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Energy efficiency rebates & funding

A practical guide to current support

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Find the support that fits.

Start with what your property or organisation needs. Then check which support applies. A rebate can help fund a worthwhile upgrade; it does not make every upgrade worthwhile.

Who you are	Where to start	Pages
Homeowner, landlord or household	Solar and hot-water certificates; battery discounts; discounted household finance; NILS for eligible low-income households.	3-5
Business or commercial property operator	PowerSmart audits; eligible solar and batteries; CEFC-backed finance. DRIVEN is limited to eligible automotive businesses.	3-4, 6-9
Club, charity or community organisation	Eligible solar, batteries and hot-water installations. Some trading organisations may meet PowerSmart rules.	3-4, 6, 8, 10
Council, government body or state-owned corporation	Check installation-based certificate support. Industrial programs may suit eligible facilities and entities, not routine office upgrades.	3, 8-10

Know what you are being offered

- Certificate discount:** the value of tradable certificates, commonly deducted from an installer invoice. It is not a fixed cash rebate.
- Rebate or reimbursement:** payment towards eligible expenditure, usually after you have paid and met the evidence requirements.
- Grant:** conditional project funding. Competitive grants can be declined even where a project is eligible.
- Loan or investment finance:** money that must be repaid, or other investment with commercial obligations. A lower interest rate is not free funding.

About this edition

This practical shortlist was checked against official government and program-administrator sources on 3 October 2026. It covers energy efficiency, electrification and related renewable-energy support available to Tasmanian applicants. General-purpose grants, tax concessions and bill-relief payments are outside scope. Closed rounds are identified only to prevent reliance on older information.

Official sources: [Australian rebate finder](#) | [Tasmanian funding directory](#)

HOMES AND ORGANISATIONS

Solar and hot-water support

The Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES) can reduce the cost of eligible installations through small-scale technology certificates, usually called STCs.

CURRENT SCHEME | CERTIFICATE-BASED DISCOUNT

Solar PV up to 100 kW

Eligible small-scale solar systems can create STCs. Most owners assign the certificate rights to a registered agent in return for a discount on the installed price. The value depends on system size, location, installation year and the certificate price offered.

For small-scale solar installed in 2026, the deeming period is five years. It steps down as the scheme approaches 2030. Ask your installer to confirm the system, products, installer accreditation and installation evidence meet the rules.

Official sources: [SRES overview](#) | [System eligibility](#) | [STC deeming periods](#)

Solar and heat-pump hot water

Eligible solar water heaters and air-source heat-pump water heaters can also create STCs. The **exact model must be on the regulator's register**, and installation requirements must be met. This is not a rebate for every product described as a heat pump.

Certificate entitlement depends on the approved product and installation details. Ask for the certificate count, the dollar discount and the final installed price, including plumbing, electrical work and any old-system removal. Do not assume a standard rebate amount.

Official sources: [Hot-water eligibility and register](#)

Do not confuse the two types of heat pump

Heat-pump hot water may qualify for SRES certificates. Ordinary reverse-cycle space-heating equipment is not a hot-water system and does not receive those certificates. Other finance or targeted subsidies may apply.

Larger solar projects have changed

Solar above 100 kW and up to 1 MW installed from 1 October 2026 can now be eligible under the expanded SRES. The application system is not yet open. See page 8 for the transition and site-capacity rules.

HOMES, BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY

Cheaper Home Batteries

Current support is an STC-based discount on an eligible solar battery, not a separate government cheque for every battery purchase.

CURRENT SCHEME | CERTIFICATE-BASED DISCOUNT

The government describes support as around 30% of upfront cost across a range of systems. **Your actual discount is not a guaranteed 30% of your invoice.** It depends on usable capacity, the applicable factor, certificate value and the quote.

- Battery capacity must be **5-100 kWh nominal**; support applies to the first **50 kWh usable** capacity.
- It must meet product, installer and safety requirements and be connected to eligible new or existing solar PV. CER currently specifies solar PV of **no more than 100 kW**.
- Only one battery system can receive STCs per premises under the claim rules. Further capacity is ineligible once that battery system has received STCs.
- Grid-connected batteries and their inverters must be virtual power plant (VPP) capable. CER also requires capability for off-grid systems within 1 km of the grid. Joining a VPP is optional.

