

## Solar Bonus Scheme

### Purpose

The Queensland Government Solar Bonus Scheme is a program that pays domestic and other small energy customers for the surplus electricity generated from roof-top solar photovoltaic (PV) systems that is exported to the Queensland grid. The scheme rewards customers whenever they generate more electricity than they are using - not just the balance at the end of the quarter, but whenever generation exceeds consumption during the day. The scheme is designed to boost the state's use of renewable energy, encourage energy efficiency and stimulate the solar power industry in Queensland. Customers participating in the scheme will be paid 44 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) for surplus electricity fed into the grid.

### General Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the solar bonus, customers must:

- Consume no more than 100 megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity a year (the average household uses 10 MWh a year).
- Purchase and install a new solar power (photovoltaic) system (not solar hot water system) or operate an existing system that is connected to the Queensland electricity grid.
- Generate surplus electricity that is fed into the Queensland electricity grid.
- Have an agreement in place with their electricity distributor (Ergon Energy or Energex) and have appropriate metering installed.
- Have solar PV systems with a capacity of up to 10kVA for single phase power and 30kVA for three-phase power.
- Hold an electricity account with an electricity retailer.

Customers wishing to claim the solar bonus will need electricity metering that separately records electricity imports and exports. If required, the installation of new or additional meters will need to be arranged with the electricity distributor by your electricity retailer and costs met by the individual customer. Customers with an existing solar PV system wired in a "gross" metering configuration will need to rewire their system to a "net" configuration, in order to participate in the scheme.

Customers wishing to change their metering arrangements will need to consult with their electricity retailer.

### Closing Date

Program is ongoing.

### Assistance Provided

Rebate.

### Administering Agency

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