

Solar panel (PV) rebate

Introduction

Solar Victoria are providing a rebate of up to \$1850 for solar panel (PV) system installation, for homeowners and rental properties.

To further reduce installation costs, householders can apply for an interest-free loan, for an amount equivalent to their rebate amount. The loan is required to be repaid over four years, or can be repaid sooner in one lump sum.

Applicants must understand the Solar Homes Program eligibility criteria and then contact an authorized for a quote. To be eligible for a rebate, products must be on this approved products list.

Your retailer will then upload your quote to the Solar Victoria Portal (the Portal), which will trigger the online process for your eligibility assessment. Once this is done, all you need to do is upload proof of income and a Rates notice to confirm your details.

On confirmation that you are eligible, your retailer will claim the rebate on your behalf and deduct the rebate amount from the total cost of your system. You will then pay the outstanding balance directly to your retailer once your solar is installed.

Typical households can save up to \$890 per year on their electricity bills when they install solar panels.

Am I eligible?

Victorian households are eligible to receive a rebate for installing a solar PV system if they meet the following criteria:

they are the owner-occupier of the property

the owners have a combined household taxable income of less than \$180,000 per year (based on last year's Australian Tax Office Notice of Assessment)

it is an existing property, valued at under \$3 million

they do not have an existing solar PV system*.

Once you're confident that your property fits the eligibility criteria, you should start researching solar retailers who are authorized to participate in the Program and can meet your energy needs.

** Early adopters who installed their system prior to 1 November 2009 are eligible to replace or expand their existing system. However, those receiving the Premium Feed-in Tariff should consider whether they will be better off if they replace their existing system.*

Interest-free loans

To further reduce costs, owner-occupiers can apply for an interest-free loan, for an amount equivalent to their rebate amount.

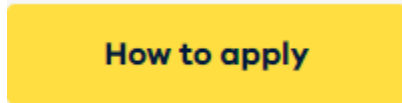
An interest-free loan, matching the rebate amount, is also available for most solar panel (PV) applications.

In line with the existing rebate, the new interest-free loan can be applied up to an amount of \$1,850. If your total system cost is less than \$3,700, there will be no upfront cost.

The loan is required to be repaid over four years, or can be repaid sooner in one lump sum.

How to apply

To find out how to apply for a solar panel rebate for owner-occupiers, click on the button below.



Applying for a Solar panel (PV) rebate

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Downloads

We've updated the rebate process to make it even easier for Victorians to take up solar.

Watch a video walkthrough of the Solar Victoria customer rebate application process.

<https://youtu.be/53qWivYvuE4>

Step 1: Inform yourself

Before you sign a contract for the installation of solar panels, you should be sure that you understand the process and eligibility criteria.

Once you have researched and identified the authorized you want to use – contact them to obtain a quote.

Step 2: Get a written quote from an authorized solar retailer

Your authorized solar retailer will need to provide you with a written quote that contains the information you need to make an informed decision. They will also upload your quote into the Solar Victoria Portal (the Portal) which will enable you to start the online eligibility process.

You will receive an email notification from the Portal informing you that your quote has been uploaded.

Solar Victoria does not recommend signing a quote acceptance or paying a deposit prior to receiving your rebate eligibility confirmation. As a minimum you should confirm with your retailer that any deposit is fully refundable.

Step 3: Get your eligibility number and QR code

To start your application for eligibility, you can access your quote via the notification email from the Portal.

Once you have accessed the Portal, you can select the quote provided to us by your retailer and use that as the starting point to assess your eligibility.

Once you are confirmed as eligible, Solar Victoria will provide you a unique eligibility number and QR code that must be scanned by your installer in order to proceed with your installation.

Without this eligibility number and QR code, the installation cannot proceed.

There is no maximum/minimum size for solar PV systems eligible for the rebate. The maximum value of the rebate is \$1,850. You should speak to your authorized solar retailer to ensure the size of your system meets any other restrictions that may be in place.

Documentation required to prove eligibility

You will need to provide proof of identity, income and property ownership when you apply via the Solar Victoria Portal, so be sure that you have your paperwork handy when you're ready to apply.

