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Society of Radiographers of South Africa (SORSA) supports exemption from load-shedding schedules for healthcare facilities

Interruptions in power supply severely impacts the provision of healthcare services in South Africa.

Equipment, especially radiological equipment is extremely sensitive to fluctuations in power. The constant shutting-down and start-up of this equipment impacts not only the functioning of the equipment but also negatively affects its lifespan. Often radiology equipment requires constant power supply and are fitted with UPS systems. Some equipment needs to be in 'standby' mode when not in use and not to be switched off. Once switched 'on', this equipment needs to run for a few hours before it may be used to full capacity. This severely hampers service delivery to patients and increases patient waiting time and hence diagnosis and/or treatment. Although some healthcare facilities have alternate power supplies, albeit at huge cost, most of this equipment is not able to be connected onto these generators due to capacity. Importantly these rolling blackouts place extreme pressure on healthcare professionals.

SORSA advocates for the exemption of healthcare facilities from rolling blackouts and load-shedding schedules.

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