



# The Queensland Government Solar Hot Water Rebate

Installing a solar hot water system could help save on your electricity bill. The Queensland Government Solar Hot Water Rebate is helping to make solar hot water easy and affordable for Queenslanders, offering rebates of up to \$1000.

Not only is it great for lowering your energy bills, but you'll be reducing your home's greenhouse gas emissions by around two tonnes a year.

Do the bright thing and install solar hot water in your home. You'll be joining thousands of other Queenslanders to help build a 500 megawatt virtual solar power station for Queensland. Household by household we're working together to double Queensland's solar energy in five years and to replace conventional energy generation.

## What is the rebate?

The Queensland Government is offering rebates to eligible households that replace their electric hot water system with a solar hot water system or heat pump. The Queensland Government Solar Hot Water Rebate will help reduce the cost of a solar water heater. Plus, solar hot water can help you save on your electricity bill.

The Queensland Government Solar Hot Water Rebate offers eligible applicants:

- a \$600 rebate for the installation of a solar hot water system or heat pump
- a \$1000 rebate for pensioners and low-income earners who install a solar hot water system or heat pump.

What's more, you may be eligible for a solar hot water rebate under the Federal Government's Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme\*.

And you can also save with the Federal Government's Renewable Energy Certificates (RECS).\*

To find out more visit: [www.environment.gov.au/www.orer.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au/www.orer.gov.au).

\*Information subject to change

## How much can I save?

System prices range from \$3800 to \$6100\* fully installed and vary depending on your household's needs, the price you negotiate and the type of system purchased. As an example, let's take a family of four (two adults and two children) from the Gold Coast (who are not eligible as pensioners or low-income earners). They own a single-storey home with good site access. They are eligible for the Federal Government's Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme Rebate and the Queensland Government Solar Hot Water Rebate.

### Example Only

Full cost of installed solar hot water system	\$4600**
Less Queensland Government Solar Hot Water Rebate	-\$600
Less Federal Government Renewable Energy Certificates	-\$1320***
Less Fed.Gov. Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme rebate	-\$1000****
<b>Final cost (example only)</b>	<b>\$1680</b>

\* Typical price range as at April 2010.

\*\* Prices will vary according to supplier, system size and type, roof type, location, installation costs and the price you negotiate.

\*\*\* Based on 33 RECs at \$40 each. Financial benefits may vary according to system size, type, location and supplier. You should investigate this and do your own calculations based on your actual circumstances and requirements.

\*\*\*\* Visit [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au) to consider whether you are eligible for the Federal Government's Renewable Energy Bonus. The eligibility criteria for the Federal and Queensland rebates are different. You may not be entitled to both.

## Who is eligible to receive the rebate?

Applicants should read the full eligibility criteria, available for download at [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au), as part of any decision to purchase a solar water heater. Some of the key eligibility criteria are provided below.

To be eligible for the Queensland Government Solar Hot Water Rebate applicants must have:

- replaced an existing electric storage hot water system installed at a principal place of residence in Queensland
- installed a solar hot water system or heat pump that is eligible for at least 20 Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)
- had their solar water heater installed by suitably licensed parties. (current BSA and occupational licenses)
- purchased their solar water heater on or after 13 April 2010.

If applying for the \$1000 pensioner or low-income earner rebate, applicants must meet the general criteria above, and also hold a current and valid:

- Centrelink Pension Concession card
- Centrelink Low-Income Health Care card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health card or Department of Veterans' Affairs Pension Concession card (**Blue** only. Orange, white and gold cardholders are not eligible.)

Please note, you can only apply for the low-income earner/pensioner rebate amount once.

Submitting an application for the Queensland Government Solar Hot Water Rebate does not guarantee eligibility.

Your application will be assessed by the Queensland Government and your eligibility determined before any rebate payment.\*

Full eligibility criteria (available in the application pack) can be downloaded from [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au)

\* You may be asked to provide supporting evidence to confirm your eligibility before the rebate is paid.

## What do I need to do?

- Get to know the market and find out about the range of solar water heaters, retailers, suppliers and installers.
- Once you've done your research, determine the best system for your needs.
- Shop around for the best deal and obtain written quotes (*including the RECS you might receive*).
- Check that your preferred system and installation meets the rebate eligibility criteria – available at [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au).
- Lodge your rebate application within six months of installation.

## Meet a solar hot water family

Steve Randall and his family installed a 400 litre solar hot water system in their Brisbane home in December 2009. Steve and his wife Heidi live with their daughters Jodie and Ashleigh and their grandson Jackson. Due to their lifestyle requirements the Randall family use hot water at various times throughout the day and night. Before installing a solar hot water system, Steve's hot water electricity usage was around \$120 per quarter. Since installing solar hot water, Steve's electricity bill has reduced by \$70.\*

\* This is an example based on actual savings achieved by a local Brisbane family. Results will vary between households.

## More information

For more information about the Queensland Government Solar Hot Water Rebate or solar initiatives in Queensland, visit [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au) or call 13 GET SOLAR (13 438 76527).