



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **MANGAUNG METRO LAUNCHES ELECTRONIC BUILDING PLAN SUBMISSION SYSTEM**

The Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality is pleased to announce the official transition from manual to electronic building plan submissions and inspection requests, marking a significant milestone in the modernization of service delivery within the Building Control environment.

From 6 May 2026, the Municipality will introduce an online digital platform, AFLA BPAMS, which will enable applicants to submit building plans electronically. This initiative forms part of a broader strategy to improve operational efficiency, reduce administrative delays, and enhance transparency in the building plan approval process.

The electronic submission system will streamline internal operations by reducing paper usage and physical storage requirements, while allowing for faster circulation of plans between key departments, including Building Control, Town Planning, Centlec and Fire Safety. Applicants will benefit from the ability to submit plans remotely, upload supporting documents digitally, make online payments and track the progress of applications in real time. The system will also enable users to request foundation, sewer, and occupancy inspections online.

To ensure a smooth transition, the Municipality has adopted a phased implementation approach. Public notifications and stakeholder engagement commenced in April 2026, followed by an awareness and support period during the same month. During this phase, user guidance documents, demonstration sessions, and support assistance will be provided, particularly for architects, designers, developers, and other building industry professionals.

A dual submission period will run from 6 May to 29 May 2026, during which both manual and electronic submissions will be accepted. Applicants are strongly encouraged to migrate to the electronic platform as early as possible. All applications submitted manually prior to the go-live date will continue to be processed manually until finalization. Applicants will also be given the opportunity to transfer existing manual submissions to the electronic system should they wish to do so.

Manual building plan submissions will be fully phased out from 1 June 2026, after which all new applications must be submitted electronically via the AFLA BPAMS platform.

In support of the rollout, the Municipality will implement a comprehensive communication campaign, including media announcements, social media engagement, and community outreach initiatives. Online training sessions for architects, designers, developers, and other stakeholders will take place on 24 April 2026, with registration accessible via QR code.

The benefits of the new system include improved turnaround times, enhanced record-keeping, reduced queues at municipal offices and strengthened compliance monitoring through a secure digital platform.

The official go-live date of 6 May 2026 will be communicated through the Municipality's official communication channels. All stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the training and awareness initiatives to ensure a successful transition.

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