





Environmental rebates



Contact MEFL for information on how these products and services can help reduce your greenhouse gases and save you money.

Legend:

-  Water Saving
-  Energy Saving
-  Available to renters
-  Eligibility is affected if you have received other rebates.

What are environmental rebates?

Environmental rebates are Government schemes that provide financial assistance to help you invest in energy or water saving products and services.

These rebates only apply to selected products and services and each rebate has a variety of eligibility requirements, so research is important.

Rebates can come as a point of sale discount, reimbursement or loan.

This fact sheet outlines household rebates currently available from both the State and Federal Governments. For rebates available to commercial or business operations, visit the websites at the end of this document.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REBATES

RENEWABLE ENERGY BONUS SCHEME



Solar hot water

This rebate is available to homeowners, renters and landlords. You are only eligible if you are replacing an electric storage hot water system. The rebate provides:

\$1,000 to install a solar hot water system or,

\$600 to install a heat pump hot water system.

This rebate is available for systems purchased and installed on or after February 20, 2010.

> www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency/solarhotwater

FREE HOME SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENTS



A free Home Sustainability Assessment gives you tailored expert advice on what actions you may be able to take to increase the sustainability of your home.

Householders can book assessments by calling 1800 895 076 Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm or directly with a registered Home Sustainability Assessor in your area.

> www.environment.gov.au/greenloans

NATIONAL RAINWATER AND GREYWATER INITIATIVE



This initiative provides rebates of up to \$500 for households to install rainwater tanks or greywater systems.

To be eligible:

- The rainwater tank or greywater system must be installed at an existing, occupied home.
- Applicants must apply for the rebate within six months of purchasing an eligible rainwater tank or greywater system.

Applications close 31 March 2014.

> www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/nrgi

RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (RECs)



The RET scheme is different to rebates, and can be more complex. However, if you are not eligible for other rebates, this system can reduce your costs when purchasing and installing renewable energy generating and saving systems.

Each REC represents 1 MWh of electricity generation from an eligible renewable energy source. These certificates can be traded to reduce your costs.

You could be eligible to receive RECs if you install one of the following at home:

- a solar (photovoltaic) power system
- a wind power (turbine) system
- a hydro (water) power system
- a solar hot water system
- a heat pump hot water system

More information at:

> www.livinggreener.gov.au/be-informed/saving-energy/renewable-energy-certificates

To understand more about the implications of RECs and solar PV, have a look at the MEFL website:

> www.mefl.com.au/documents/RECs.pdf

VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT REBATES

SOLAR HOT WATER



This rebate separates metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victorian households.

Metropolitan Melbourne

This rebate comes as a point of sale discount of \$300-\$1500.

You are eligible for a rebate if you are:

- Replacing an existing solar, natural gas or LPG water heater with a gas-boosted solar system.
- Adding solar to an existing natural gas or LPG water heater by installing a solar system as a preheater.
- Adding solar to an existing conventional off-peak electric water heater by installing a retrofit kit.

The rebate is available for your principal place of residence if it has a current water heater that has been operating at that address for at least 12 months (or 5 years if replacing solar).

There is currently no closing date.

> www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for_households/rebates_3041.html

Participating Suppliers:

> www.sv.sustainability.vic.gov.au/energy_efficiency/shw_rebate_public/retailerlist.asp

Regional Victoria

Point of sale discount of \$400-\$1600.

This rebate uses the same criteria as "solar hot water – Metropolitan Melbourne" (see above).

> www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for_households/rebates_3096.html

Participating suppliers:

> www.sv.sustainability.vic.gov.au/energy_efficiency/shw_rebate_public/retailerlist.asp

GAS HOT WATER



This rebate is a point of sale discount.

\$400 for a 5-star instantaneous or storage hot water heater (4+ star for internal systems),

\$700 for concession card holders, as above, and

\$300 installation rebate if you live in a flat or apartment where there's a separate occupancy directly above or below you.

You are eligible if:

- Your household currently uses a peak (day-rate) electric water heater (a water heater that is ineligible for an off-peak electricity tariff), or a water heater fuelled by wood.
- Your household does not have a second, off-peak hot water system.

There is currently no closing date.

> www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for_households/rebates_1927.html

RAINWATER TANK AND WATER SAVERS



This rebate provides financial assistance for water efficient showerheads, upgrading to eligible dual flush toilets, garden products, rainwater tanks and systems for reusing household waste water.

The rebate can be claimed by applying after installation of the product, and can be received as a credit on your water bill or through electronic funds transfer (for larger items).

You are able to claim one rebate for each product over the life of the scheme for each eligible property that you receive a water bill for (except for showerheads where two rebates can be claimed).

Closing date for applications is 30 September 2011.

> <http://ourwater.vic.gov.au/saving/home/rebates>

WHITEGOODS APPLIANCE



This rebate is partnered with the No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS), Progress Loans program and The Good Shepherd Buying Service. These schemes assist low-income households in purchasing efficient whitegoods.

The rebate offers a \$100 discount on the purchase of a:

- Washing machine with a minimum 3.5-star energy rating and 4-star water rating.
- Fridge with a minimum 4-star energy rating.

There is currently no closing date.

> www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for_households/rebates_3740.html

VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY CERTIFICATES (VEEC)



The VEET (Victorian Energy Efficiency Target) scheme is different to rebates, and can be more complex but can nonetheless reduce your costs when purchasing and installing water and energy saving systems.

The VEET scheme was introduced in January 2009 and aims to provide incentives to promote household energy efficiency. Certificates are created when customers replace or install energy efficient products and services, and can be traded to reduce your costs. Each certificate represents 1 tonne CO₂-e abated by a prescribed activity.

> www.esc.vic.gov.au/public/VEET

For information and application forms on rebates, please visit

> www.livinggreener.gov.au/rebates-grants-loans

> www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for_households/rebates.html

> www.environment.gov.au/rebates
