

Energy Services Applications:

New or Modified Electricity Supply

'How To' Guide

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About

The City of Cape Town's new online Energy Services platform can be used to **apply for a new electricity supply** or a **modification to an existing electricity supply** within the City of Cape Town's electricity supply area.

The aim of the new online platform is to improve the process of applying for energy-related services by

- reducing turnaround times
- increasing transparency on an application's progress and status
- automate the issuing of quotations for certain application types

Note: PDF applications will be phased out, and you are encouraged to use the Energy Services platform for all new applications.

Electrical Contractors

For any work requiring an electrical **Certificate of Compliance**, the electrical contractor must be registered as a Service Provider on the Energy Services portal on e-Services. To do this, follow the steps in this Guide here.

NOTE: This Guide is for **electricity supply applications only**. For **SSEG applications**, please read the How-to Guide <u>here</u>.

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What you can apply for: Part 1

The following table outlines what types of connections you can apply for on the online application platform:

*Requires electrical contractor

Type of application	Description
New supply*	To establish a new metered electricity connection to a new property or sub-division. Applications must include a Certificate of Compliance issued by a registered electrical contractor for any electrical work completed on the property. A new metered electricity connection is required for new properties or sub-divisions. When applying, you must provide your registered electrical contractor's details as part of the application. A Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for completed electrical work will be required from your contractor, but this can be submitted after your initial application is processed.
Upgrade/downgrade of existing supply*	To increase or decrease electricity supply. When applying, you must provide your registered electrical contractor's details as part of the application. A Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for completed electrical work will be required from your contractor, but this can be submitted after your initial application is processed.
Retrofitting of existing credit meter with split pre-paid meter (PPM)*	To replace a credit meter (billed retrospectively) with a split prepayment meter. Note: Residential retrofits are free as part of the Meter Replacement Programme if the customer chooses to wait until the contractor is scheduled to work in their area. Customers who prefer not to wait may opt to pay for the service.
Additional Meter*	To install an additional electricity meter on a property. Note: A maximum of three meters are allowed on a domestic (residential) property. The size of the main breaker to the property and the size of supply to each meter point after the main circuit breaker must be provided as part of the application.
Relocation Consumer Service Cable	To reroute the external electrical supply cable to a different location on the property or building.

What you can apply for: Part 2

The following table outlines what types of connections you can apply for on the online application platform:

*Requires electrical contractor

Type of application	Description
Overhead to Underground*	To convert an existing electrical connection, which currently receives power through an overhead line, to an underground electrical cable system. Applications must include a Certificate of Compliance issued by a registered electrical contractor for any electrical work completed on the property. This service converts your existing overhead electricity connection to an underground connection. When applying, you must provide your registered electrical contractor's details. A Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for completed electrical work will be required from your contractor, but this can be submitted after your initial application is processed.
Disconnection and/or Reconnection of low voltage supply	Disconnection and reconnection of low voltage supply during the same site visit. All conducted during or after office hours. One occasion is a disconnection and the associated reconnection even if two visits are required.
Replacement of lost / damaged prepayment meter key pad	Replacement service for lost or damaged prepayment meter keypads. A new keypad will be provided to maintain your electricity access.
Accuracy test of residential meter on site	Residential meter onsite test.
Replacement of Burnt, Vandalised, Stolen Meters/Retrofits	This service covers the replacement of electricity meters or retrofits that have been damaged by fire, vandalised, or stolen.

What you can apply for: Part 3

The following table outlines what types of connections you can apply for on the online application platform:

*Requires electrical contractor

Type of application	Description
Relocation of Services*	To relocate any City-owned electrical infrastructure (such as public street lights, electrical kiosks, electrical cables, electrical overhead services and electrical substations, etc.) to a different physical location. Note: Each request will be evaluated to determine viability, as it is not always possible to relocate services.
Temporary Supply	Temporary supply of electricity to premises for a period of less than 12 months. When applying, you must provide your registered electrical contractor's details. A Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for completed electrical work will be required from your contractor, but this can be submitted after your initial application is processed. Note: Temporary power supply is not permitted for properties that already have a metered electrical connection. The supply duration may not exceed 12 months, and the maximum capacity allowed is 500kVA.
Engineering Services	This service includes conducting engineering network studies to assess and optimise electrical network performance, as well as the installation of Quality of Supply (QoS) instruments to monitor and ensure compliance with power quality standards.
Unmetered Supply Services*	This service includes the provision of unmetered electricity supply for specific applications, such as radio relay stations, security and speed trap cameras and all other installations where metering is not considered feasible. These supplies are typically for equipment with a fixed and predictable energy consumption profile.
Other Services	This category covers services not listed elsewhere. Customers must provide a clear and detailed description of the required service. Insufficient information may result in delays in generating a quotation.

Type of property

The application process will differ slightly depending on the type of property that the application is for. Please read the following information before starting the application process:

- 1. Individual residential or commercial properties with a City-owned electricity meter:
- Start at Step 1 <u>here</u>.
- 2. Properties owned by a company or business:

Please first follow the process in this guide here.

- 3. Group developments including sectional titles or properties on an estate:
- a) For properties with a **City-owned bulk meter and PRIVATE sub-metering per unit**:
 - These SSEG applications can be done via Energy Services on e-Services portal but only for the bulk connection point. The property owner i.e. the body corporate (BC) or Home Owners Association (HOA) must submit the application online. A person who is **legally authorised** to act on their behalf must register the BC/HOA on e-Services and submit the application follow the process in this guide here.
- b) For properties with City-owned individual sub-metering per unit:
 - These customers will be able to view their property on the Online Platform and so can proceed with the process as usual start from Step 1 <u>here</u>.

Step 1: Create an account on e-Services

If you have already registered for e-Services and activated Energy Services, proceed to Step 2 of this guide here.

- Visit the City's <u>Register for e-Services</u> page for information on how to register.
- Go to the <u>e-Services Portal</u> to register or log on to an existing profile.
- Follow section 1. Register for e-Services New user in the <u>e-Services registration user manual</u>.

