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ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING

What is an Electrical Fence Compliance Certificate?

The Electrical Fence Compliance Certificate ensures that the fence:

- Is in good working order
- Cannot be easily touched by accident
- Complies with electric fence legislation at the time the fence was installed

The Electrical Machinery Regulations (part of the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1993) state that an Electric Fence Compliance Certificate must be issued when a property that has an electric fence transfers ownership.

The Electrical Fence Compliance Certificate is not connected to the Electrical Compliance Certificate and cannot be issued by an Electrician. The regulation that governs electrified fence installations is the SANS 10222-3. If your fence was installed before December 2012, then it is subject to the older regulations, but if the installation was done after December 2012, then the updated regulations apply.

How long is an Electrical Fence Compliance Certificate valid for?

The certificate is valid for 2 years from the date of issue.

Electrical Fence Compliance Certificate Checklist:

If your electrical fence was installed after December 2012, the following regulations will apply:

- There should be a maximum of 3m between posts.
- An earth spike needs to be installed every 3m.
- Signage needs to be installed at various points and change of direction.
- The conductors (wires) need to be terminated correctly with a ferrule or cold solder.
- The fence needs to be in safe working order.
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