



Federal, State and Territory Solar Water Heater Initiatives

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Federal	Solar Hot Water Rebate	Rebate Part of Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme	Homeowners, landlords, tenants (TBC) Not means tested. Must be to replace an electric storage system	Solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 RECs	New scheme replaced the Solar Hot Water Rebate Program Commenced 20 th February 2010	\$1000 for solar water heaters \$600 for heat pumps	Rebate to be obtained directly through Medicare system – TBC Transitional arrangements in place – refer to website	Click here
	Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)	Market price paid for REC as part of renewable energy target.	1 REC equal to 1MWh of renewable energy generated or deemed to have been generated	Solar hot water and heat pump system	Commenced 2001	N/A	Expanded renewable energy target (RET) commenced 1 January 2010.	Click here
	Small Business Capital Allowance	Part of \$1.97b Climate Change Action Fund.	Small business	Energy efficiency equipment that meets criteria including - energy efficient hot water systems	Was due to commence July 2009 for 7 years if CPRS legislated. Introduction - TBA	Partial reimbursement for capital and installation costs of energy efficient equipment.		Click here
	Community Organisation Capital Allowance	Part of \$1.97b Climate Change Action Fund.	Community service organisations.	Energy efficiency equipment that meets criteria including - energy efficient hot water systems	Was due to commence July 2009 for 7 years if CPRS legislated. Introduction - TBA	Partial reimbursement for capital and installation costs of energy efficient equipment.		Click here

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	Your Home Technical Manual Your Home Renovators Guide Your Development - sustainable urban residential developments	Home building and Renovating Guidelines	Builders, developers, renovators, buyers of homes	Information on design of homes including solar hot water systems and heat pumps	N/A	N/A		Click here
	Mandatory Disclosure of Building Energy Efficiency Part of National Strategy on Energy Efficiency	Mandatory Disclosure of Commercial Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure of Energy Performance of residential buildings	Commercial buildings Residential buildings	Energy Efficiency performance	TBA	N/A	Proposed	Click here
Federal and states and Territories	Phase-out of greenhouse intensive hot water systems	Phase-out of electric hot water systems. For new homes as part of Building Code of Australia all class 1 buildings will have to install low emissions water heaters	Electric hot water systems no longer to be able to be installed in new homes or existing homes that have access to piped gas.	Electric Hot water systems	New class 1 homes will have to install low emissions water heater from 2010 as part of Building Code of Australia. Staged approach for existing Class 1 homes - small group of dwellings to come under the changes in 2010, with the remainder in 2012.	N/A	Phase-out to be implemented in stages. Tasmania is exempt from this phase- out. Class 2 buildings exempt at this stage - to be reviewed in future.	Click here

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Australia Capital Territory	ACT Energy Wise Home Energy Audit Program	Subsidised home energy audits and rebates for improving energy efficiency	Houses and semi-detached houses built before 1996 are eligible for an audit.	Includes heat pumps and solar water heaters	Commenced 15 December 2004	Spend at least \$2000 on energy efficiency improvements to receive \$500 rebate. Only the first \$1000 may be used to calculate the \$2000 expenditure on improvements	Contact HEAT on 02 6260 6165 or email: info@heat.net.au to arrange for an audit.	Click here Click here
New South Wales	Hot Water system rebate	Part of \$100m Residential Rebate Program	Residential properties Must be to replace an electric storage system. Hot water systems installed to comply with BASIX not eligible	Gas hot water system with a 5-star or higher energy rating. Solar or heat pump hot water system eligible for at least 20 RECs	October 1 2007 until 30 June 2011	\$300 for gas \$300 for a solar or heat pump hot water system	Application form available on website	Click here
	Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program	Rebate & subsidised energy audit Part of the NSW Government's \$150 million	Businesses that use up to \$20,000 in electricity pa or have up to 10 employees.	Subsidised energy assessment and action plan Energy efficiency improvements including hot water systems		50% rebate of costs to reduce power use up to \$5,000 for businesses that use \$5,000-\$20,000pa in electricity and \$2,000 for businesses that use greater than \$5,000pa.	Registration form available on website	Click here
	NSW Green Business Program	Grants Part of \$340m NSW Climate Change Fund	Projects that will save water and energy in business operations in NSW.	Activities which increase energy efficiency. Projects which reduce demand for electricity	Established 1 July 2007	Variable grant amounts totalling \$30 million over 5 yrs for scheme.	Next round of grants TBA	Click here

