

Solar Hot Water Rebate

Purpose

The Australian Government is offering a rebate of \$1,600 to install a solar hot water system or \$1,000 to install a heat pump hot water system. This is to help eligible home-owners, landlords or tenants to replace their electric storage hot water systems with solar or heat pump hot water systems. This offer is part of the Government's Energy Efficient Homes Package which came into effect on 3 February 2009.

The Solar Hot Water Rebate will help people save money on their power bills and reduce their household's greenhouse gas emissions. Water heating is the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions from the average Australian home, accounting for around 25 per cent of home energy use (excluding the family car). Installing a climate friendly hot water system can save a family up to \$700 off their energy bills each year.

General Eligibility

The Solar Hot Water Rebate is only available to people who have not previously received assistance to install ceiling insulation through the Home Insulation Program or the Homeowner Insulation Program at this address.

The \$1,000 rebate for heat pump hot water systems is for systems purchased and installed on or after 5 September 2009. Heat pump hot water systems purchased or installed on or prior to 4 September 2009 may be eligible for a \$1,600 rebate if proof of purchase or installation prior to this date is included with the application.

Full details of eligibility are provided in the Solar Hot Water Rebate guidelines. Key criteria are listed below.

Important eligibility requirements for Queensland

Access to the Queensland Government's Solar Hot Water Program relies on applicants being eligible for the Australian Government's Solar Hot Water Rebate.

If you have already received assistance under the Australian Government's Home Insulation Program or Homeowner Insulation Program you will not be eligible for either the Australian Government's Solar Hot Water Rebate or the Queensland Government's Solar Hot Water Program.

Please contact the Queensland Solar Hot Water Program for further information on 13 25 23 or visit:

www.cleanenergy.qld.gov.au/queensland_solar_hot_water_program.cfm

Eligible systems

To be eligible for the rebate, a hot water system must:

- replace an electric storage hot water system (Exception: if your home was destroyed in the February 2009 Victorian bushfires, you may be eligible for the rebate for your newly rebuilt home on the same site, provided the home also includes a 2000 litre rainwater tank (compliant with Victorian 5-

star building standards) which is connected to the dwelling for toilet flushing).

- be purchased and installed on, or after 3 February 2009
- be a solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at the time and place of installation
- be installed by a suitably qualified person (for example an electrician or plumber).

Eligible households

- An owner-occupier, landlord or tenant can apply for the rebate as long as the dwelling where the hot water system is installed is a principal place of residence.
- Government organisations are not eligible for the rebate.

Closing Date

Ongoing

Assistance Provided

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Administering Agency

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