NOTE: Once created, the activation of the e-Services account will take 1-2 days.

Once registered, activate 'Energy Services' by following section 2. Activate a service as an individual on e-Services in the e-Services registration user manual.

NOTE: Make sure to activate the 'Energy Services' service as an **individual**, not an organisation. Activation will take 1-2 days. An email notification will be sent once the service activation is approved.

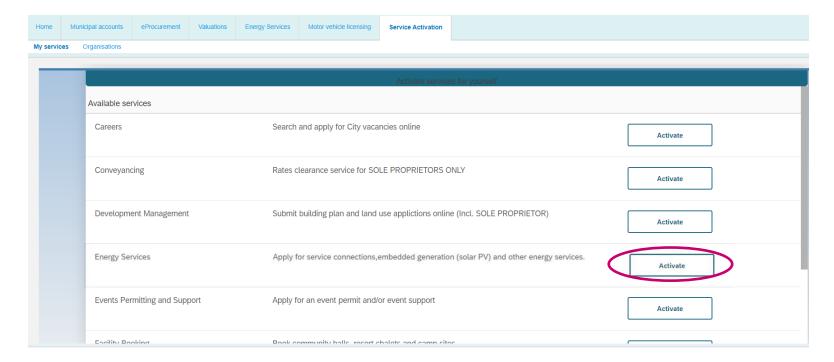
NOTE: e-Services is only for use on a web browser. Functionality on a mobile is limited.

NOTE: For queries relating to e-Services registration, please email Revenue.Eservices@capetown.gov.za

Step 1: Activate Energy Services

Once you have received confirmation that e-Services has been activated:

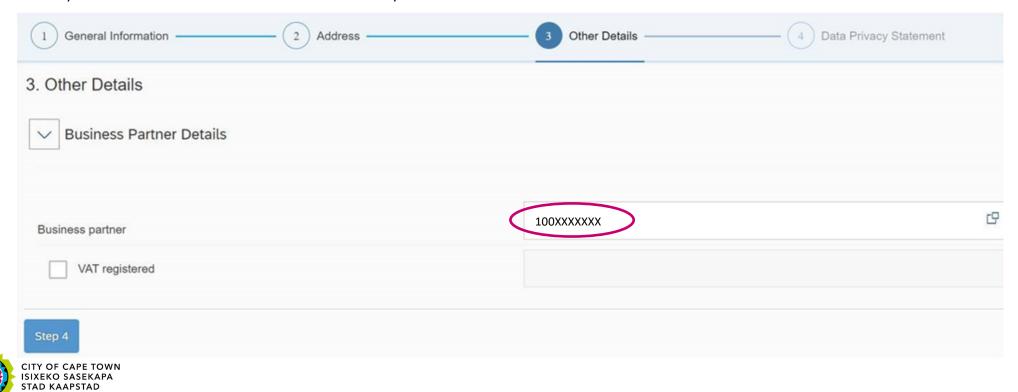
- Log on to e-Services
- Navigate My Services under the Service Activation Tab.
- Select Activate Energy Services



Step 1: Activate Energy Services

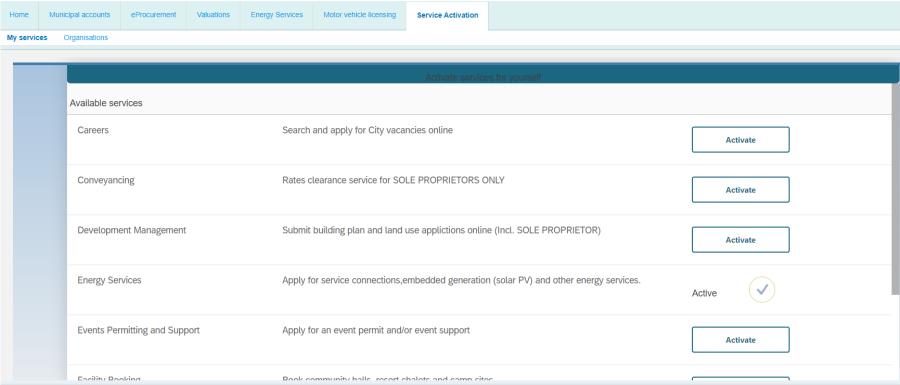
Fill out the **Activate Energy Services** form details. **Important:** Check that the **Business Partner** field is populated to avoid delays!

If you do not have a Business Partner number, leave this field blank. Please note, this may take an additional 1-2 days as it will need to be attended to by Revenue e-Services.



Step 1: View Activated Energy Services

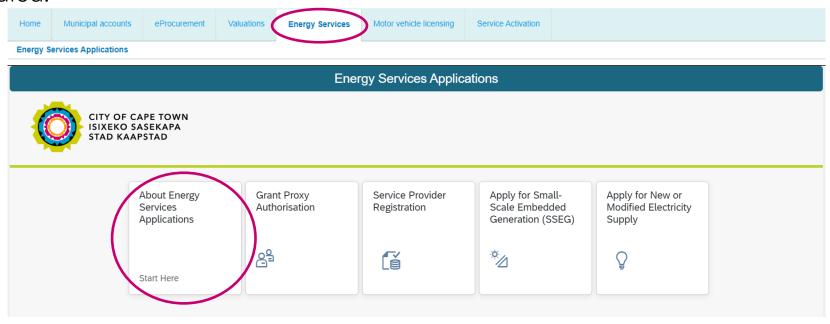
Once you have received confirmation that Energy Services has been activated, you will see that **Energy Services** is active in **My Services** under the **Service Activation** Tab.





