

Home Insulation rebate

Purpose

The Home Insulation Program offers **ceiling insulation worth up to \$1,600** to owner-occupiers, landlords and tenants.

The program targets homes that are currently uninsulated, or have very little ceiling insulation and were built before the mandatory thermal performance requirements under the Building Code of Australia were introduced commencing in 2003.

If the total cost of installation is less than \$1,600 there will be no more for the householder to pay. This will be the case for most households. If the cost of the insulation is more than \$1,600, the householder will ordinarily have to pay the difference, or the full amount if they are ineligible.

The program commenced with its announcement on 3 February 2009 under a rebate scheme. From 1 July 2009 to 31 August 2009 there were separate arrangements for owner- occupiers and rental properties. This program now covers all eligible households and is in effect from 1 September 2009 to 31 December 2011 or until the date when Program funds have been fully allocated, whichever occurs first.

General Eligibility

To be eligible to obtain the assistance the Householder must:

be:

- i. the Owner-Occupier or Beneficial Owner of the dwelling where the Ceiling Insulation is to be installed and be an individual who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident aged 18 or over; OR
- ii. the Landlord of the dwelling where the Ceiling Insulation is to be installed and be:
 - o an Australian citizen or permanent resident aged 18 years or over; or
 - o a corporate entity incorporated in Australia; or
- iii. the Tenant of a dwelling owned by a Landlord who has evidence of the Landlord's permission (letter from the Landlord or Landlord's agent) to install Ceiling Insulation in that dwelling under the Home Insulation Program and to sign the Work Order Form including giving a release on the Landlord's behalf;

and

- obtain the approval of the owners' corporation , if applicable; and
- not have been granted assistance under the Australian Government's Solar Hot Water Rebate program since the rebate was increased to \$1,600 on 3 February 2009 for that dwelling; and
- not have applied for or been granted assistance under the Homeowner Insulation Program or the Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters in relation to the dwelling (a dwelling can only be insulated once under the

Program including the Homeowner Insulation Program and the Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters); and

- correctly complete and sign the relevant section of the Work Order Form; and
- be arranging the installation of new Ceiling Insulation, not replacing existing ceiling insulation above what is deemed as having Negligible Effectiveness; and
- not have received or be entitled to receive assistance for the installation of Ceiling Insulation in the dwelling under any state, territory or local government scheme which combined with any assistance under this Program will result in the Householder receiving assistance in excess of the total cost of the installation of the Ceiling Insulation.

Closing Date

31 December 2011 or until programs are allocated, which ever occurs first.

Assistance Provided

The Home Insulation Program offers **ceiling insulation worth up to \$1,600** to owner-occupiers, landlords and tenants.

Administering Agency

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