

# Put the power of the sun in your hands

Victorians are taking control of their energy bills, tackling climate change and providing a cleaner, better future for all Victorians through the Solar Homes Program.



## Why install a solar energy system?



Reduce your power bills



Boost your energy supply



Help create solar industry jobs



Tackle climate change

## About the program

The Solar Homes Program is helping eligible Victorian households to take charge of their power bills, adopt renewable energy and provide a cleaner, better future for all Victorians.

The program makes it easier to get solar with rebates for solar panels (PV), solar hot water and solar batteries along with incentives including interest-free loans for solar panels (PV).

Your solar retailer will claim the rebate on your behalf and the rebate amount will be deducted from the overall cost of your system and installation. You are responsible for paying any outstanding balance directly to your solar retailer once installed.

## Rebates available

### Solar panel (PV) rebate

Eligible households, including rental property owners, can claim a discount on the cost of solar panels (PV).

### Solar for rentals rebate

Eligible rental properties can access a discount on the cost of solar panels (PV) providing renters with access to the benefits of renewable energy.

### Solar hot water rebate

Eligible households can claim a discount on the cost of a solar hot water system.

### Solar battery rebate

Eligible households can claim a discount on the cost of a solar battery.

Each rebate stream has its own unique eligibility requirements and application process. Please inform yourself at [solar.vic.gov.au](http://solar.vic.gov.au) before you begin the application process. Once you're confident that your property fits the eligibility criteria, you can start researching which solar professionals and products are authorised to participate in the program and can meet your energy needs.

## Want to add an interest-free loan?

To further reduce costs, owner-occupiers and rental providers can apply for an interest-free loan for solar panel (PV) systems, for an amount equivalent to their solar panel (PV) rebate amount. You will be notified of your eligibility for a loan as part of the rebate application process via the Solar Victoria Portal.

The rebate and loan amounts will be deducted from the cost of your system – ensuring you only have to pay any outstanding balance once the system is installed. Your solar retailer will then be reimbursed for the rebate and loan amounts.

The loan is required to be repaid over four years. **Loans are not available for solar hot water or solar batteries.**

# Before you begin: Understand the program eligibility

Victorians are eligible to receive a rebate if they meet the following criteria:

|   | <br>Solar panel (PV) rebate | <br>Solar for rentals rebate | <br>Solar hot water rebate | <br>Solar battery rebate |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| The applicant must be the owner-occupier of the property where the system is being installed  | ✓  |   | ✓   | ✓   |
| The applicant has not already claimed a rebate as an owner-occupier under the Solar Homes Program   | ✓  |   | ✓   | ✓   |
| The combined household taxable income of all owners is less than \$180,000 per annum (based on your Australian Tax Office Notice of Assessment)   | ✓  |   | ✓   | ✓   |
| It is an existing property, valued at under \$3 million   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |
| The property does not have an existing solar PV system (since 1 November 2009)  | ✓  | ✓   |   |   |
| The property address has not previously taken part in the Solar Homes Program*.<br><small>*Our Customer Service team can confirm if a property has previously participated in the Solar Homes Program</small> | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |
| A Solar Homes Program Agreement between Landlord and Tenant is signed by landlord and all renters   |  | ✓   |   |   |
| The combined household taxable income of all renters is less than \$180,000 per annum (based on their Australian Tax Office Notice of Assessment/s)   |  | ✓   |   |   |
| If the hot water system is to be replaced it must be at least three years old from the date of purchase   |  |   | ✓   |   |
| The property is not a new build   |  |   | ✓   |   |
| The property already has solar PV panels with a capacity equal to or greater than 5kW   |  |   |   | ✓   |
| Pre-approval is obtained from your Distributed Network Service Provider (DNSP)  |  |   |   | ✓   |
| The storage solution is listed on our Approved Battery List and the property does not have an existing energy storage system  |  |   |   | ✓   |
| The owner/s agree to receive information from their Distribution Network Service Provider   |  |   |   | ✓   |

## Contact us

You can find more information on the program at [www.solar.vic.gov.au](http://www.solar.vic.gov.au) or call our Customer Service team on 1300 376 393 (during business hours)



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