

REGISTERING YOUR HOME SOLAR SYSTEM

The process and requirements for registering your solar system with local authorities by March 2026 can be confusing, but we are here to help!

General Background and info:

Eskom has been pushing for solar system registration over the last year, and is now starting to make it mandatory in Gauteng. Their current communication is that all solar systems must be registered by March 2026 (next year, so within 12 months), otherwise there may be penalties.

We support the principle, and this ask from Eskom is fair, since they want to ensure that all solar generating units connected to their grid is safe, compliant and of good quality. However, there has been much misinformation and confusion, and clear communication from local authorities (especially in Gauteng) has been sparse. Obviously, solar owners are worried about the complexity of the process, and potential large costs.

The following key points are important regarding solar registration for residential owners:

- Eskom (and the local authorities) indicated that currently there are NO costs involved from their side, which solar owners will need to pay to register.
- The registration process is fairly easy, with some forms that need to be completed, supporting documents attached, and basic things be checked at the solar site.
- The above assumes your solar system meets the minimum standards, and all is compliant. (Which it should be, as we use quality hardware and follow the specified compliance guidelines for all our installs.)
- Authorities may decide to do a basic site visit/check after registration.

We have helped a number of clients with registration, and the process differs a bit depending on your municipal region and if you are a direct Eskom customer or not. (Gauteng in general, is still busy improving the process and making it simpler. Cape Town is ahead of us in this regard.)

For now, there is no major rush, and you have time as a solar owner to consider the detail and then act. Be assured that from what we know at this stage and experienced, that there should be no significant costs or complexities, and you should not be overly concerned.



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The process for us to assist:

1. **Contact us, and we will put you on our schedule to help with the registration soon.**
2. **We do a callout to your property and double check if your solar install is still good and do a general service.**
3. **We do some compliance things, like put solar labelling on your Eskom connection box / meter.**
4. **We complete the relevant registration forms with your details (depending on who provides your power, i.e. City Power, Eskom direct)**
5. **We attach all supporting documents, like solar system documentation, diagrams and certifications.**
6. **One of our qualified electricians signs everything off.**
7. **You email the registration application and documents, cc'ing us.**

To cover our costs for the call out, system service and time to compile the registration pack, we charge a fixed fee of R1,500. (This offer is exclusive to our existing customers.)

We have till March 2026 to get you registered, but please do contact us in the next months, and we can assist when you are ready.



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