

TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
(APPLY ONLINE)

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 AS AMENDED IN 1978 AND 1988.

- Section 17 Empowers the Board to lay down, modify and annul standards for sewage / trade effluent.
- Section 20 Empowers the Board to obtain information and give direction to furnish information regarding construction, installation or operation of such establishment or of any disposal system and such other particulars as may be prescribed.
- Section 21 Empowers the Board to collect samples of sewage / trade effluent from any industry.
- Section 24 Prohibits the pollution of stream or well by disposal of polluting matter etc.
- Section 25 & 26 Consent of the Board for establishment / operation of any industry and for discharge of sewage / trade effluent into any stream or well or sewer or on land or into marine coastal areas to be obtained.
- Section 27 Empowers the Board to review the refusal of any consent referred to under Section 25 or Section 26 on the grant of such consent without any condition and make such orders as it deemed fit.
- Section 28 Provides for appeal against the orders of the Board under Section 25 or 26 or 27. Appeal has to be made to the Appellate Authority, within thirty days from the date on which the order is communicated.
- Section 30 Empowers the Board to carry out certain works when the concerned industry has failed to carry out the conditions of the Board and to recover the cost from that industry.
- Section 31 Requires furnishing of information to the Board about accidental discharge of poisonous, noxious or polluting matter.
- Section 32 Empowers the Board to take action on the presence of noxious or polluting matter in any stream or well or sewer or land and issuing orders restraining or prohibiting the discharge of any such matter

into any stream or well or sewer or on land or into marine coastal areas

Section 33A Empowers the Board to issue direction for closure, prohibition or regulation of any industry, operation or process or stoppage or regulation of electricity, water and any other service.

Section 41 to 47 Failure to comply with the directions issued by the Board will attract penal provisions punishable with imprisonment for a term not less than one year and six months but which may extend to six years and with fine

Section 49 No court inferior to that of a Metropolitan Magistrate or a Judicial Magistrate of the first class shall try any offence punishable under the Water Act