Give your rental property a solar makeover!

Make your rental more attractive with a solar system. The Solar Homes Program is offering savings of up to $3,700 on the upfront cost of installing solar.

Thanks to the Victorian government rebate you can save your renters hundreds of dollars a year on their electricity bills and invest in Victoria's renewable future.

Save upfront

The solar for rental properties rebate can cut up to $1,850 from the upfront cost of your solar panel (PV) system. A rebate of up to $1,850, is available for rental properties, subject to program eligibility and a Solar Homes Landlord-Tenant Agreement.

Save more upfront with a loan

You may be eligible for up to an additional $1,850 through our interest-free loan program.

The Victorian Government is funding interest-free loans, paid back over 4 years, for eligible applicants to complement the solar panel rebate. A simple credit check is all that is required.

The monthly repayment for a loan of $1,850 is $38.54 and landlords can enter a co-payment agreement with their renters for the period of their tenancy.*

*Landlords can request co-payment of up to 50% of the monthly loan repayment costs if a Solar Homes Landlord-Tenant Agreement is in place and the renters remain at the property. The maximum monthly cost to tenants is $19.27.

Are you eligible?

Victorian landlords are eligible to receive a rebate for installing a solar PV system on their rental property if:

- the property is valued at under $3 million and does not already have solar panels (PV) installed
- their renters have a combined household income of under $180,000 per year
- there has been no prior participation in the Solar Homes Program for that address
- a Solar Homes Landlord-Tenant Agreement is signed by landlord and all renters
- the property is currently tenanted with a rental agreement in place.

For more information on the solar rebate visit **www.solar.vic.gov.au/solar-rental-properties**

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Application guide

Step 1 – Understand the rebate and engage your renters

Before you begin installing a solar panel (PV) system, you should be sure that you understand the rebate process, download the relevant Solar Homes Landlord-Tenant Agreement and ensure all parties understand and agree to the terms and conditions of installing solar on the property. You will need to lodge the Landlord-Tenant agreement with your rebate eligibility application, so we recommend completing this before you apply for program eligibility.

Step 2 - Get a quote from a Solar Homes authorised retailer

Once you have done some research and decided that a solar system is right for you, you will need to speak to a Solar Homes authorised retailer about the system that best suits the needs of your rental property. When the retailer submits your quote to the program you will receive an email notification. Click on the link in the email to begin your application and confirm your eligibility.

Step 3 – Completing the application

To complete your application, you will need to demonstrate property ownership, provide a completed Landlord-Tenant Agreement, upload a satisfactory credit report (if applying for an interest-free loan) and verify your identity.
Use the checklist below to ensure you have everything you need before you begin the application process.

Documents required:

A copy of your quote

You will be asked for the quote number, your retailer name and the quote amount.

A copy of the completed and signed Landlord-Tenant Agreement

You will be asked to upload this document as part of your eligibility application. You must ensure that Annex A and B are included in the upload.

Proof of property ownership

A copy of the full council rates notice for the installation address, addressed to the homeowner/s.

Note: Rates notices which list the property in the name of a Trust, Superannuation Fund or Business cannot be accepted.

Credit report

Landlords will need to submit a satisfactory credit report as part of the eligibility application process if they wish to opt-in for an interest -free loan.

If you don't have one, it's easy to do a free credit report online through the Moneysmart website. Please be aware that a credit report can take up to 10 days to be supplied to you.

Note: Solar Victoria cannot accept password protected documents.

Proof of identity

You will need to enter the details from **any 2** of the following forms of ID:

- Driver's licence
- 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 ID documents are the same.

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).

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