans**, aligned with NWMS
- Ensure integration with **provincial development planning**
- **Licensing responsibilities**
- Issue **waste management licences** for:
 - Activities within the province (not reserved for national level)
- Conduct **Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)** for waste facilities

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

- **Compliance and enforcement**
- Monitor and enforce compliance with:
 - Licence conditions
 - Waste regulations and standards
- Take enforcement action where necessary

- **Support to municipalities**
- Provide:
 - **Technical support**
 - Capacity building
 - Oversight of municipal performance

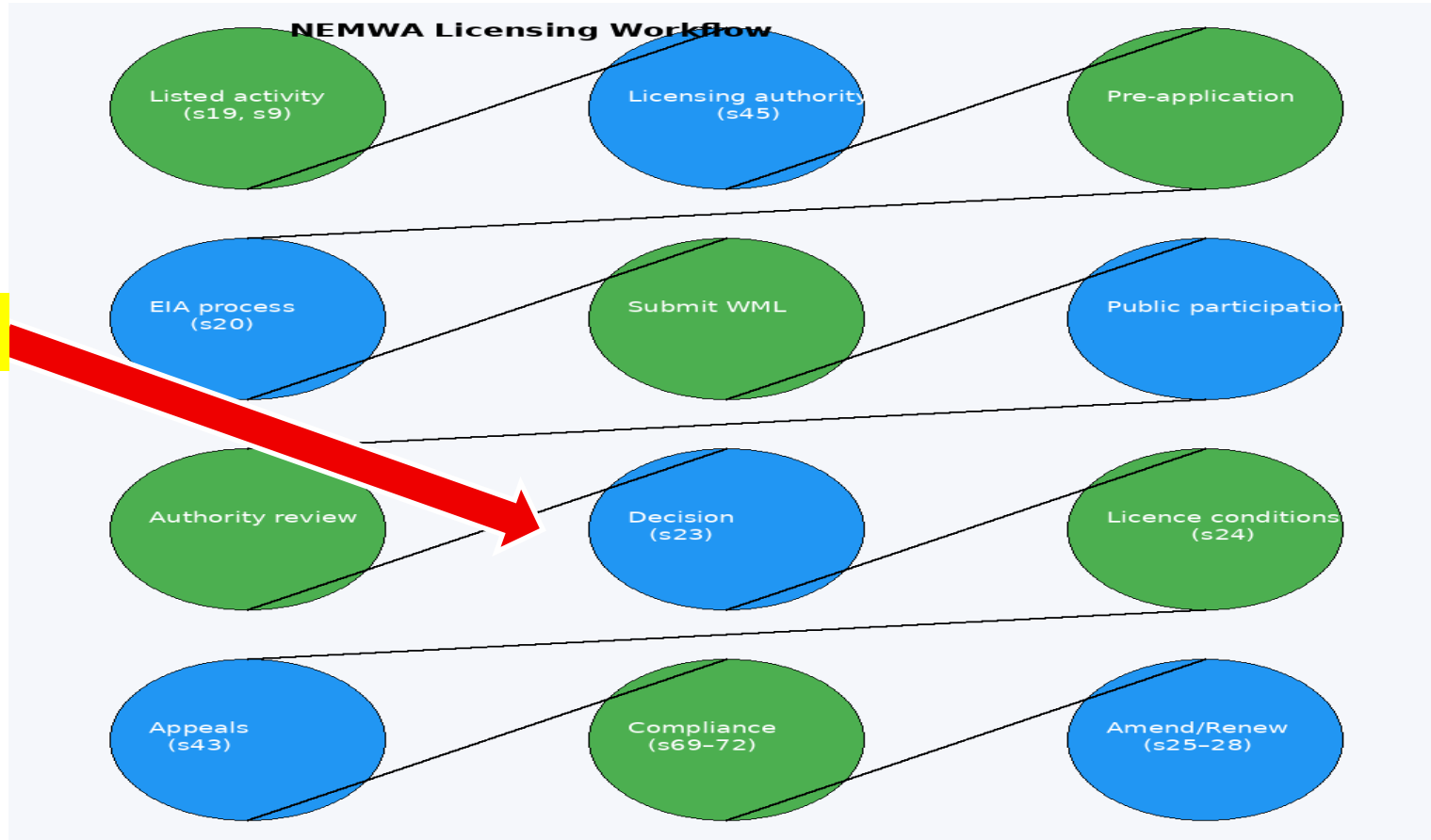
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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Waste information and reporting

- Collect and report waste data to national systems (e.g. IPWIS, GWIS)

WASTE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS



WASTE TYPE → LANDFILL REQUIREMENT

- **Type 0 (Extreme risk)** → No landfill (must be treated)
- **Type 1 (High risk)** → Class A landfill (very high containment)
- **Type 2 (Moderate risk)** → Class B landfill (high containment)
- **Type 3 (Low risk)** → Class C landfill (moderate containment)
- **Type 4 (Inert)** → Class D landfill (minimal containment)

Norms and Standards for the Storage of Waste

Area	Key Requirement	Why It Matters
Time limit	≤ 90 days storage	Prevents long-term accumulation and risk
Storage method	Closed, labelled containers	Avoids spills, exposure, and confusion
Storage area	Impermeable, secure, protected from weather	Protects soil and groundwater
Waste separation	Keep hazardous and general waste apart	Prevents reactions and contamination
Pollution control	No leaks, spills, or runoff	Protects environment and compliance
Health & safety	PPE, restricted access, emergency plans	Protects workers and public
Hazardous Waste	≥ 80 m ³ registration needed	Triggers formal regulatory control
General waste	≥ 100 m ³ registration needed	Triggers formal regulatory control

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