

Solar Homes: 50 per cent solar rebate

The Victorian Government is making solar panels more affordable than ever before, for around 24,000 eligible households. Families will only have to pay 50 per cent of the cost of a solar PV system.



Typical households can save \$890 per year on their bills by using solar panels

Solar power is safe and reliable and by generating your own solar power, you'll be reducing your electricity bills.

50 per cent rebate on solar for 24,000 eligible households from 19 August 2018 to 30 June 2019.

The Victorian Government is providing a 50 per cent rebate, up to the value of half of an average 4kW solar panel system (which currently equates to \$2,225) for eligible households.

Victorian households are eligible to receive a Solar Homes rebate if the applicant:

- » has a combined household income of less than \$180,000 per annum before tax (based on the most recent tax assessment notices for the home owners),
- » is an owner-occupier of a home valued at under \$3,000,000 (a copy of a recent Council rates notice will be required),
- » the household does not already have a solar panel system installed,
- » chooses a Clean Energy Council (CEC) Approved Product and uses a CEC Accredited Installer,
- » has had an eligible solar panel system installed on or after 19 August 2018, and
- » engages an installer who can provide a statement that they have not received a WorkSafe infringement notice in the past three years.

Not-for-profit community housing providers will also be eligible to apply for a rebate on behalf of their tenants.

Getting started

When speaking to a prospective solar company, make sure they can provide the documents needed to claim a rebate. This includes electronic and paper copies of the following documentation:

- » The Commonwealth Solar PV STC Assignment
- » The Solar Connection Form
- » The Electrical Work Request
- » The Certificate of Electrical Safety
- » An invoice from the installer detailing the size, cost and date of installation of the solar PV system

Before choosing a solar retailer it is also a good idea to ask them what the expected timeline is for installation and connection, what manufacturers warranties are provided on each system component, and what system monitoring capabilities are provided by the inverter.

More information

Head over to www.solar.vic.gov.au or get in touch with Solar Victoria on 1300 363 744.