WHAT A CONSUMER UNIT IS

FUSE BOARD, FUSE BOX, OR CONSUMER UNIT?

People call it a **fuse board**, a **fuse box** or just "the mains", but the official term is **consumer unit**. It's the unit that electricity is **distributed** from to the people who use it, the **consumers**.

- This covers **all distribution boards**, not just domestic ones. A board in a commercial or industrial building is still really a consumer unit, because the people in that building are consumers of electricity too.
- Single-phase boards first (an RCBO-ready board and a split-load board), then a **live** split-load board, then a **three-phase** distribution board.

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