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Progress on EPC Compliance, Verification and Enforcement Mechanism

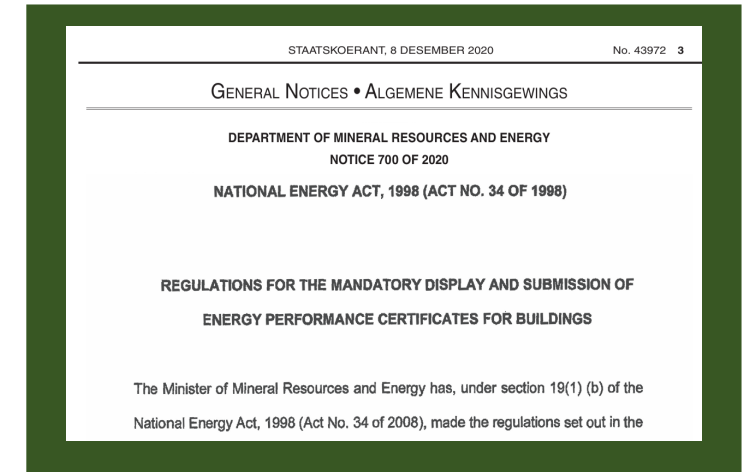


**ONLINE Webinar: Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)
Compliance & Industry Implementation**

Friday, 31 July 2026

PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

1. To reflect on the Elements of the EPC Compliance Monitoring, Verification and Enforcement Framework (EPC CmVEF).
2. To outline key steps to be taken by buildings owners to comply with the EPC Regulations.
3. To conclude by reflecting on the Energy Efficiency (EE) Scenario (2026-2035): NEES Review.





REGULATIONS ON MANDATORY DISPLAY AND SUBMISSION OF EPC FOR BUILDINGS

.....*measure, rate, and publicly disclose* the operational energy performance of buildings on a scale from A to G.



Compliance: Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) must be **PUBLICLY DISPLAYED** at the entrance of a building, and a **CERTIFIED COPY** must be submitted to SANEDI within **three calendar months** of the date of issue of the certificate.



OBJECTIVES:

- (a) introduce mandatory requirements for the display of energy performance certificates in non -residential buildings, (b) provide for the submission of energy performance certificates by organs of state and owners of buildings.



NO VALID EPC

Building has **NO VALID EPC** obtained from a registered professional or accredited body and/or **HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED** on the NBEPR maintained by SANEDI.



NO EPC Publicly Displayed

NO EPC is **PUBLICLY DISPLAYED** at the main building entrance, as required by the Regulations



NO Certified Copy Submitted

No certified copy of an EPC was submitted to SANEDI for inclusion in the NBEPR.



APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

Accounting Officer of an Organ of State OR Private Building

Registration of Buildings

National Building Energy
Performance Register
(NBEPR)

Use of Registered EPC Professionals

Individual Professional register
by SANEDI

Quality Management Guidelines

Use of Registered EPC
Professionals

Digital Platforms

Streamline EPC process and
introduce QR code

Compliance Deadline: 07 December 2025.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT: SANS 1544:2014 and SANS 10400-XA:2021 | National Energy Efficiency Strategy (NEES) 2026–2035 | National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP)



EPC Compliance Monitoring, Verification & Enforcement Steps: 12-months period



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Written EPC Non-compliance Notice

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- 12-months graduated compliance and enforcement mechanism
 - Support first, punish later: Acknowledgment of Qualifying Buildings by Building Owner
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Compulsory EPC Compliance Plan by Building Owner

- Building Owner: Statement of Commitment on a **process to comply** within the stipulated timeline of the non-compliance notice.
- **Stipulate the types and numbers of qualifying buildings.**

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Inspections, Public Listing & Penalties

- Strategic partnership with municipalities as per **Regulation 5 (1)**.
- **Municipality's EPC Compliance Tracking Tool.**
- **Public Listing of Non-Complying Buildings**