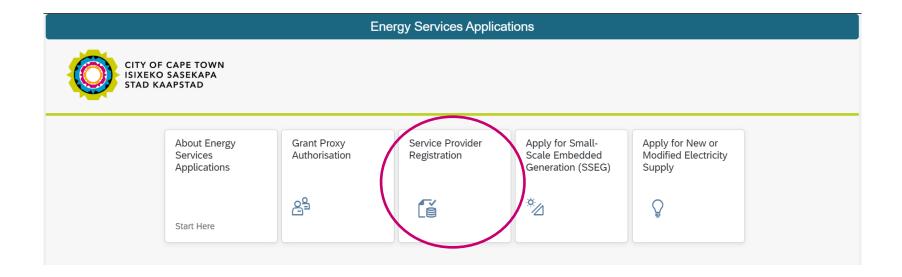
Step 1: Find 'Energy Services Applications'

The **Energy Services Applications** tab will automatically be available once 'Energy Services' is activated:



NOTE: Please make sure you first read the About Energy Services Applications section as it contains important information about the online application process

- Log on to the <u>e-Services Portal</u> and navigate to Energy Services > Energy Services Applications
- Click on Service Provider Registration



NOTE: For an electrical contractor to be selectable in the application platform, they MUST register first. This is a once-off registration.

Important information

The **electrical contractors** who will be signing the Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for the electrical work done on site must be registered via the **Service Provider Registration** process. This can be done by the electrical contractor themselves or by a third party.

Before starting this step, the person submitting the service provider registration request must be registered on e-Services and have activated the 'Energy Services' service as outlined in Step 1.

To complete the Service Providers registration, you will need the following documents on hand:

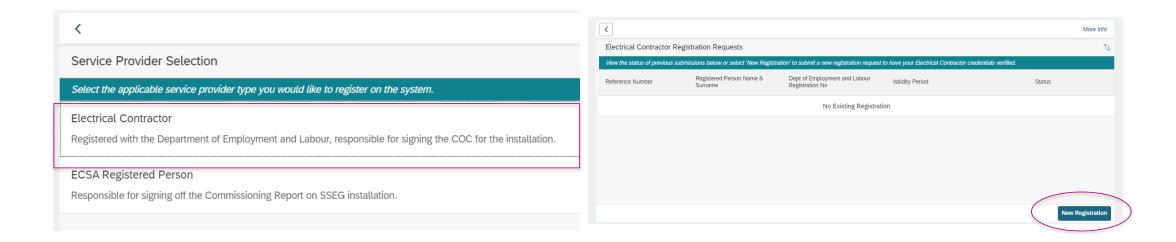
- A copy of the electrical contractor's ID
- A copy of the electrical contractor's Department of Employment and Labour (DEL) registration document

For any of the application services where an identity document (ID) is required, the following forms of identification are accepted:

- Green-coded SA ID;
- SA smart ID card;

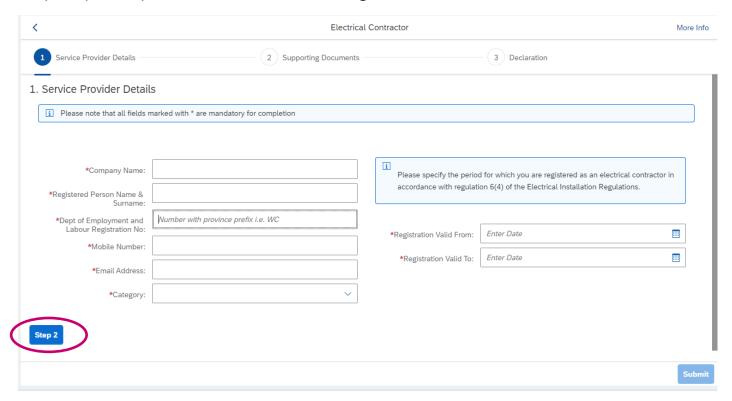
Valid passport document.

- Select Electrical Contractor from Service Provider Selection
- Initiate 'New Registration' by clicking on button.



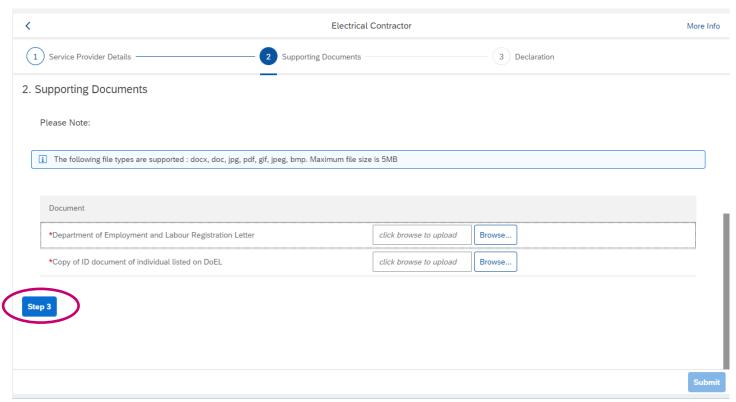
1. Provide Electrical Contractor registration details

- Enter the electrical contractor's details. **NOTE:** The Department of Employment and Labour number must contain the prefix (no spaces) before the numbers, e.g. **WC**04117
- Click 'Step 2'



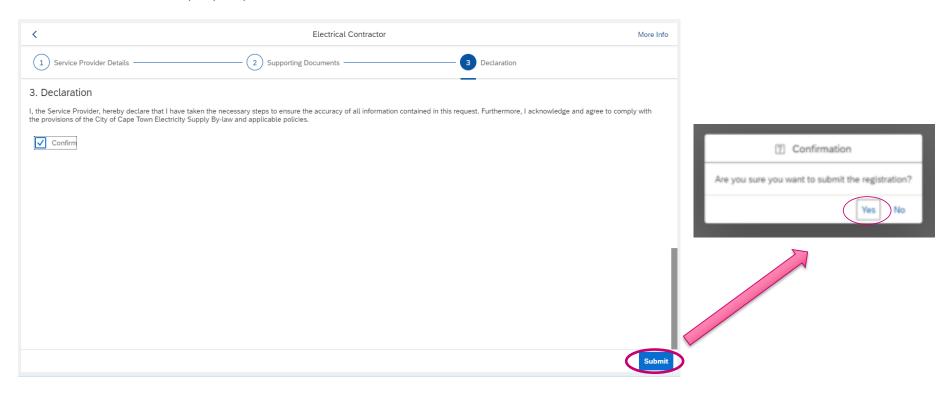
2. Upload Supporting Documents

- Upload the electrical contractor's Department of Employment and Labour registration document and a copy of their ID.
- Click 'Step 3'



