

QUEENSLAND TREASURY
QUEENSLAND RURAL AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Supercharged Solar for Renters

(Solar for Rental Properties Rebate Scheme)

[Applicant Guideline](#)

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1. About the Scheme

- 1.1. The Solar for Rental Properties Rebate Scheme (the Scheme) aims to ease cost-of-living pressures on *tenants* of rental properties. The Scheme provides rebates to *owners of eligible residences* to offset the cost of purchasing and installing rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to lower electricity costs for tenants.

2. Available funding

- 2.1. The Scheme offers rebates of up to **\$3,500** per *eligible residence*, determined by the size of the solar PV system installed.
- 2.2. The maximum rebate available is the lesser amount of the following:
- (a) the cost of purchasing and installing the *eligible solar PV system*; or
 - (b) the maximum rebate amount for the system.
- 2.3. The maximum rebate amount for an *eligible solar PV system* is:

Solar PV system capacity	Maximum rebate amount
At least 3kW but less than 4kW	\$2,500
At least 4kW but less than 5kW	\$3,000
5kW or more	\$3,500

3. Applicant eligibility

- 3.1. To be eligible for **conditional approval**, the *applicant* must:
- (a) be an individual who is a resident of Australia;
 - (b) be an *owner* of an *eligible residence* that:
 - i. is not already fitted with a solar PV system; and
 - ii. is the subject of an *eligible lease*, that states the *tenant* is responsible for paying some or all of the electricity account;
 - (c) have obtained a quote (issued after the opening of the Scheme) for the purchase and installation of an *eligible solar PV system* at the *eligible residence*;
 - (d) have received consent from the *tenant* for the installation of the *eligible solar PV system* in the Supercharged Solar for Renters Tenant Acknowledgement and Consent Form published on the program website: qld.gov.au/solar-for-renters; and
 - (e) have received body corporate approval for the installation if the *eligible residence* is in a body corporate scheme.
- 3.2. To be eligible for **final approval**, the *applicant* must:
- (a) still be an individual, a resident of Australia and the *owner* of the *eligible residence*;

- (b) have received conditional approval for the purchase and installation of the *eligible solar PV system* at the *eligible residence*;
- (c) within 150 days of receiving conditional approval:
 - i. have purchased and had the *eligible solar PV system* installed at the *eligible residence*;
[See section 4 for more information on purchasing and installing an eligible solar PV system.](#)
 - ii. entered into a new *eligible lease* for the *eligible residence*; and
[See section 5 for more information on an eligible leases.](#)
 - iii. submitted their application for final approval to the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA).

4. Eligible solar PV system

- 4.1. A solar PV system is an *eligible solar PV system* if:
- (a) it has a *system capacity* of at least 3kW;
 - (b) it has a *generation signalling device* (GSD);
 - (c) the inverter is a Clean Energy Council (CEC) Approved Inverter published on the CEC approved inverters list: cleanenergycouncil.org.au/industry-programs/products-program/inverters; and
 - (d) all the solar panels are CEC Approved Modules published on the CEC approved modules list: cleanenergycouncil.org.au/industry-programs/products-program/modules.
- 4.2. The *eligible solar PV system* must be:
- (a) purchased from a retailer published on the New Energy Tech Approved Sellers directory: newenergytech.org.au/find-an-approved-seller;
 - (b) designed by a person that holds a relevant and current accreditation through Solar Accreditation Australia: saaustralia.com.au/accreditation-status-check or another entity QRIDA considers appropriate; and
 - (c) installed by a person that holds:
 - i. relevant and current accreditation through Solar Accreditation Australia; and
 - ii. a current Queensland Open Electrical Worker Licence and is, or works for, an installer with a current Queensland Electrical Contractor Licence. The status of licenced persons can be checked here: rapid.appianportals.com/public/licence_search; or
 - iii. another entity QRIDA considers appropriate.
- 4.3. *Applicants* must advise QRIDA if there are any changes to the solar PV system after conditional approval.

5. Eligible lease

- 5.1. An *eligible lease* at conditional approval must state:
- (a) that the *tenant* is responsible for paying some or all of the electricity account for the *eligible residence*; and

- (b) for *eligible residences* occupied under a *residential tenancy agreement*, that the rent is not more than \$1,000 per week.

5.2. An *eligible lease* at final approval must:

- (a) state that the rent payable is not more than the amount per week as at conditional approval;
[See section 5.4 more information on weekly rent amount.](#)
- (b) state that the remaining term is no less than 8 months (from the date of submission of the final approval application);
- (c) be entered into after the date the *applicant* received conditional approval; and
- (d) state any rights and obligations of the parties with regard to the *eligible solar PV system* (such as, how electricity generated by the solar PV system will be charged and apportioned and who is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the solar PV system).

5.3. *Eligible residences* with more than one *lease* (*multiple-occupancy residences*) must have an *eligible lease* for each room occupied at final approval.

5.4. The rent amount stated in the *eligible lease* provided at final approval must not be more than the rent amount stated in the *eligible lease* at conditional approval, unless:

- (a) there is a special condition in the *eligible lease* at conditional approval that states the terms of the rent increase; and
- (b) for *eligible residences* occupied under a *residential tenancy agreement*, the increased rent does not exceed \$1,000 per week.

6. Eligible residence

6.1. A residence is an *eligible residence*, if it is:

- (a) located in Queensland;
- (b) a Class 1a building under the Building Code of Australia;
[A Class 1a building is a single dwelling \(such as a detached house, townhouse or duplex\) or a secondary dwelling on a lot of a Class 1a building \(such as a granny flat\).](#)
- (c) used as a place of residence with an *eligible lease*; and
- (d) *individually metered* for the supply of electricity.