Proof of identity

You will need to enter the details from any 2 forms of ID. These can be a:

Driver's license

Medicare card

Australian passport

Australian birth certificate

Foreign passport. This should be a foreign passport with a valid Australian Visa.

Immicard

You'll need to make sure the names on both documents are the same.

Proof of property ownership

We require evidence of property ownership. This is provided via your local council rates notice.

Proof of income

We require proof of income documentation for each person named as an owner on your local council rates notice.

For instance, if there is more than one owner of the property, we require proof of income for all listed owners. If there is more than one listed owner, you will need to provide proof of income documents for each person from the same financial year.

Depending on your financial situation, proof of income documents may include:

Australian Tax Office Notice of Assessment (NOA) confirming annual taxable income

(or to address on envelope if barcoded)
GPO BOX 9990
Sydney NSW 2001

 **Australian Government**
Australian Taxation Office

Ms Your Name
PO Box 1111
Anywhere NSW 1001

Your Tax File Number is
123 456 789

Date of issue
3 SEP 08

Sequence Number
123456 / 789

Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 and Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT
For the year ending 30 June 2008 (or substituted accounting period)

Your Taxable Income is \$46621

Tax on Taxable Income	A	8586.30DR
Medicare Levy	O	699.31DR
PAYG Withholding Credits	E	9524.11CR
Tax Offsets and Other Credits	G	423.18CR
Balance of this Assessment	L	891.66CR

A refund cheque for this amount is being

***** Additional information *****

Label G includes an amount of \$85.10 for Low Income Tax Offset


PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ASSESSMENT.

Raelene Vivian
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

SAMPLE ATO TAX ASSESSMENT NOTICE


Centrelink Payment Summary showing dates, reference number and confirming pension income for the financial year,

Locked Bag 7834 Canberra Bc, ACT 2610





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Income Year 1 July 20xx to 30 June 20xx
CENTRELINK
20xx PAYG Payment Summary - Individual Non Business



Mr Taxpayer Name
 123456 Test Street
 CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Australian Taxation Office
 Taxation Administration Act 1953

Australian Government
 Department of Human Services

Name of Payer Centrelink	Date xx July 20xx
Authorised person John Citizen	Your Tax File Number 123 456 789
Payer's ABN 12 345 678 910	Your reference number 123 456 789H

YOUR PERSONAL COPY

If you have to lodge a tax return, different payments may need to be shown at different items on your tax return. Lodging your tax return online is easy and your Centrelink payments will usually be pre-filled for you. Go to ato.gov.au for more information.

Payment type	Periods paid	Taxable	Tax withheld	Remote area allowance	Tax exempt
BSWAT lump sum in arrears	00/00/20xx to 00/00/20xx	\$25,024.60	\$0.00	\$X.XX	\$X.XX

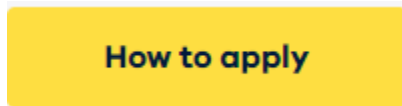
SAMPLE CENTRELINK PAYG PAYMENT SUMMARY

- Completed and signed Statutory Declaration if you are a self-funded retiree (i.e. don't receive any payments from Centrelink). Please complete a Statutory Declaration and include your total income including any Superannuation for the financial year

If you didn't receive a taxable income, we still need you to complete a signed Statutory Declaration that states your income amount (e.g. \$0) for the financial year.

Apply now

To apply now, click on the button below.



Once your application is completed, you will receive an email confirming your eligibility. Hold on to this as you will need to show it to your installer when your system is installed.

Step 4: Arrange your installation

Contact your retailer to confirm that you're proceeding with their quote and to book the installation with them. On the day of installation, your installer is required to scan the QR code contained in your eligibility confirmation email.

Once installation is complete, pay the retailer the amount you owe them. This is the total amount minus any deductions, including the rebate and the loan (if applicable). We'll pay the remainder.

Following your installation, you will receive an email from Solar Victoria confirming the start date for repayments on your interest-free loan (if applicable).

This information has been taken from the www.solar.vic.gov.au website:

<https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/solar-panel-rebate>