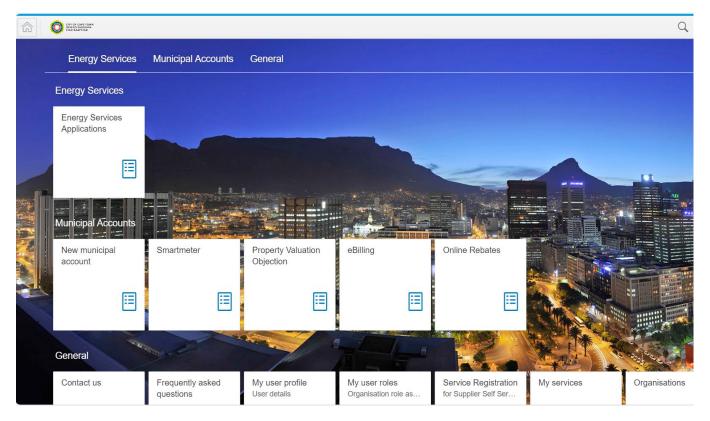
3. Declare and Submit Registration

- Read the Declaration and tick 'Confirm'
- Click 'Submit'
- Click 'Yes' on confirmation pop-up



Step 1: Find 'Energy Services Applications' (in the new e-Services View)

If you are using the 'New e-Services' view, the **Energy Services Applications** will appear as a tile under Energy Services.



Step 2: Property Owner to Grant Proxy Authorisation

If an electrical contractor will be submitting the application on the property owner's behalf, the property owner will first need to grant them Proxy Authorisation in order for them to submit the application.

If the property owner is submitting the application, proceed to Step 3 of this Guide

NOTE: If the property is **owned by a company/organisation**, the organisation will **first** need to be registered on e-Services by a legally authorised person (e.g. owner). Follow the steps in this Guide **here** before continuing.

The property owner will need to be registered on e-Services to complete this step. See Step 1 for how to register on e-Services.

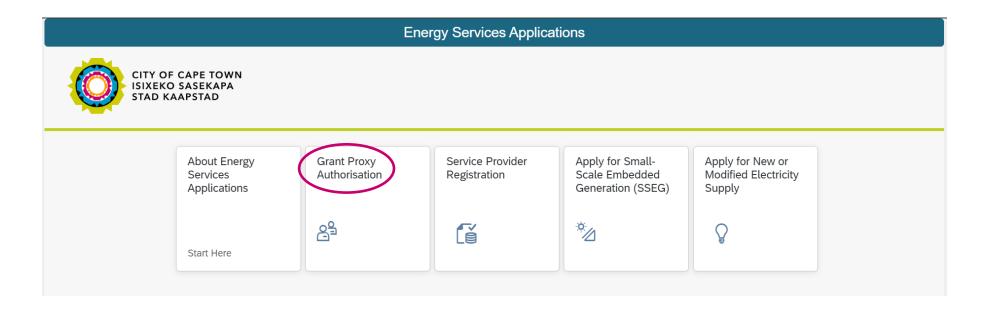
To complete this step, the property owner will need to have the following documents on hand:

- The Business Partner (BP) number of the property owner (this is reflected on the rates account of the property applying for the service)
- The BP number of the individual who will be logging in to e-Services and submitting the application

NOTE: If another person will complete and submit the application on your behalf (such as your electrical contractor) you, <u>as property owner</u>, would need to grant proxy authorisation. NOTE: Proxy authorisation is linked to a property. You as the property owner SHOULD NOT share your e-Services log in details with someone in order to grant proxy authorisation or for them to submit an application on your behalf.

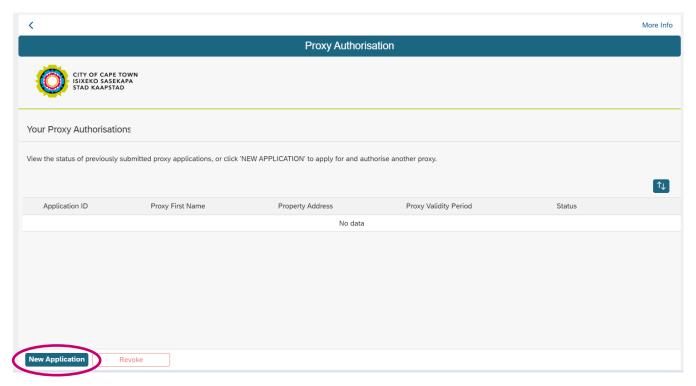
The following is completed by the **property owner**:

- Log on to the <u>e-Services Portal</u> and navigate to Energy Services > Energy Services Applications
- Click on Grant Proxy Authorisation



Here you can view all your current and completed proxy authorisations for energy services applications.

Click on New Application to authorise a new proxy

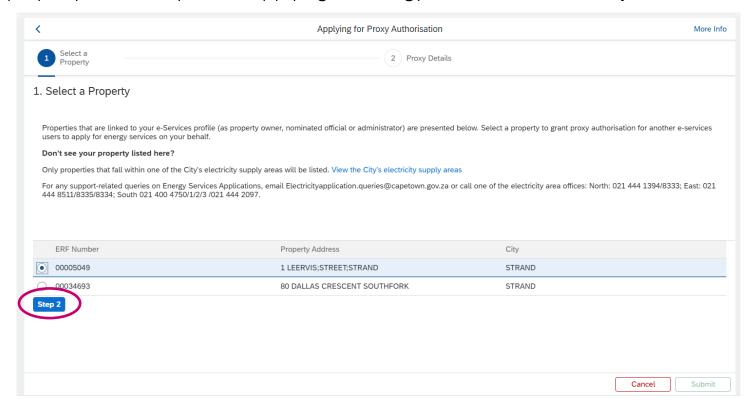


NOTE: If you would like your service provider to submit the application on your behalf (such as your electrical contractor) they will be the proxy for your application.