6.2. A residence is **not eligible** if:

- (a) the *owner* occupies any of the rooms; or
- (b) it is part of an embedded electricity network; or
- (c) at the time of conditional approval, it is fitted with an existing solar PV system; or
- (d) an individual has previously received assistance under the Scheme in relation to the residence.

6.3. Where a residence has body corporate arrangements in place, the *applicant* must obtain written approval from the body corporate for the installation of the *eligible solar PV system*.

7. Conditions of assistance

- 7.1. Applications for final approval must be submitted to QRIDA within 150 days of receiving conditional approval.
- 7.2. An *applicant* is not eligible for conditional approval if they have previously received conditional approval under the Scheme for 3 or more other residences.
- 7.3. QRIDA will assess all applications received under the Scheme in order of receipt and will provide written notice of decisions.
- 7.4. QRIDA may request further relevant information to determine an application.
- 7.5. QRIDA must refuse an application if the funds for the assistance are not sufficient to pay the application.
- 7.6. Penalties apply for providing false or misleading information in accordance with the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

8. How to apply

- 8.1. Applications for both conditional and final approval must be made via QRIDA's online application portal: applyonline.qrida.qld.gov.au
- 8.2. Applications for conditional approval will close on the date stated on the Scheme's website, or when scheme funding is exhausted, whichever is sooner.
- 8.3. Applications for conditional approval must include, for the *eligible residence*:
 - (a) proof of ownership (rates notice, contract of sale or building contract);
 - (b) a copy of the *lease*;
 - (c) a quote for the *eligible solar PV system*;
 - (d) where applicable, written approval from the body corporate to install the *eligible solar PV system*;
 - (e) a signed Supercharged Solar for Renters Tenant Acknowledgement and Consent Form; and
 - (f) any other documents as requested on the application.
- 8.4. Applications for final approval must include, for the *eligible residence*:
 - (a) tax invoices or official receipts showing the *eligible solar PV system* has been paid for in full;
 - (b) a copy of the *eligible lease*; and
 - (c) any other documents stated on the application.
- 8.5. QRIDA may request further information from *applicants* to help assess applications.
- 8.6. Penalties apply for providing false and misleading information in accordance with the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994* (Qld).

9. Conflict of interest

- 9.1. A conflict of interest may arise due to a business-dealing with QRIDA, if an applicant's private interests conflict with their obligations under the agreement. Conflicts of interest could affect the awarding or performance of an applicant's agreement. A conflict of interest can be:
- real (or actual)
 - apparent (or perceived) or
 - potential.
- 9.2. QRIDA will ask *applicants* to declare, as part of their application, any business-dealings that may be considered an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest or that, to the best of their knowledge, there is no conflict of interest. If an *applicant* later identifies that there is an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest or that one might arise in relation to their agreement, the *applicant* must inform QRIDA in writing immediately.

10. Fraudulent applications

- 10.1. QRIDA takes fraud and corruption seriously. Suspected fraud will be referred to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and/or the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).
- 10.2. Fraud and corruption are criminal offences under sections 408C, 408D and 87 of the *Criminal Code (Qld)*. For corporations, directors and company officials, sections 596 and 184 of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* will also apply.
- 10.3. Providing false or misleading information or documents in the QRIDA application process is an offence. Penalties may apply under sections 41 and 42 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994 (Qld)*.
- 10.4. By signing the application form for the Scheme, *applicants* acknowledge that the information they provide is true and accurate and agree to be bound by the Scheme's guidelines and provisions.
- 10.5. QRIDA reserves the right to pursue and recover funding provided under fraudulent and dishonest circumstances.

11. Your privacy

- 11.1. QRIDA's Privacy Policy, available at qrda.qld.gov.au/privacy, sets out general information on how QRIDA collects, uses and discloses individuals' personal information.
- 11.2. The application portal for this Scheme contains specific information on how personal information will be collected, used, and disclosed.

12. More information

- 12.1. For more information on the Solar for Rental Properties Rebate Scheme (the Supercharged Solar for Renters Program), call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).
- 12.2. For more information on the application process, contact QRIDA on **1800 623 946**, or email srpr@qrda.qld.gov.au.

13. Definitions

Applicant means, in relation to a conditional approval application or a final approval application, the individual applying for the assistance.

Eligible lease see Section 5.

Eligible residence see Section 6.

Individually metered see the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*, Schedule 2.

Lease means a written residential tenancy agreement, or a written rooming accommodation agreement.

Multiple-occupancy residence means an *eligible residence* in which two or more rooms are occupied under a *rooming accommodation agreement*.

Owner means, for a residence

- (a) a registered owner of the lot on which the residence is located under the *Land Title Act 1994*; or
- (b) a lessee, for a home ownership lease over the land on which the house is located under the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* or the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*.

Generation signalling device, for an *eligible solar PV system* includes

- (a) an integrated generation signalling device that is built into the system's inverter; and
- (b) a standalone generation signalling device that is connected to the system when the system is installed.

Residential tenancy agreement see the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*, section 12.

Rooming accommodation agreement see the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*, section 16.

Solar PV system quote for a residence, means a quote:

- (a) for the purchase and installation of an *eligible solar PV system* at the residence; and
- (b) that is obtained:
 - (i) after the scheme opens; and
 - (ii) from a retailer whose name is included at the New Energy Tech Consumer Code Approved Seller directory: newenergytech.org.au/find-an-approved-seller.

System capacity means, of a solar PV system, the lower of the following:

- (a) the capacity of the system's inverter;
- (b) the total capacity of the system's panels.

Tenant means a tenant within the meaning of the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*, section 13(1) or a resident within the meaning of the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*, section 12.

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