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ZESCO prepaid tariffs

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What a unit of prepaid electricity costs for a home, band by band. The bands count every unit bought since the 1st of the month.

Residential prepaid, per unit (kWh)

Band	Units this month	Approved charge	You pay, with 16% VAT and 3% excise
R1	0 to 100 units	K0.3500	K0.42
R2	101 to 200 units	K1.0000	K1.19
R3	201 to 400 units	K2.4200	K2.89
R4	over 400 units	K3.4500	K4.12

- Example: K500 bought at the start of the month gives about 317.1 units.

Sources. ZESCO (ERB-approved tariffs) (1 Nov 2025): https://www.zesco.co.zm/tariff.php · ERB tariff schedule: charges are "exclusive of 3% Government excise duty" and "exclusive of 16% Value Added Tax": https://www.erb.org.zm/wp-content/uploads/files/Tariffs/Approved-ZESCO-Multi-Year-Tariffs-...
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