

# Customer Services Guide

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## **Customer Services Guide**

Your Guide to a Better Experience with EWA Services -

At the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), we are continuously enhancing your experience and making it easier for you to access our services. This is why we offer this comprehensive guide, which includes all the information and requirements for all beneficiary groups of our services.

This guide serves as a complete reference, offering you detailed information about our available services, including the available channels where you can benefit from these services. It covers all the procedures, requirements, and conditions to ensure you can easily and conveniently utilize our services.

We use modern technology and advanced systems at the Authority to deliver digital services that are accessible to all customers through various digital channels. We also provide smart electronic services targeting all customers, alongside other diverse channels such as visiting service centers, virtual centers, and home visits for senior customers and people of determination.



## **Customer Service Channels** \_\_\_\_\_

We offer a variety of channels to efficiently deliver our services, ensuring you receive quick and effective support:

- Customer Service Centers: You can visit one of our service centers and utilize our services by pre-booking an appointment through **Skiplino** app.
- Virtual Center: You can utilize our services through a 'Video Call' without the need to visit a service center, by pre-booking an appointment through **Skiplino** app.
- Call Center: You can contact us 24/7 via our call center at 17515555.
- Home Visits: Senior customers and people of determination can easily utilize our services by booking a home visit appointment through our call center at **17515555**.
- **EWA Website:** You can view all the details of our available services through our website **www.ewa.bh.**
- Kingdom of Bahrain's National Portal: We offer various electronic services through the National Portal of the Kingdom of Bahrain, where our customers can submit their applications via www.bahrain.bh.
- Benayat Portal: You can submit new connection requests for electricity, water and renewable energy services through Benayat portal website **www.benayat.bh**, by contracting with licensed engineering offices.

# **Useful Tips**

## New Connections and Renewable Energy

For new electricity, water, and renewable energy connections, customers must contract with a licensed engineering firm to submit their application through the "Benayat" portal. This portal handles building permits and new service connections for electricity and water

Following the engagement with the licensed engineering firm, several procedures will be completed before the service is connected. The firm will submit the application. attach all documents required and engineering drawings, and obtain necessary approvals from relevant authorities to finalize the connection.

### **Government Subsidy**

The government subsidy for electricity and water services is provided to Bahraini citizens for one account only. The following conditions apply:

- The account holder must be a Bahraini citizen registered as a head of household with Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA).
- The account holder's address registered with EWA must match the address registered on their ID card with iGA.

For details on government subsidy eligibility for different categories, please click here.

### Transferring Accounts of Deceased Individuals

- After the death of the electricity and water account holder, it is necessary to update the information and transfer the account to another individual or cancel it.
- Government support for electricity and water services is automatically withdrawn following the account holder's death, based on updated information in the Information Authority and eGovernment.
- The Authority allows a period of up to 3 months to reclaim government support retroactively for subsidized accounts, provided that the account information is updated within the same period.
- Updating the information can be done through the "Open Electricity and Water Account" service.
- For more details, please visit our website www.ewa.bh

#### **Payment Channels**

#### **Direct Deduction Services**

You can pay your bills easily and conveniently through the Direct Deduction Services, which allow you to choose monthly deductions from your bank account or credit card according to your preference. This service also provides flexibility in setting the monthly deduction date and method. We offer two options for deduction:

- Direct Deduction
- Fixed Deduction

### **Other Payment channels**

You can also make payments through our other electronic channels:

- EWA App ( Get it on the App Store Google Play
- National Portal
- BenefitPay App "Fawateer Service"
- Electronic cheque
- stc Pay
- Automatic Payment Kiosk

## External Documents Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Through this reference list you can identify the entities responsible for issuing some of the required documents to complete your services.

Document	Issued by
Lease contract registration receipt	Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf
Religious ordinance document	Sharia Court
Title deed	Survey and Land Registration Bureau
Sale contract	Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf
Building permit	Ministry of Municipalities Affairs & Agriculture
Aerial map	Survey and Land Registration Bureau
Address certificate	Information & eGovernment Authority
Survey certificate	Survey and Land Registration Bureau
No objection certificate for electricity connection	Ministry of Municipalities Affairs & Agriculture
Demolition certificate	Ministry of Municipalities Affairs & Agriculture

### **Open Electricity and Water Account**

Use this service to register an electricity and water account in your name if you need to activate electricity, water and municipal fees for existing premises.

