

## Andorra city electricity bills

When moving into a property with mains gas, you must contact the local gas company to have the gas switched on, the meter read and to sign a supply contract. As with electricity, you're billed monthly and bills include VAT.

In some areas of Andorra, gas bottles (bombones) are delivered to homes both by Vallgas (the main company responsible for distributing gas cylinders), whose service require a contract; or by a truck. Trucks pass by each neighbourhood at specific times and days and you just have to stop it to ask for a cylinder. In some petrol station you might be able to find a supply of cylinders too (they are only allowed to storage 5 cylinders). Some old properties require having a maintenance contract.

The fixed billing term is usually between 4,28EUR and 8,44EUR; and the variable term is 0,053EUR/kWh and 0,046EUR/kWh, respectively. The price difference depends if the annual consumption is less than or equal to 5,000 kWh. The conversion factor to obtain the consumed gas volume (m<sup>3</sup>) equivalence in kWh, it is indicated in the invoice. VAT is usually not included to these amounts.

In Andorra the power sockets are of type F. You might have to buy transformers. They have to be capable of handling the wattage of the appliance otherwise it will overheat and you might ruin the appliance.

Electricity bills are sent out monthly, usually after electricity meters have been read. However, electricity companies are permitted to make an estimate of your consumption every second period without reading the meter.

A technician will pass by the property between one to seven working days counting from the following day of the setting up. He/she will call the contact person to inform of the day and time to set up the meter, as somebody needs to be in the apartment.

Andorra is one of the cheapest countries in Europe when it comes to electricity expenses (according to the latest data from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union). Nowadays, electricity is about 0.133 kilowatts per hour (KWh), when the European average is 0.206 EUR/kWh. In Spain is about 0,219EUR/KWh and in France is 0,169EUR/KWh.

Moreover, enlisting the electricity services in Andorra might have an extra cost to the consumer. This cost, which will be reflected in the first electricity bill, is broken down into the following rights:

Some companies will not charge extension fees to those households in Andorra whose electricity supply has been reduced for less than 3 years. Before signing any contract, make sure you get all the information and payment broken down, since every company might charge differently.

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However, it is essential to understand how the cost of living in Andorra compares to other places before making the decision to settle there. Below, we explore the different aspects that influence the cost of living in Andorra.

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