

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL STANDARD
Drinking water (SANS 241 :2015)

Parameter	Unit	Risk	Standard limit
pH at 25 ° C	pH Unit	Operational	≥ 5.0 - < 9.7
Conductivity at 25 0 C	mS/m	Aesthetic	170
Turbidity	NTU	Operational	1
		Aesthetic	5
Free Chlorine	mg/L	Chronic Health	5
Colour	mg/L	Aesthetic	15
Calcium as Ca	mg/L	Aesthetic/Operational	150
Magnesium as Mg	mg/L	Aesthetic/Health	70
Sodium as Na	mg/L	Aesthetic	200
Potassium as K	mg/L	Operational / Health	50
Zinc as Zn	mg/L	Aesthetic	5
Chloride as Cl	mg/L	Aesthetic	300
Fluoride as F	mg/L	Chronic Health	1.5
Sulphate as SO ₄ ²⁻	mg/L	Acute Health Chemical	500
		Aesthetic	250
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Aesthetic	1,200
Nitrate and Nitrite Nitrogen as N	mg/L	Acute Health Chemical	12
Ammonia Nitrogen as N	mg/L	Aesthetic	1.5
Iron as Fe	µg/L	Chronic Health	2,000
		Aesthetic	300
Manganese as Mn	µg/L	Chronic Health	400
		Aesthetic	100
Aluminium as Al	µg/L	Operational	300
Total Coliforms count	cfu/100mL	Operational	10
E.Coli (<1 taken as 0)	cfu/100mL	Acute Health Micro	0
Heterotrophic Plate Count	cfu/ mL	Operational	1,000
Cytopathogenic Viruses	cfu/10 L	Acute Health Micro	0
Cryptosporidium Species	cfu/10 L	Acute Health Micro	0
Gardia Species	cfu/10 L	Acute Health Micro	0
Chloroform	mg/L	Chronic Health	0.3
Bromodichloromethane	mg/L	Chronic Health	0.06
Dibromochloromethane	mg/L	Chronic Health	0.1
Bromoform	mg/L	Chronic Health	0.1
Combined Trihalomethanes	mg/L	Chronic Health	1
Phenols	µg/L	Aesthetic	10
Nitrate as N	mg/L	Acute Health Chemical	11
Nitrite as N	mg/L	Acute Health Chemical	0.9
Antimony as Sb	µg/L	Chronic Health	20
Arsenic as As	µg/L	Chronic Health	10
Cadmium as Cd	µg/L	Chronic Health	3
Chromium as Cr	µg/L	Chronic Health	50
Cobalt as Co	µg/L	Chronic Health	500
Copper as Cu	µg/L	Chronic Health	2,000
Lead as Pb	µg/L	Chronic Health	10
Mercury as Hg	µg/L	Chronic Health	6
Nickel as Ni	µg/L	Chronic Health	70
Selenium as Se	µg/L	Chronic Health	40
Vanadium as V	µg/L	Chronic Health	200
Cyanide	µg/L	Acute Health Chemical	200
Total Organic Carbon as C	mg/L	Chronic Health	10