Application	Channels	

Customer Service Centers (a) Virtual Center (1) Home Visits (4) National Portal

Applicant	Owner	Heirs	Tenant	Without Lease Contract
Service fees	No Fees	No Fees	Deposit Amount (1)	Deposit Amount (1)
Processing time	2 working days	2 working days	2 working days	2 working days
Requirements				
Electricity, Water, Municipal Rates Agreement (2)	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
Passport copy (for non-residents)	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>
Official document of the IBAN, or a signed direct deduction agreement via credit card	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Photo of the Electricity Meter and Water Meter	<b>✓</b>	×	<b>✓</b>	×
Pay outstanding, if any	<b>√</b> (3)	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>
Other documents:	<ul> <li>Copy from the title deed or sale contract (4)</li> <li>Tenant's Vacating Form for the property (in case of changing from tenant to owner).</li> </ul>	Copy of the religious ordinance document attached to an authorization letter signed by all the heirs & copies of the heirs' ID cards, or a notarized power of attorney on behalf of the heirs attached to an ID copy of the notarized person entrusted by the heirs	<ul> <li>Lease contract</li> <li>Lease contract registration receipt</li> <li>A notarized power of attorney on behalf of the heirs attached to an ID copy of the notarized person entrusted by the heirs (In the case of a deceased property owner)</li> </ul>	A notarized power of attorney on behalf of the heirs attached to an ID copy of the notarized person entrusted by the heirs (In the case of a deceased property owner)

- (1) Please refer to our website for more details about the deposit amounts & guarantee conditions
- (2) Not applicable via national portal
- (3) In case of ownership transfer, any outstanding arrears on the owner and property must be paid
- (4) Not applicable to the property owner registered with EWA



## **Close Electricity and Water Account**

Use this service if you want to close your electricity and water account and disconnect the service.

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Customer Service Centers	(a) Virtual Center	1 Home Visits	
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Service fees	No Fees
Processing time	1 working day
Requirements	
Electricity, Water, Municipal Rates Agreement (1)	<b>✓</b> (1)
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b> (1)
Passport copy (for non-residents)	<b>✓</b> (1)
Pay outstanding, if any	<b>✓</b>



# **New Water Connection with Main Meter Installation**

Use this service to apply for a new water service connection for premises under construction if you want to provide your premises with water service.

Application Channels					
Customer Service Centers	Call Center	1 Home Visits	<u> </u>		

Service fees	Depends on the project				
Processing time	21 working days				
Requirements					
Electricity, Water, Municipal Rates Agreement	<b>✓</b>				
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>				
Stamped water supply request form from a certified plumber	<b>✓</b>				
Copy of the building permit					
Copy of address certificate	✓ ✓				
Copy of title deed					
Copy of aerial map	<b>✓</b>				
Copy of survey certificate					
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>✓</b>				



### **Water Sub-Meter Installation**

Use this service to apply for a new water sub-meter connection for premises under construction to enable billing each unit according to its own consumption.

Application Channels				
Customer Service Centers	Call Center	1 Home Visits		

Service Fees	Depends on the project
Processing Time	9 working days
Requirements	
Stamped water sub-meter form from a certified plumber	<b>✓</b>



# **New Electricity Connection without Meter Installation**

Use this service to apply for a new electricity connection for premises under construction if you want to provide your premises with electricity service (1).

Application Channels				
Customer Service Centers	Call Center	1 Home Visits	<b>ி</b> : Benavat	

Voltage Type	High Voltage (11KV)	Low Voltage (415V)
Service fees	Depends on the project	Depends on the project
Processing time	70 working days	45 working days
Requirements		
Electricity, Water, Municipal Rates Agreement	✓	<b>✓</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Confirmation certificate for the electricity supply power load (2)	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Electricity supply request form	✓	<b>✓</b>
Power conditions requirement for building permits	✓	<b>✓</b>
Details of the required electrical loads	✓	<b>✓</b>
Copy of the building permit	✓	<b>✓</b>
Copy of aerial map	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of address certificate	✓	<b>✓</b>
Copy of survey certificate	✓	<b>✓</b>
Copy of title deed	✓	<b>✓</b>



<sup>(1)</sup> You must apply for electricity meter installation service upon the readiness of your premise and the new electricity service connection completion.

<sup>(2)</sup> Applicable for private projects

# **Electricity Meter Installation and Opening an Account**

Use this service to install an electricity meter in your premises, after completing all the necessary procedures related to the readiness of the premises and the new electricity service connection.

<b>Application Channe</b>	els		
Customer Service Centers	Call Center	1 Home Visits	

Meter Type	Temporary Meter	Permanent Meter
Service fees	Depends on the project	Depends on the project
Processing time	13 working days	5 working days
Requirements		
Electricity technical services request form	✓	×
Official document of the IBAN, or signing a direct deduction agreement via credit card	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Electricity installations completion & test certificate	✓	✓
No objection certificate for electricity connection	×	<b>✓</b>
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>✓</b>	×



### **Deposit Refund**

Use this service if you want a refund of the security deposit after closing your electricity and water account and receiving the final bill.