1. Select a Property

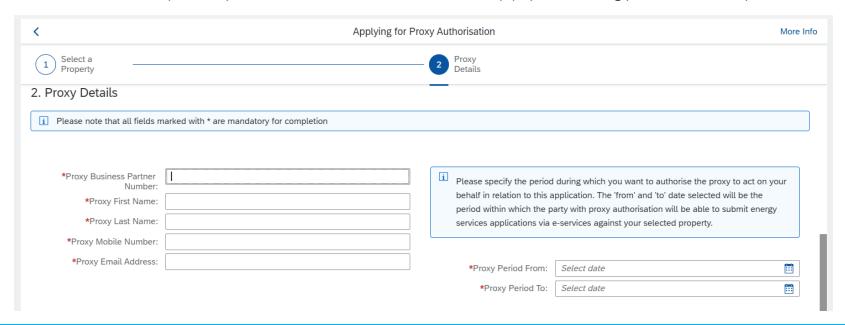
Properties registered in your name will automatically appear here.

Select the property for which you are applying for energy services and click Step 2



2. Proxy Details

Insert your proxy's details and the proxy authorisation period i.e. how long you would like to grant proxy
authorisation for example to your electrical contractor, to apply for energy services on your behalf.



NOTE: Proxy authorisation will be given to a person for a specified period of time of no more than 12 months. Once this time has elapsed, you must reapply to "Grant Proxy Authorisation" with a new time period.

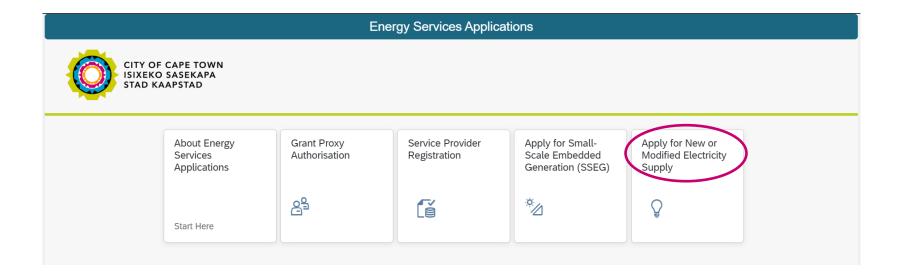
Read through the declaration and tick Yes, then click Submit

I, the property owner, appoint the proxy as identified above to be the agent of the owner. On behalf of the owner, the proxy is authorised to apply to the City of Cape Town for approval of this application at the property selected in Section A. For this purpose, the proxy is empowered to sign and submit all such forms and documents as may be required by the City of Cape Town and to enter into correspondence and discussions with the City of Cape Town to secure such approval. In general, for the purpose of securing such approval, the proxy is granted the authority to do whatsoever may be necessary as fully and effectually as the owner might or could do if attending to the matter personally. I hereby ratify whatever my agent may lawfully do in terms hereof.

| Yes | No | | |

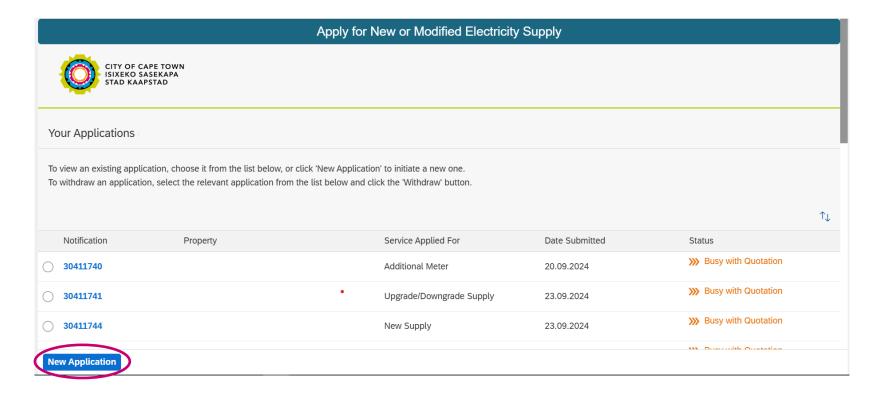
Once authorised, the proxy will be notified and linked to the relevant property via e-Services

- Log on to e-Services and navigate to Energy Service Applications
- Click the tile Apply for New or Modified Electricity Supply



Here you will see your existing application(s)

Click New Application



Read the Terms and Conditions and click Agree

Terms & Conditions

By making application and signing this form the applicant gives consent to the processing of his/her/its personal information as reflected thereon, as understood in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013, and to the further processing thereof internally within the City of Cape Town and to its contractors and service providers and its research partners, subject to the conditions of the said Act.

Electricity supply is governed by the City of Cape Town Electricity Supply By-law 2010 and its 2017 Amended By-law. By submitting this application, applicants agree to comply with all terms and conditions set out in these By-laws, including but not limited to provisions regarding electricity supply agreements, liability for electricity charges, billing procedures, metering requirements, access rights, and substation accommodation.

The quotation will remain valid as specified in the quotation letter. If payment is not made within this validity period or the development is not ready for the installation of services within six months from the date of payment, the quotation will lapse and a new application will have to be submitted. A revised quotation at the tariff applicable at the time will then be rendered. If the development will not be ready for the installation of services within six months from the date of payment, do not submit an application now but rather apply later.

The requirement to submit a Commencement of Work form for installation work that would require a new or upgraded electricity supply was waived in the City of Cape Town in accordance with Regulation 8(1) of the Electrical Installation Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act 85 of 1993).

Visit www.capetown.gov.za/elecserviceforms for the current tariff rates and policy. You are advised to acquaint yourself with the tariffs available and the conditions applicable, and consult with your electrician or consultant. A wrong or inappropriate tariff may result in delays with the quotation or unnecessarily high electricity bills.