Support through EPC Skills Development: Training Institutions and Unemployed Graduates/Technicians

Timeframe: Step-by-Step EPC Compliance & Enforcement Mechanism

Short-Term (0-2 months)

- **Regulation 5(1)** – appointment of municipalities as representatives
- **Screening and geographically mapping of buildings:** municipality jurisdiction

Short-term (3-5 months)

- **Verification and spot checks** of issued EPCs within municipalities
- **Municipal compliance monitoring platforms.**

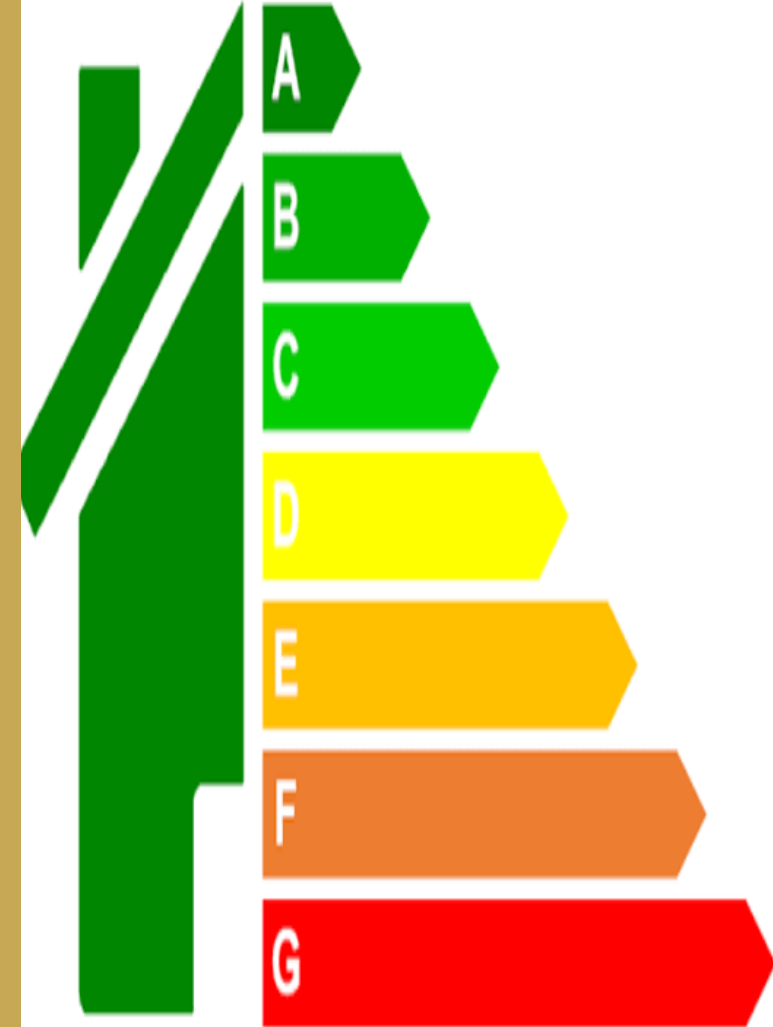
Mid-term (6-8 months)

- **Final warning for persistence non-compliance.**
- **Public listing** of non-complying buildings.