Usable capacity band	Share of factor	Effective STCs / kWh*
First 14 kWh	100%	6.8
Above 14 to 28 kWh	60%	4.08
Above 28 to 50 kWh	15%	1.02

*For installations during May-December 2026, before calculation and rounding rules. Each rate applies only to capacity within that band.

The **installation date** determines the factor, not the date you accept a quote. The next scheduled base-factor reduction is from 6.8 to 5.7 on **1 January 2027**.

Official sources: [Program and factors](#) | [CER installation rules](#) | [Eligibility details](#) | [VPP rules](#)

Size the battery to useful work

Check your interval data, solar surplus and evening demand before buying. Ask for an itemised net price, usable capacity, backup inclusions and a realistic saving estimate. The larger-solar SRES expansion does not automatically expand battery eligibility.

RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT

Finance and household help

These options can help households manage upfront costs. Be clear about the amount that must be repaid and the conditions attached.

HOUSEHOLD ENERGY UPGRADES FUND | DISCOUNTED, REPAYABLE FINANCE

Participating lenders offer finance for eligible home energy upgrades, including solar, batteries, efficient appliances and building improvements. The fund can support households with or without a mortgage, landlords and strata properties, subject to the lender's rules.

Rates, loan limits, fees, property restrictions and evidence requirements vary. Some products may be paused. Compare the total repayment cost and ask the lender to confirm both borrower and upgrade eligibility; there is no single universal HEUF loan offer.

Official sources: [Government program](#) | [Participating finance programs](#)

NILS TASMANIA | NO-INTEREST LOAN PLUS TARGETED SUBSIDY

Eligible low-income households can apply for an Essentials loan of up to **\$2,000**, with no interest or fees. The loan is repayable. The energy-efficiency subsidy is available only with a successful eligible NILS loan application.

The administrator now lists a **50% heat-pump subsidy, capped at \$1,500** for approved equipment with at least a 2.5-star rating. Eligible washing machines, fridges, freezers and heat-pump dryers can receive 50%, capped at **\$500 per item**, with at least a 3-star energy rating.

Up to two subsidised items may be included in one loan. The same whitegoods item cannot receive another subsidy within **three years**. The heat-pump subsidy is normally **once per household**; exceptions may be considered individually.

Confirm the product, rating and remaining loan amount with NILS before ordering; do not assume the heat-pump offer includes heat-pump hot water.

Official sources: [Government NILS listing](#) | [Tasmanian Essentials loans](#) | [Current local subsidies](#)

YOUR ENERGY SUPPORT | ADVICE AND PAYMENT SUPPORT, NOT A CAPITAL REBATE

Aurora Energy's YES program offers energy-efficiency advice, free phone energy audits and tailored payment arrangements. Ask Aurora about suitability if you are having difficulty managing electricity costs.

Official sources: [Government YES listing](#)

TASMANIAN SMALL BUSINESSES

PowerSmart energy audits

An independent audit can identify where energy goes, which changes deserve attention and whether the numbers justify an investment.

OPEN | REIMBURSEMENT GRANT | UP TO \$1,000 PER ELIGIBLE BUSINESS

PowerSmart reimburses the actual cost of an eligible, completed and paid independent energy-efficiency audit, capped at **\$1,000**. A higher-cost audit can qualify, but the business pays the amount above the cap. Approval and funding are not guaranteed.

Check the full eligibility rules

- An ABN continuously active since on or before **1 March 2024**.
- **1-19 full-time equivalent employees**, excluding business owners in the nominated FTE count.
- A business primarily operating in Tasmania; an eligible audit received and paid for after **11 April 2024**.
- Only one application per ABN and/or business operation. Government entities and unincorporated associations are ineligible.
- Clubs, charities and other not-for-profits must operate as a business employing paid staff and/or earning **more than 30% of income from selling goods and services**. They must also meet the other eligibility rules.

There is **no approved-provider list**. The auditor must be competent, independent and impartial. A qualifying scope includes a site visit, energy and tariff analysis, and prioritised recommendations with estimated costs, savings and payback.