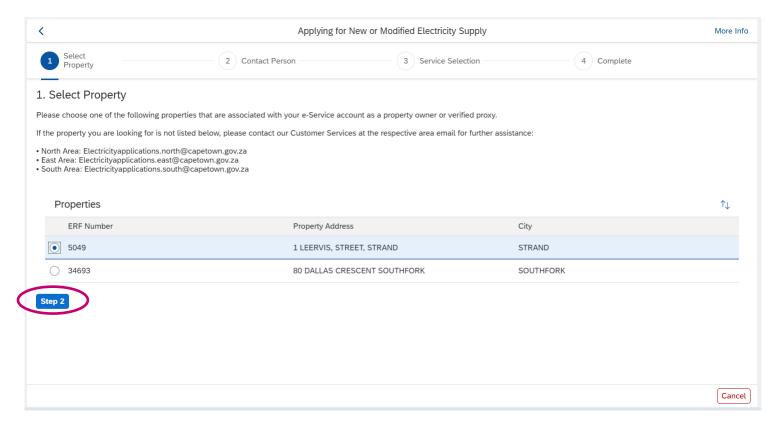
Incentive tariffs are only available to qualifying customers as stipulated in terms of the City's Investment Incentives Policy.

By clicking the 'Agree' button, you acknowledge that you have read and accept the City of Cape Town's Privacy Policy, Terms of Use, and Terms & Conditions.



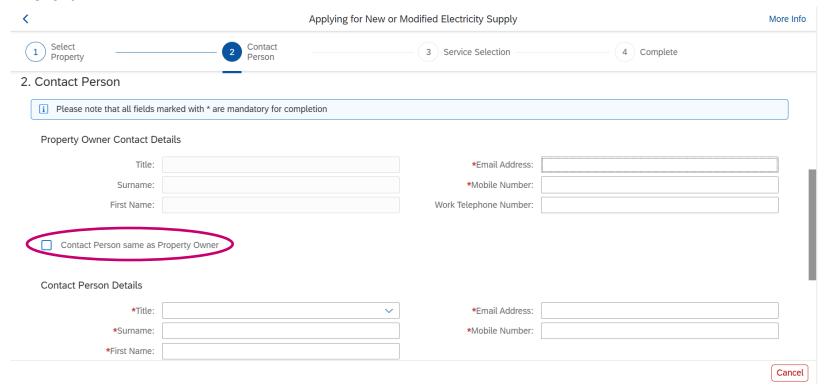
1. Select Property

- You should see the properties listed associated with your e-Services account.
- Select the relevant property for the application from the list of properties and click Step 2



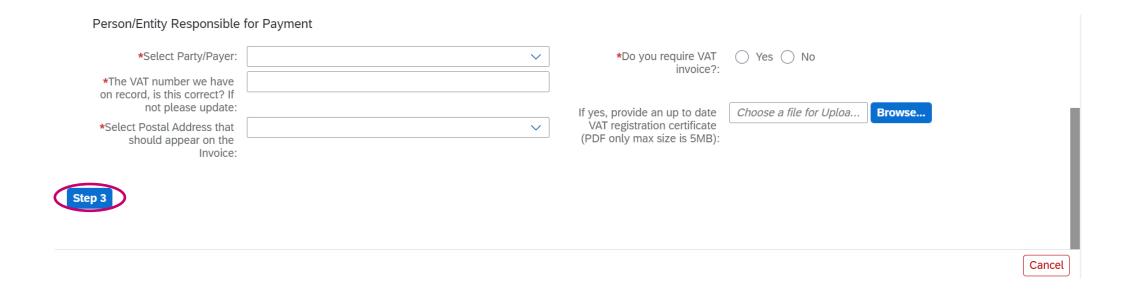
2. Contact Person

- Fill in the property owner's contact information (some details will be pre-populated)
- Tick Contact Person same as Property Owner if the property owner is submitting the application
- If someone else is submitting the application (e.g. electrical contractor), fill in their details under Contact Person Details



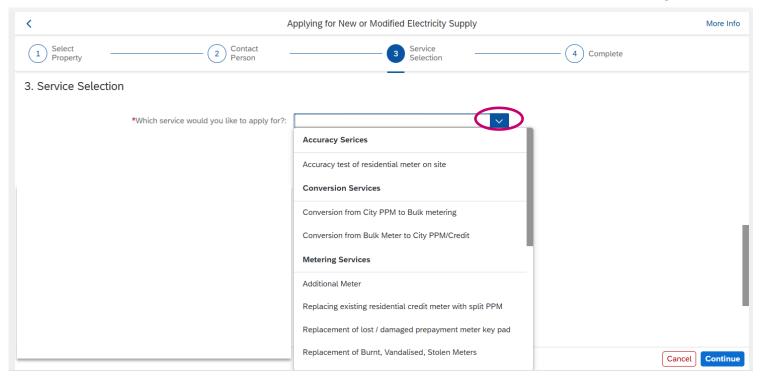
• Fill in the details of the person/entity responsible for the payment, and click Step 3

Note: Fields will disappear if you do not require a VAT invoice



3. Service Selection

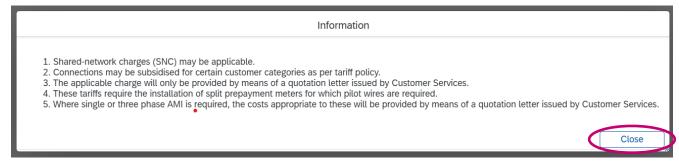
Click on the drop-down arrow to select which service you are applying for:



Note: A description of each service can be found in this guide here.

3. Service Selection

 An information box will pop up depending on your selection. Please read the information carefully and then click Close.



Click Step 4



4. Complete

- A summary of your application will appear. Please confirm the details of your application.
- Click Continue.



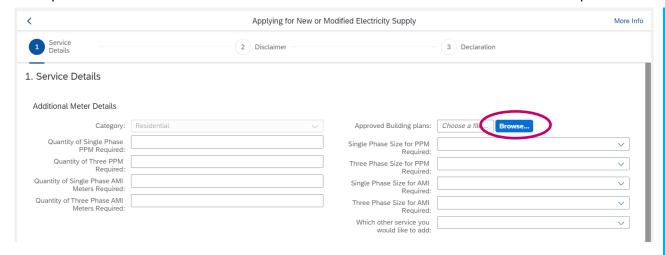
Depending on your service selection, you will be required to enter **additional details** relating to your existing and requested electricity supply, and your electrical contactor's details.

