



The Australian Government Photovoltaic Rebate Programme

Residential Application Form

Introduction

The Australian Government introduced the Photovoltaic Rebate Programme (PVRP) to encourage the long-term use of photovoltaic technology to generate electricity from sunlight and to increase the use of renewable energy in Australia.

How to apply

Step 1: Read the *Australian Government Photovoltaic Rebate Programme Guidelines for Applicants*.

Step 2: Consider whether your electricity requirements can be reduced either through the use of more energy efficient equipment, or by being more energy conscious. Reducing electricity use is often more cost effective than generating electricity from PV systems.

Step 3: Stand alone systems. Identify your energy requirements to establish your photovoltaic (PV) system size requirements.

Step 4: For grid connection. Obtain requirements and a cost estimate for grid connection from your local electricity supply authority. Applicants seeking grid connection must have written approval from their electricity authority before a rebate can be paid.

Step 5: Contact one or more Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) accredited renewable energy installers to obtain advice on the options for, and costs of, a renewable energy system to meet your electricity needs.

Step 6: In conjunction with your chosen system installer and prior to actually purchasing or ordering any new equipment, complete this form and submit to the Department of Water and Energy (DWE). **To receive the rebate, applications must be approved prior to installation.**

DWE will assess your application and advise you of your rebate entitlement if the application meets the PVRP requirements.

Step 7: Once your system has been approved, you may proceed with installation in accordance with the *Australian Government Photovoltaic Rebate Programme Guidelines for Applicants*.

Step 8: Upon installation of the system, and in conjunction with your system installer, complete the *PVRP Installation Report* and submit this to DWE. An inspection of your system may be carried out at the time or after the rebate has been paid.

Applicants should note that payment of rebates will be made on receipt by DWE of a fully and correctly completed *Installation Report*, pending any inspection.

Approved applicants can generally expect to receive their rebate within 4 weeks of receipt of the *Installation Report* but should note that payments under the programme may sometimes be delayed for reasons outside the control of DWE. DWE will forward the rebate to the applicant or, where requested by the applicant, directly to the supplier/installer.

Where there have been changes from the original application form, particularly in regards to the PV modules, a revised rebate may need to be calculated.

Funding Availability

Applicants may only apply for one PVRP rebate for a given property. The minimum size PV system to be installed is 450-watt peak output and there is no maximum size. Please note rebate amounts are capped. The rate used to determine the total rebate value will be the current rebate rate at the time the completed application for pre-approval is received by DWE.

For further information on the current rebate please check the Department of the Environment and Water Resources (DEWR) website at:

<http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/renewable/pv/index.html>

Eligibility

In summary, eligibility will depend on the following:

- Acceptance and compliance with all the conditions and procedures set out in the *Australian Government Photovoltaic Rebate Programme Guidelines for Applicants*.
- Rebates are available for residential PV systems that can be either grid connected or stand alone.
- Major equipment items in the installation must be new and not second-hand.
- The applicant must demonstrate ownership of the residence.
- The PV system must be installed at the applicant's principle place of residence.
- Rebates will not be paid with respect to PV systems designed and installed by contractors who are not suitably qualified.

Applicant Information						
Title		Name				
Residential Address						
Suburb/City/Town		State	NSW	P/Code		
Mailing Address						
Suburb/City/Town		State	NSW	P/Code		
Work Phone			Home Phone			
Fax			Mobile			
Email						
Connection Type (please circle)			Grid-connect	Stand Alone Power System (SAPS)		
Are you upgrading or extending a pre-existing system			Yes	No		
If Grid-Connect: Name of Electricity Authority						
Application made to above distributor			Yes	No		

Supplier/Designer Information						
Supplier/Designer Name	Rainbow Power Company Ltd: Peter Pedals					
Address	1 Alternative Way					
Suburb/City/Town	NIMBIN	State	NSW	P/Code	2480	
Work Phone	02 6689 1430	Fax	02 6689 1109			
Mobile			Email	sales@rpc.com.au		
BCSE Accreditation No.	F543	BCSE Membership details				

Installer Information						
Installer Name	Adrian Winkler					
Address	1 Alternative Way					
Suburb/City/Town	Nimbin	State	NSW	P/Code	2480	
Work Phone	02 6689 1430	Fax	02 6689 1109			
Mobile			Email	sales@rpc.com.au		
BCSE Accreditation No.	F697	BCSE Membership details				
Electrical Contractors Licence No.						

