

Coming soon: Energy performance certificates for buildings

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Mid-2016 is the target date for the release of South Africa's regulation for the energy performance certificates for buildings, which will move the country forward in line with international best practice in energy conservation and monitoring.



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The regulation, once promulgated, will require all government owned and leased premises to disclose a building's energy consumption through an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). There will not be a required minimum rating as the intention is for the facility managers of the buildings to use the rating information and consumption data to manage building performance.

The applicable standard for EPCs, SANS 1544, was published in January 2015 and was fine-tuned by a working group including the Department of Energy ([DoE](#)), the Department of Public Works ([DPW](#)), Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research ([CSIR](#)), Green Building Council South Africa ([GBCSA](#)) and the Construction Industry Development Board ([CIDB](#)).

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