Note: In order for you to submit the application, your electrical contractor will FIRST need to be registered as a Service Provider on the Energy Services portal on e-Services. To register an electrical contractor as a Service Provider, follow the steps here.

Example for an additional meter on a residential property:

Please note that the information required will differ depending on your service selection

Input the additional meter details in the relevant fields, and upload the building plans:



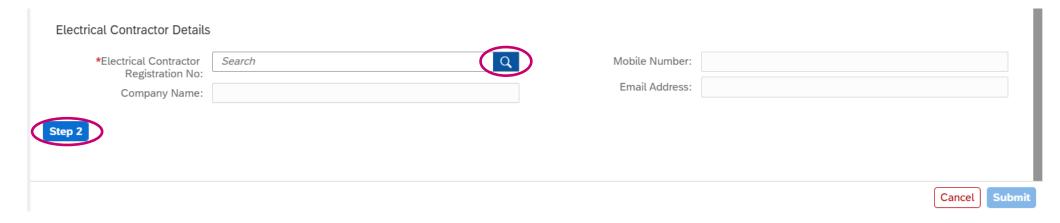
Note: Building plans **must** have received prior approval by the Development Management Dept.

To qualify for an additional meter:

- Single structures must have a separate kitchen per additional meter
- Separate structures require no additional kitchens

This applies to residential applications only.

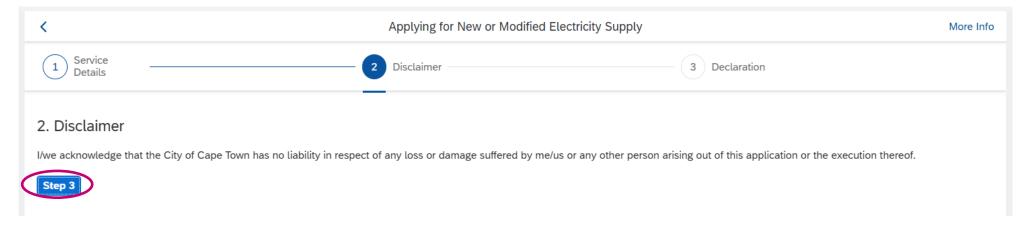
• Enter your electrical contractor's Registration number, and press enter or click the search button. Their company and contact details will then autofill in the remaining fields. Click **Step 2**



Note: If your electrical contractor has not registered as a service provider, you will need to exit the application and have them registered by following the steps here. You can then submit the application.

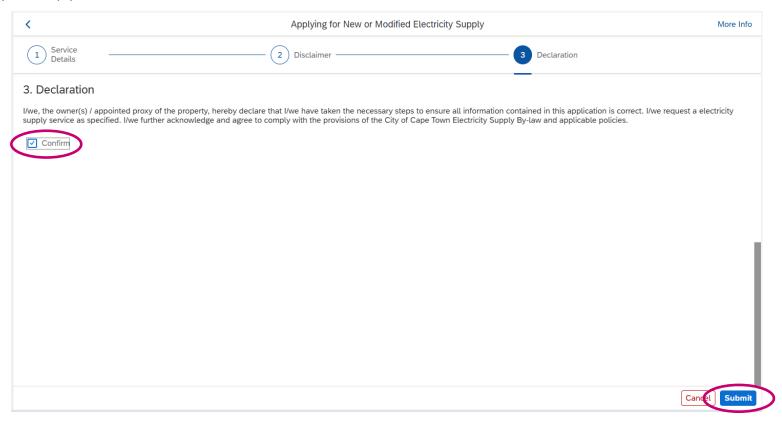
Step 3: Apply for New or Modified Electricity Supply

Read the Disclaimer, and click Step 3



Step 3: Apply for New or Modified Electricity Supply

- Read the Declaration, and click Confirm.
- To submit your application, click **Submit**.



Next steps



- You will get a notification number on your screen please keep this number as your reference and for tracking purposes. Both the property owner and the proxy (if applicable) will also receive email confirmation of the application, which contains your notification number.
- Certain application types will be issued an automatic quotation and tax invoice (where applicable) via email. Certain application types require investigation, and a quote will be issued once this has been completed.
- Once payment has cleared and the site is ready for the installation, contact the relevant District Office listed on your quotation letter to arrange for the City to install the requested service connection.
- If wayleaves are required, they are applied for upon payment. Once granted and the site is ready, contact the relevant District Office listed on your quotation letter to arrange for installation.
- Where a **CoC** is required, the electrical contractor registered to the application must provide the CoC to the relevant District Office (indicated on the quotation letter). Once confirmed, commissioning can then proceed.
- You (the property owner and proxy if applicable) will receive email updates of your application's progress. Where applicable, the electrical contractor will also be notified.

If you wish to apply for a service connection for a property that is owned by a business or organisation, please first follow this registration process, and then <u>proceed to Step 2</u> to Grant Proxy Authorisation if your application is being handled by a third party, or to <u>Step 3</u> if you are submitting the application yourself.

The organisation will need to be registered on e-Services by a person who has legal authorisation to act on behalf of the company (e.g. company owner). This person can then activate services for the company, including Energy Services.