System Details						
System Location						
Address						
Suburb/City/Town		State		P/Code		
Installed New Photovoltaic Capacity (watts)						
Planned date of installation						
Total cost of system			Rebate claimed	\$		

PV Modules			
Manufacturer	Kyocera	Rated output (W)	
Model	KC	Cost per unit	\$
Quantity			
Warranty Details	20 years\		

Inverter			
Manufacturer		Rated output (W)	
Model		Cost per unit	\$
Quantity	1		
Warranty Details			

Other Equipment/Installation Costs					
Component	Manufacturer	Model	Description	Qty	Cost per unit
Mounting Frames					
Regulator					
Batteries/Trays					
Battery charger					
Meters					
Installation Hardware					
Installation Labour					
Other (eg delivery)					
Pre. Installed equipment					

Declaration by System Designer/ Installer		
I certify that:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a BCSE system designer/installer accredited for design and installation. • The details of the system as described are correct. • I have explained the design and its expected performance to the applicant. • All electrical (including cabling) operating at a voltage exceeding extra low voltage must be installed by a Registered Electrical Contractor in accordance with AS/NZ3000:2000. A certificate of Electrical Safety for prescribed Electrical Installation Work must be issued at completion. • All grid-connected inverters shall meet AS 4777. • Solar modules shall meet relevant international standards. • System installation will meet all relevant standards, building codes and local council requirements. 		
Designer/Installer (signature)	Designer/Installer (printed name)	Date
Please tick this box if you would like a copy of the pre-approval emailed to you. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
NB: If the system designer and installer is a different person or company, please provide a separate copy of the declaration for each party.		

Applicant's Certification

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understood the requirements of the Photovoltaic Rebate Programme (PVRP), that the system described in this application will meet all the requirements for participation in this programme and that the information provided is accurate and true. I understand that any attempt to misrepresent information in this application will disqualify me from all claims to existing or future rebates offered through the PVRP.

The application form will be deemed incomplete if this section is not filled in correctly.

In applying for PVRP funding I agree that: (Check each item below).

- I have read the PVRP Guidelines for Applicants.
- I live at and own the residence where the PV system is to be installed, or the residence will become my principal place of residence.
- Residential solar photovoltaic systems must be installed and commissioned within 6 months of receipt of DWE approval of this application.
- PV systems must be new solar photovoltaic systems which: are mounted on or integrated into the structure of inhabited buildings (except where there are performance, aesthetic or practical concerns with doing so); are either grid connected or stand-alone power systems (SAPS); and, have a minimum installed capacity of 450 watts.
- Second-hand PV system equipment does not qualify for a rebate. Systems may be inspected at any time.
- Details supplied in this application may be cross-checked with product manufacturers.
- Funding is available subject to demand.
- Only one funding assistance application per residence will be accepted.
- Although the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEWR) has the right to discontinue this funding assistance programme at any time without prior notice to prospective applicants, a rebate for approved applications will be guaranteed, provided that all conditions are met.
- All PV systems must be installed by persons accredited for design and installation by the Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE).
- All electrical equipment (including cabling) operating at a voltage exceeding extra low voltage must be installed by a Registered Electrical Contractor in accordance with AS/NZ3000:2000. A certificate of Electrical Safety for prescribed Electrical Installation Work must be issued at completion.
- Within one month of system installation and prior to DWE forwarding payment, the applicant shall forward to DWE evidence that the system has been installed.
- DEWR and DWE has the right to publish, and use for its own purposes, the PV system details enclosed in this application form.
- Neither the Commonwealth nor DWE accept any liability in respect of any claim or cause of action arising out of or in relation to any PV system or any system the subject of funding assistance, and the applicant agrees that it will indemnify and keep indemnified the Commonwealth and DWE for any claim or liability arising out of or in relation to the PV system the subject of this application.

I declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant (printed name):	
Signature:	Date: / / 2007

<p>Send completed application form with attached -a copy of and itemised quote for supply and installation</p>	<p>Department of Energy and Water (DWE) ATTN: Customer Programs GPO Box 3889 SYDNEY NSW 2001</p>
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