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	Public Facilities Program	Grants Part of \$340m NSW Climate Change Fund	Water and Energy savings projects in not for profit organisations, public and educational facilities, government agencies	Includes hot water system upgrades	Established 1 July 2007	Community Savers Stream Up to \$40,000 Demonstration Stream- no set limit	Grants will be provided in rounds. Application form available on website	Click here
Queensland	QLD Solar Hot Water Program Program now closed	Rebate	Must be eligible for Federal Government's Solar Hot Water Rebate Program	Solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 RECs	Commenced 1 July 2009 Program was closed 9 th March 2010 due to changes in Federal Government Program	SWH/heat pump system - \$100 pensioners/low income, \$500 others Now Closed	Program was dependent upon Federal Government Solar Hot Water Rebate Program Hotline: 13 25 23	Click here
	ClimateSmart Living	Part of ClimateSmart 2050 Policy	Queensland households	Includes greenhouse-friendly hot water systems		Advice on reducing energy use		Click here
Northern Territory	Solar Hot Water System	REC Buyback Scheme through Power and Water Corporation	Residents	Solar hot water systems		Cost of RECs (worth up to \$900)	Application form available on website or ph.1800 245 092	Click here
	Solar Hot Water Retrofit Rebate	Rebate	Residential homes built prior to or in the year 2000 replacing an electric hot water system	Solar or heat pump hot water system, that is eligible for at least 20 RECs	Commenced 28 June 2009 until 30 June 2010	Up to \$1000 depending on modifications required to the roof	Application form available on website or from Power and Water Customer Service Centre.	Click here
	Energy Smart Building Policy	Government department energy efficiency targets – 10% by 2011 overall target for reductions.	Government department buildings	Energy Audits, energy efficient measures, energy use reporting	Introduced 2005	N/A		Click here

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South Australia	Solar Hot Water Rebate Scheme	Rebate	Home owners to serve their principal place of residence and hold Government concession card.	Solar or heat pump hot water system, that is eligible for at least 18 RECs	Commenced 1 July 2008	\$500	Application form available on website	Click here
	Residential Energy Efficiency Scheme (REES)	Discounts and offers available from participating businesses to assist energy efficiency target to be met.	Retailers obliged to report on energy efficiency activities for checking against targets.	Energy providers are able to choose from list of energy saving measures including installation or retrofitting of high efficiency water heaters	Commenced 1 January 2009	N/A		Click here
Tasmania	Solar Water and Heat Pump Rebate - Hobart	Rebate	Rate payers in Hobart who are ineligible for Council's current planning and building administration fee rebate. Must be to replace an existing electric storage hot water system.	Solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 RECs	1 November 2008 until 31 December 2011	\$500	Application form available on website	Click here
	Energy Efficient Development Rebate - Hobart	Rebate	Hobart ratepayers	Building and plumbing administration fees where energy efficient features utilised in new houses and additions to existing houses.		100% rebate on Council's basic planning fee	Application form available on website	Click here
Victoria	Solar Hot Water Rebate Scheme	Point of sale discount Metropolitan and Regional Schemes	Existing home occupied by owner or tenant replacing electric or gas hot water systems. New homes in bushfire communities whose homes were lost.	Solar or heat pump hot water system.	Commenced 1 July 2008 until 31 Dec 2010	Metro Melbourne: \$300- \$1500. Regional Vic: \$400-\$1600	Eligible for Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates	Click here

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	Energy Saver Incentive. Part of Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET)	Discounts and offers available from participating businesses.	Anyone can receive discounts & offers. Large retailers obliged to contribute to energy efficiency measures by acquiring and surrendering Victorian energy efficiency certificates (VEECs)	High Efficiency products including hot water systems	Commenced 1 January 2009	Variable discounts	List of participating businesses available on website or phone Customer Call Centre on 136 186.	Click here
Western Australia	Solar Water Heater Subsidy	Rebate	Private residential. New and existing homes.	Solar or heat pump hot water system.	Commenced 1 June 2005 until June 2009	\$500 for natural gas boosted solar \$700 for LP gas boosted solar	Application form available on website	Click here
	Energy Smart Homes Energy Smart Businesses Energy Smart Government	Improved energy practice and use	Households Businesses Government Departments	Information to reduce energy use, energy smart directory Energy management plans for business and government departments, energy smart directory		N/A. Grants can be utilised through other programs		Click here

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