- The person who is **legally authorised** to must register on e-Services as an **individual**:
 - Visit the City's <u>Register for e-Services</u> page for information on how to register.
 - Go to the <u>e-Services Portal</u> to register or log on to an existing profile.
 - Follow section 1. Register for e-Services New user in the e-Services registration user manual.
- Once logged in, add the company that is the owner of the property for which you are applying:
 - Go to: General > Organisations > Add organisation choose 'Add new organisation':

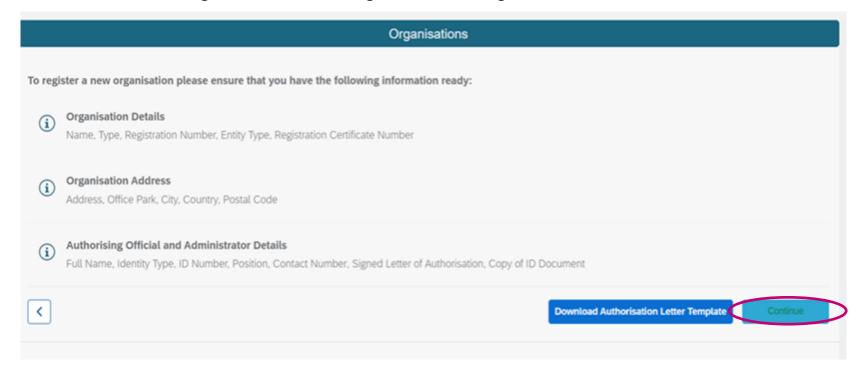
• Go to: General > Organisations



Click on 'Add new organisation':



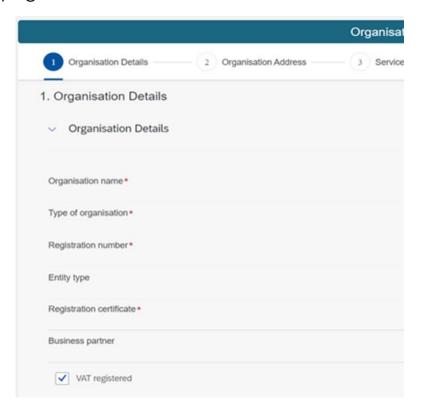
• You will need the following information to register a new organisation:



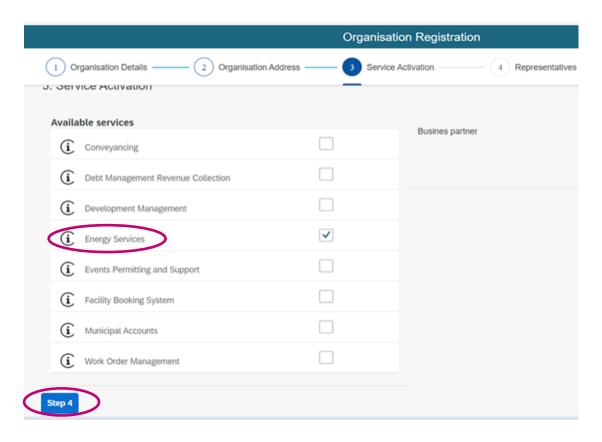
Click Continue

• Fill in the organisation's details and upload the company Registration certificate:

NOTE: Ensure to use **correct company Business Partner number** that is on the rates account of the property for which you are applying



Select Energy Services and click Step 4



• Complete details of the company representatives (can be a signed in user or a new user) and upload ID: **NOTE:** A single individual may occupy multiple roles as, for example, is normally the case in small businesses. The owner may occupy all of the above roles

NOTE: The registration process for organisations requires several roles to be activated in order to grant access to company account information. These roles are listed below:

Authorising official:

- Person designated to authorise the organisation's interactions with the City via e-Services
- May be the business owner or a senior official within the organisation
- Responsible for assigning the initial user administrator for the organisation's e-Services account

Administrator:

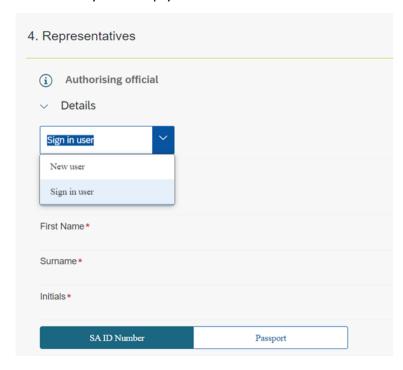
- Person responsible for managing and maintaining the users (or nominees) on the organisation's e-Services account
- May be a department head or manager within the organisation or any individual authorised to fulfil this role

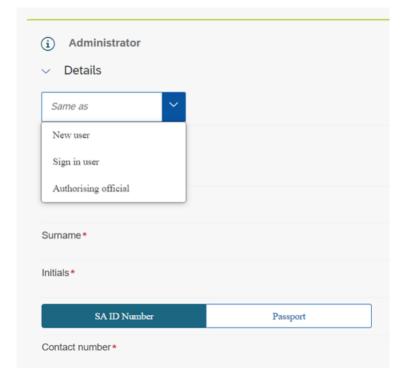
Nominee:

- Person responsible for performing the service-specific electronic transactions on e-Services on behalf of the organisation
- Would generally be a member of staff in the organisation

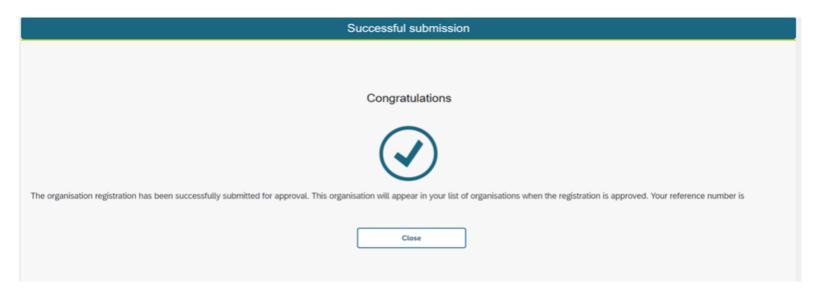
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Your organisation is now registered.



- To Grant Proxy Authorisation to an installer to submit an application on your behalf, follow Step 2 of this guide – click <u>here</u>
- To Submit an application, follow Step 3 of this guide click <u>here</u>

Contact us

- 1. Issues with creating an **e-Services** user account or activating the required services:
 - Email:

Revenue.Eservices@capetown.gov.za

- 2. Issues with electricity supply application process:
 - Email:

ElectricityApplication.Queries@capetown.gov.za

Please include the following information in your email:

- Property owner name
- Property BP number
- Property address
- Notification number (if applicable)
- Telephone:
 - o Area North: 021 444 1394 / 8333
 - o Area East: 021 444 8511/8335 / 8334
 - Area South: 021 444 2097 / 021 400 4750 / 1 / 2 / 3