Obtain a written quote and scope, then seek scope/eligibility confirmation through the program before the audit where practical. Submit the completed report, invoice and required evidence to claim reimbursement. GST-registered applicants should check the guidelines: the grant amount includes GST.

Closing-date discrepancy - confirm with ReCFIT

The published guidelines state 2:00 pm on 30 June 2028. The linked application portal currently displays 5:00 pm on 31 December 2028 (AEDT). This edition does not assume the later date overrides the guidelines. Confirm with powersmart@recfit.tas.gov.au or 1800 062 864. Applications can close earlier if funding is exhausted.

Official sources: [Official program](#) | [Full guidelines PDF](#) | [Application portal](#)

COMMERCIAL SUPPORT

Business finance and EV rebates

Ordinary small businesses should start with the audit, their eligible equipment discounts and the whole-of-life cost. Sector-specific rebates need a separate eligibility check.

CEFC-BACKED ASSET FINANCE | DISCOUNTED, REPAYABLE FINANCE

The Clean Energy Finance Corporation works with commercial lenders to offer finance for eligible equipment. Technologies can include solar, batteries, heating and cooling, insulation and energy-management systems. Finance can cover up to 100% of equipment cost, subject to lender and credit conditions.

As a current example, the CEFC reports a **0.8-percentage-point annual rate discount** under the ANZ Energy Efficient Asset Finance Program for eligible assets. It is not a 0.8% purchase-price rebate, and it is not available to every applicant.

Ask the lender for written equipment eligibility, fees, security requirements and total repayments. The CEFC does not make individual lending decisions.

Official sources: [Current asset-finance programs](#) | [ANZ program example](#)

DRIVEN CHARGER REBATE STREAM, ROUND 3 | OPEN | AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR ONLY

Round 3 has reopened for eligible dealerships, associated service centres and EV repairers. It is **not a general workplace or accommodation charging rebate**. The current round closes at **5:00 pm AEST, 30 April 2027**, or earlier if funding is exhausted.

Charging rebates are up to **\$3,000 per eligible fixed smart charging plug or portable DC charger**, limited to eligible costs and a charging-category cap of **\$21,000 per site**. EV-specific workshop equipment can receive up to **80%**, subject to item limits. The overall cap is **\$50,000 per site across all rounds**.

At least **\$5,000 eligible expenditure per site, per claim** is required. Charging equipment must be purchased on or after **26 March 2024**; fixed units must also be installed from that date. Workshop-equipment costs must be incurred from **12 May 2026**.

Fixed chargers must meet the smart-charging rules; portable AC chargers are excluded. Portable DC equipment needs an electrician-assessed outlet. Installation evidence, repairer capability and previous claims must meet the guidelines.

Official sources: [Eligibility and application](#) | [Government program and round status](#)

A separate DRIVEN program is closed

The public fast-charger Grant Stream closed on 28 August 2026. Do not confuse it with the currently open Rebate Stream.

NEW FROM 1 OCTOBER 2026

Mid-scale solar: up to 1 MW

The SRES expansion is now legislated and applies to eligible solar installations from 1 October 2026. The earlier proposal is no longer just an announcement.

ELIGIBILITY COMMENCED | CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS NOT YET OPEN

Eligible solar PV systems **above 100 kW and up to 1 MW** can receive STCs under the expanded scheme. The regulator expects certificate applications to open in **mid to late November 2026**; assessment begins after that. An eligible installation date does not mean you can lodge a claim today.

What to check	Why it matters
Installation date	Eligible mid-scale systems must be installed on or after 1 October 2026.
Related capacity	Solar on the same or adjoining sites, including accredited power stations, can affect the 1 MW limit. Check configuration, metering and aggregation rules.
Deeming period	Eligible mid-scale systems have a fixed five-year deeming period. This differs from the reducing period for small-scale solar.
Certificate choice	STCs and Renewable Electricity Guarantee of Origin (REGO) certificates are not automatically stackable. Choosing STCs prevents REGO creation for the deeming period.

