

## **About Us**

ECO AUDIT SA is an independent SANAS accredited energy performance certificate inspection body, providing energy performance assessments in South Africa.

Our team of specialists has extensive experience in the real estate sector, the construction industry and in energy consulting, combining the necessary architectural, engineering, and legal expertise to attend to energy performance assessments.



# Why EPC

#### What is an EPC?

An Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) is a legally required verification of the energy utilisation and efficiency of a building. A certificate remains valid for five years, then recertification is required.

#### Does your building need an EPC?

Property owners are required to certify privately-owned buildings larger than 2000 m<sup>2</sup> in these categories:

- Offices
- Entertainment and public assembly (restaurants, night clubs, sports pubs, gyms, etc)
- Places of instruction (schools, colleges, universities, Technikons)
- Theatrical and indoor sport (movie theatres, live theatres, etc)

Government buildings larger than 1000 m<sup>2</sup> also need to comply.

#### Penalties for non-compliance

It's estimated that around 250 000 buildings still require certification. Is yours one of them?

Non-compliance will be in contravention of section 20 of the National Energy Act and the penalty is a fine of ZAR5 million, five years imprisonment, or both.

# Benefits of energy efficient buildings

If you're a building owner, compliance with EPC regulations will enable you to identify where you could introduce energy efficiency measures that:

- Save you money by making your building less expensive to run
- Increase the value of your building
- Create a better working environment
- Contribute to taking electricity demand off the constrained national grid
- Reduce carbon emissions and help to combat climate change

A good EPC rating attracts and retains tenants and has an impact on resale value of property.



## The Process

Our step-by-step approach simplifies the complex process of assessment and verification.

Your part in the certification process is gathering the required information. After we have assessed, collated and prepared everything according to SANAS requirements, the issuing of the EPC should take about 10 working days.

But that doesn't mean you can leave the certification process until the 11th hour. The closer we get to the 7 December 2025 deadline, the more likely there'll be a bottleneck of applications awaiting approval.

To avoid the risk of a fine for non-compliance, contact us today to make sure your building complies with the EPC regulations. We will determine the scope of work and outline the way forward.

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