### **Application Channels** \_

☐ Customer Service Centers ☐ Virtual Center ☐ Home Visits

Applicant	Tenant	Heirs	Commercial Registration
Service fees	No Fees	No Fees	No Fees
Processing time	7 working days	7 working days	7 working days
Requirements			
(Deposit /Credit ) refund request form	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Official IBAN document	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Other documents:		<ul> <li>Official power of attorney from all heirs or personal attendance at the customer service center</li> <li>Copy of religious ordinance document</li> <li>Copy of the death certificate</li> <li>ID card copies (both sides) or ID card reading data for the heirs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Copy of the commercial registration certificate</li> <li>Extract of the commercial registration certificate</li> </ul>



### **Credit Refund**

Use this service if you want to request a refund of your credit balance. According to the terms and conditions.

### **Application Channels** \_

☐ Customer Service Centers ☐ Virtual Center ☐ Home Visits

Applicant	Tenant	Heirs	Commercial Registration
Service fees	No Fees	No Fees	No Fees
Processing time	14 working days	14 working days	14 working days
Requirements			
(Deposit /Credit ) refund request form	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Official IBAN document	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Other documents:		<ul> <li>Official power of attorney from all heirs or personal attendance at the customer service center</li> <li>Copy of religious ordinance document</li> <li>Copy of the death certificate</li> <li>ID card copies (both sides) or ID card reading data for the heirs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Copy of the commercial registration certificate</li> <li>Extract of the commercial registration certificate</li> </ul>



### **Direct Deduction**

Register for the Direct Deduction service to ensure paying your bills on time. You can choose your preferred monthly deduction method, either from your bank account or credit card. Your bill amount will be deducted monthly, not exceeding the maximum limit agreed upon between you and the authority, based on your consumption rate. The deduction will occur on the date you selected.

Application	Channels	

Customer Service Centers

1 Home Visits

Virtual Center

Call Center

e Visits **(EWA** Website

Deduction Method	Bank Account	Credit Card
Service fees	No Fees	No Fees
Processing time	4 working days	1 working day
Requirements		
Official IBAN document	✓	×
Signed direct deduction agreement	<b>✓</b>	×



### **Fixed Deduction**

Register for the Fixed Deduction service to manage your payments through a fixed amount over 12 months, determined based on your annual consumption rate. You can choose your preferred monthly deduction method, either from your bank account or credit card.

The deduction will occur on your selected date and the fixed deduction amount will be reviewed at the end of each year to align with your consumption rate.

Call Center	
	Call Center

€WA Website

Deduction Method	Bank Account	Credit Card
Service fees	No Fees	No Fees
Processing time	4 working days	1 working day
Requirements		
Official IBAN document	<b>✓</b>	×
Signed direct deduction agreement	<b>✓</b>	×

1 Home Visits



### **Additional Electricity Load**

Use this service if you want to request additional electrical loads to your premises.

<b>Application Channels</b> _		
	Call Center	<b>~</b> 3

Voltage Type	High Voltage (11KV)	Low Voltage (415V)
Service fees	Depends on the project	Depends on the project
Processing time	71 working days	46 working days
Requirements		
Electricity supply request form	✓	<b>✓</b>
Confirmation certificate for the electricity supply power load (1)	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Power conditions requirement for building permits	✓	<b>✓</b>
Details of the required electrical loads	✓	<b>✓</b>
Copy of the building permit (2)	✓	<b>✓</b>



<sup>(1)</sup> Applicable for private projects

<sup>(2)</sup> In case of additional construction

### **Merge or Separate Electricity Meters**

Use this service if you want to merge or separate electricity meters and electrical loads in your premises.

<b>Application Channels</b>		
	1 Home Visits	

Service Type	Merge Electricity Meters	Separate Electricity Meters
Service fees	No Fees	Depends on the project
Processing time	3 working days	13 working days
Requirements		
Electricity supply request form	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of address certificate	<b>✓</b>	✓
Copy of the building permit if any	✓	✓
Electricity installations completion & test certificate	✓	×
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Other documents:	Merging request form	



### **Electricity Meters and Services Relocation**

This service is available if you need to change the location of electricity meters or electrical service connections in your premises.

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Customer Service Centers	(a) Virtual Center	☐ Home Visits

Service Type	Meter & Services	Overhead to underground electrical supply lines	Removal or rerouting of underground cable passing through private property	Electrical wall box	Meter Only
Service fees	250 - 800 BD	150 BD	Actual cost	0 - 150 BD	30 BD
Processing time	30 working days	45 working days	31 working days	46 working days	3 working days
Requirements					
Electricity technical services request form	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of title deed	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of aerial map	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of survey certificate	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	✓
Damage Prevention Section report of underground cable in conflict	×	×	<b>~</b>	×	×
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>✓</b>	~	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>



### **Removal of Electricity Meters & Services**

Application Channe	els		
Customer Service Centers	Virtual Center	1 Home Visits	

This service is available if you need to remove electricity meters and services when demolishing or renovating your premises.