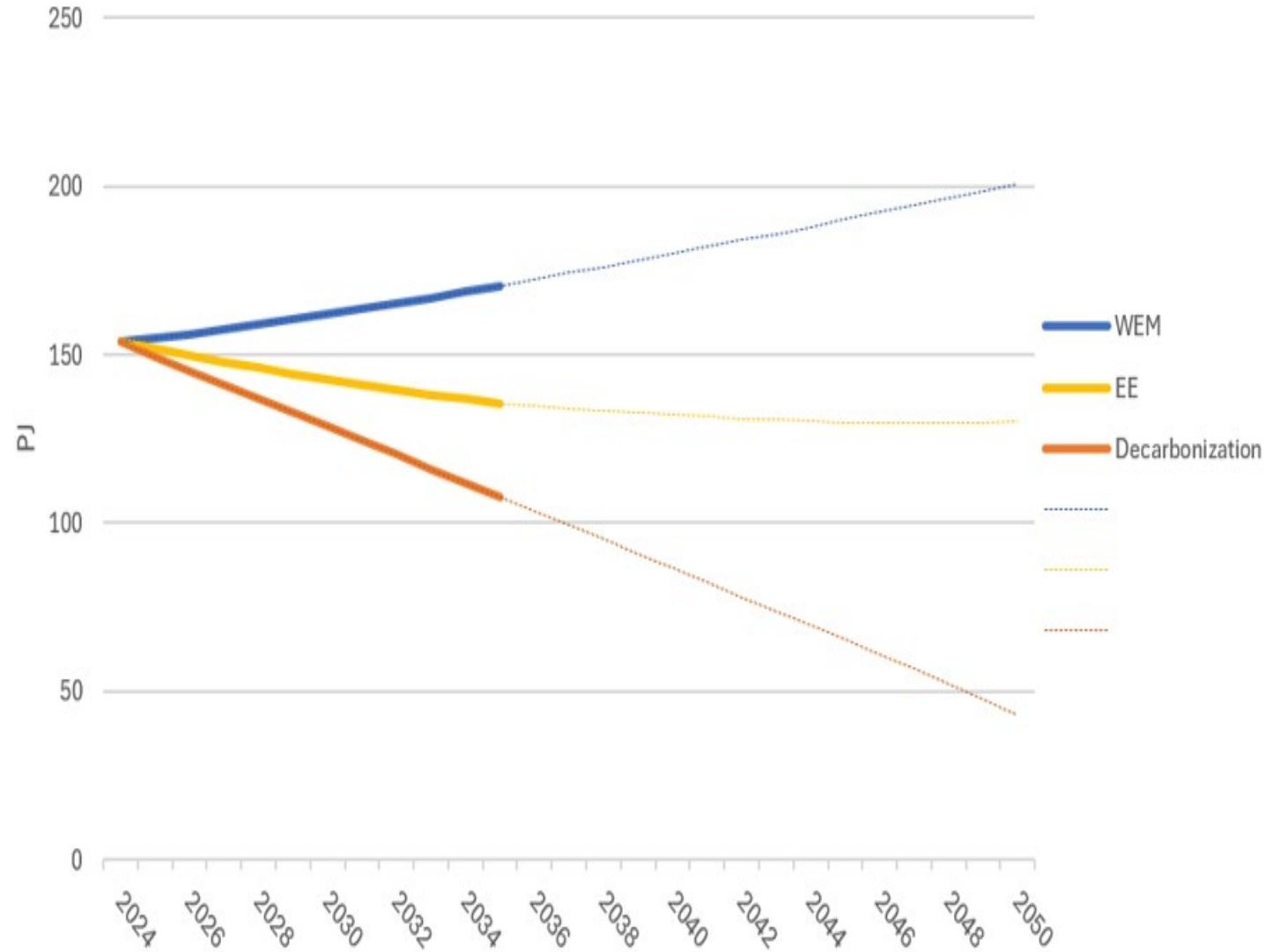
Mid-term (9-12 months)

- **Initiated prosecutions and penalties** as per section 20(1) of the National Energy Act (Act No 34 of 2008)
- **Amendment of Regulations** empowering municipalities

12-months EPC compliance



CONCLUSION



Source: 2026 NEES review, DEE

Energy Efficiency (EE) Scenario: 2026 – 2035: NEES Review

- **Builds on the With Existing Measures (WEM) scenario.**
- **Additional building classifications** for display of EPCs.
- **Compulsory EPC Compliance Plan** and **accelerated enforcement** in partnership with municipalities.
- Introduction of **gradual energy performance improvement** for 2nd generation of EPC (EPC+) for qualifying buildings.
- **Consideration of Incentives** for building complying above required rating.



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