

Load shifting bloemfontein

Eskom implements loadshedding by turning off the electricity of different areas at different times in order to reduce the total amount of electricity used at any given time across South Africa.

Areas are grouped into "blocks" - if two areas share the same block number then they share the same loadshedding schedule - in other words the power goes off at the same time.

The Bloemfontein loadshedding schedule above shows you which blocks are loadshedding (on the right) for each 2 hour segment of the day (on the left), since loadshedding typically lasts 2-2.5 hours at a time.

If you don't know your block number, you can find it on our site. Enter your suburb or town into the loadshedding search at the top of the page and select the corresponding area.

Alternatively, you can use the timetable above to deduce your loadshedding block, by finding which block numbers correspond to the time periods the power was off in your area.

The parastatal's spokesperson Daphne Mokwena said the breaks in the power cuts are a result of the recovery of emergency reserves, the return of three generating units and the anticipated demand.

"Load shedding will remain suspended today (Sunday) until 16:00, when stage1 load shedding will resume until 05:00 on Monday. Thereafter, load shedding will be suspended again from 05:00 on Monday until 16:00, followed by stage 2 load shedding until 05:00 on Tuesday.

"The suspension of load shedding from 05:00 until 16:00 and the implementation of stage 2 load shedding from 16:00 until 05:00 the next day will be repeated daily from Monday until further notice," Mokwena said.

The parastatal shared an update on the use of temporary stacks at the power station, which the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and South Africa's National Air Quality Officer approved through a postponement of the Minimum Emission Standards (MES) policy in June 2023.

Meanwhile, the Minister in the Presidency responsible for Electricity, Kgosientsho Ramokgopa will on Monday, brief the media on the implementation of the Energy Action Plan (EAP).

"Unplanned outages are currently at 17 270MW of generating capacity, including the delayed return to service of Koeberg Unit 1, while the capacity out of service for planned maintenance is 5 265MW. Approximately 5 300MW of generating capacity is anticipated to return to service this coming week.

Meanwhile, Eskom unveiled its largest Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project, the first of its kind on



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the African continent which can power a small town for up to five hours.

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