Service Type	Meter and Overhead / Underground Services	Overhead Cables	Electricity Pole
Service fees	No Fees	Depends on the project	Depends on the project
Processing time	3 - 5 working days	30 working days	30 working days
Requirements			
Electricity technical services request form	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of title deed	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>
Copy of aerial map	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of survey certificate	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of demolition certificate	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b> (1)	×
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>✓</b>	~	<b>✓</b>



## **Electricity Meter Test**

Benefit from this service if you need to inspect your electricity meter.

<b>Application Channe</b>	ls		
Customer Service Centers		☐ Home Visits	

Service fees	10 BD
Processing time	15 working days
Requirements	
Electricity technical services request form	<b>✓</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini	



### **Street Lighting Services**

Use this service to submit requests related to street lighting.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Channels</b>
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Customer Service Centers

Call Center

1 Home Visits

Service Type	Relocation of an Electricity Pole	Removal of Wall Lighting	Relocation of Wall Lighting	Wall Lighting Installation
Service fees	Depends on the project	No Fees	No Fees	No Fees
Processing time	10 working days	3 working days	5 working days	5 working days
Requirements				
Electricity technical services request form	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of title deed	×	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	×
Copy of aerial map	×	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	×
Copy of survey certificate	×	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	×
Copy of demolition certificate	×	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	×
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>



### **Net Metering System for Renewable Energy**

Use this service to benefit from the solar energy system by connecting your premises to the electricity grid. When excess energy is produced, the excess will be credited to your bill, helping to reduce your electricity costs and promote the use of renewable energy. This service is offered under an agreement with a licensed engineering office.

<b>Application Channels</b>	
∏ Benayat	

Service fees	No Fees
Processing time	4 working days
Service procedures	
Assign an approved contractor & consultant by EWA	
The contractor must submit the request through Benayat	<b>✓</b>
Submit the required documents according to the Benayat	
The consultant must approve the contractor's request	
The authority reviews the request, after the consultant's approval	<b>✓</b>
The system will be connected after the authority's approval and field inspection	

### **Request to Change Water Connection Size**

Use this service if there is an increased demand for water usage in your premises and you need to change the size of the water connections.

Application Channels	
	nter 1 Home Visits

Service fees	Depends on the project
Processing time	21 working days
Requirements	
Electricity, Water, Municipal Rates Agreement	<b>✓</b>
Stamped water supply request form from a certified plumber	<b>✓</b>
Copy of title deed	<b>✓</b>
Copy of aerial map	<b>✓</b>
Copy of survey certificate	<b>✓</b>
Pay outstanding, if any	<b>✓</b>
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>✓</b>



### **Request to Change Water Supply System**

Use this service if you want to change the Water Supply System in your facility from a distribution system to a network system. This will allow for the installation of sub-meters in the facility, so that each unit is billed according to its own consumption.

<b>Application Channels</b>		
• •	1 Home Visits	

Service fees	Depends on the project
Processing time	21 working days
Requirements	
Electricity, Water, Municipal Rates Agreement	<b>✓</b>
Stamped water supply request form from a certified plumber	<b>✓</b>
Copy of title deed	<b>✓</b>
Copy of aerial map	<b>✓</b>
Copy of survey certificate	<b>✓</b>
Pay outstanding, if any	<b>✓</b>
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>✓</b>



### **Removal of Water Meters and Services**

This service is available if you need to remove the water meters and services when demolishing or renovating your premises.

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Service Type	Meters and Services	Meter Only
Service fees	Depends on the project	Depends on the project
Processing time	5 working days	3 working days
Requirements		
Water technical services request form	✓	<b>✓</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of title deed	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Copy of aerial map	✓	<b>✓</b>
Copy of survey certificate	✓	<b>✓</b>
Copy of demolition certificate	✓	<b>✓</b>
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>



### **Relocation of Water Meters and Services**

Application Channels

Customer Service Centers

Call Center

Home Visits

This service is available if you need to change the location of water meters or water lines in your premises.

Service fees	Depends on the project
Processing time	21 working days
Requirements	
Water technical services request form	<b>✓</b>
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	<b>✓</b>
Copy of title deed	<b>✓</b>
Copy of aerial map	<b>✓</b>
Copy of survey certificate	<b>✓</b>
Copy of the lease contract, lease contract registration and a no-objection letter from the owner (Tenants only)	<b>✓</b>



### **Water Meter Test**

Application Channels \_\_\_\_\_

Benefit from this service if you need to inspect your water meter.

☐ Customer Service Centers ☐ Virtual Center ☐ Home Visits

Service fees	10 BD
Processing time	3 working days
Requirements	
Water technical services request form	
ID card copy (both sides) or ID card reading data (for Bahraini and resident) or CR certificate copy	











