

Supercharged Solar for Renters

Rebates of up to \$3,500 are now available for eligible landlords to install solar systems on rental properties to drive down electricity bills for tenants across Queensland.

The Supercharged Solar for Renters program will help deliver on the government's commitment to supply affordable, reliable and sustainable energy to tenants across Queensland. This fact sheet provides an overview of the eligibility and application process. For more detailed information visit qld.gov.au/solar-for-renters.

Eligibility

Applicants

To be eligible for a rebate, landlords must:

- live in Australia
- own an eligible rental property with a current tenancy agreement
- not be owner-occupiers
- have tenant consent (and body corporate consent where applicable)
- apply for and receive conditional approval before purchasing the new solar system for the rented property.

Dwellings

To be eligible, the rented property must:

- be in Queensland
- be a Class 1a dwelling (a house, duplex, townhouse or secondary dwelling e.g. a granny flat)
- be rented for \$1,000 or less per week
- be individually metered
- have renters who are paying some or all of the electricity bill
- have a fixed term lease in place at the time of final claim with 8 months or more remaining, and with no increase in rent
- not have a current solar system installed (working or not).



System installation

To be eligible for a rebate, the system must:

- be supplied by a New Energy Tech Approved Seller
- use Clean Energy Council (CEC) Approved PV Modules and Approved Inverters
- have a system capacity of at least 3 kilowatts (kW)
- have a generation signalling device
- be designed by a system designer holding relevant Solar Accreditation Australia (SAA) accreditation
- be installed by holders of relevant SAA accreditation, Queensland electrical contractor and worker licencing.

Visit the program website for full eligibility criteria

Application process

Once you've checked your eligibility for the rebate, follow the application process below.

Conditional approval

Step 1 – Get quotes

Choose a New Energy Tech Approved Seller and get a quote for a new solar system. To ensure the best value and service, we strongly encourage you to obtain multiple quotes and do your own research and comparisons before making a significant purchase decision.

Step 2 – Get your tenant's consent

Secure tenant consent using the Supercharged Solar for Renters Tenant Acknowledgement and Consent form, available on the program website. (If you need Body Corporate approval, now is the time to get that too.)

Step 3 – Apply for conditional approval

Apply for conditional approval from the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA), including your solar system quote and other required documents.

Step 4 – Receive your conditional approval letter

QRIDA will assess your application which may take several weeks. If approved, you will receive a conditional approval letter from QRIDA.

Installation

Step 5 – Update tenancy agreement (lease)

You will need to have an updated tenancy agreement in place and ensure it has at least 8 months remaining at the time you submit your rebate claim application to QRIDA. The agreement will need to show no increase in rent, and that you and your tenant agree to the solar system arrangements. We suggest you use the example Special Terms Lease Annexure published on the program website.

Step 6 – Install solar system and make full payment

Once you have received your conditional approval letter from QRIDA, you can purchase and install your conditionally approved solar system. You have 150 days from the date of conditional approval to complete and pay for the installation and submit your rebate claim application to QRIDA.

Final application

Step 7 – Submit final application for rebate

Submit your rebate claim application to QRIDA with the required evidence including invoice, proof of payment in full and the eligible tenancy agreement. Once approved, you will receive the rebate.

More information

For more information about the rebate program visit qld.gov.au/solar-for-renters or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