An electrically connected extension may qualify where the combined system exceeds 100 kW but stays within 1 MW. STCs apply **only to eligible additional capacity installed from 1 October 2026**. For example, extending an existing 80 kW system by 40 kW may qualify the new 40 kW, not the original 80 kW.

Official sources: [Current mid-scale rules](#) | [Transitional guidance](#) | [1 October commencement notice](#)

Before accepting a quote

Ask the supplier to show how the site has been assessed, which capacity is eligible, the assumed certificate value, when the discount is received and who carries the risk if the claim is rejected. Confirm network and planning approvals separately.

Relevant to organisations with daytime demand

A larger system may suit a business, community facility or public asset, but eligibility and size are not the investment case. Model actual use, exports, future loads and connection constraints.

SPECIALIST INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

Industrial grants

These programs are designed for industrial decarbonisation. They are not routine rebates for replacing the lights or heater in an ordinary office or shop.

ARENA NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM | OPEN, ONGOING GRANT

The NIT Program supports eligible industrial efficiency, electrification and renewable-energy projects, from studies to deployment. The published program allocation is **\$40 million**, not a statement of the uncommitted balance. Grants for a project cannot exceed **\$15 million**.

Applicants need an ABN and an eligible legal structure, including an Australian entity incorporated under the **Corporations Act 2001**, a state/territory-owned corporation or an eligible council. The project must meet the industrial-activity rules.

A contribution of at least **1:1 is typically expected**, including eligible in-kind value. ARENA must be satisfied the project is not commercially viable without its support. Contact ARENA before an expression of interest. Funding is ongoing until exhausted or the program is changed.

Official sources: [NIT program](#) | [Eligibility and funding guidelines](#)

ARENA INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION STREAM, ROUND 3 | OPEN, ONGOING GRANT

Round 3 has an allocated funding pool of **\$180 million** and remains open until exhausted. Projects must align with the active focus areas: innovation in industrial decarbonisation or advancing commercial deployment.

It targets eligible **regional industrial facilities** linked to an entity meeting the relevant National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting thresholds. Greater Hobart is not automatically regional under these rules. A 1:1 contribution is typically expected. Start with ARENA's funding-advice process.

Official sources: [Round 3 and funding advice](#) | [Facility and location rules](#)

SAFEGUARD TRANSFORMATION STREAM, ROUND 2 | OPEN, COMPETITIVE GRANT

For eligible owners/operators of **trade-exposed Safeguard Mechanism facilities**, excluding new or expanded coal and gas facilities. Grants range from **\$500,000 to \$50 million**, covering up to **50%** of eligible expenditure.

The current assessment batch closes **5 November 2026**. The final round closes **5:00 pm AEST, 6 May 2027**. Later eligible applications move to the final batch. Check the entity, facility and project rules before developing an application.

Official sources: [Eligibility, batches and application](#)

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT

Match the entity to the project

A community facility, council building and state-owned industrial asset can have very different funding pathways. Check the legal applicant as well as the equipment.

Clubs, charities and community organisations

Start with installation-based support for eligible solar, batteries and hot-water systems. A trading organisation may also meet PowerSmart rules, but paid staff, trading income, FTE and ABN requirements need checking. A club is not automatically an eligible small business.

Confirm who owns or leases the site, who will pay, who receives the benefit and whether written owner consent is needed. Do not deduct a second STC discount where a supplier has already included it in the quote.

Official sources: [SRES](#) | [Battery program](#) | [PowerSmart guidelines](#)

Councils and government organisations

Ask the supplier or registered agent to confirm certificate eligibility for the proposed solar or hot-water installation, including ownership and existing certificate claims. Government bodies are **ineligible for PowerSmart**, and household finance should not be assumed available.

The NIT Program can consider eligible councils and state/territory-owned corporations undertaking qualifying industrial projects. That does not make a general government department or ordinary public-building upgrade automatically eligible.

Official sources: [System eligibility](#) | [NIT entity and project rules](#)

No broad open building-upgrade grant verified

At this review, no broad Tasmania-specific energy-efficiency capital grant open to all community organisations or government building owners was verified. This is not a claim that no local or sector-specific funding exists. Check the government directories and your council for project-specific opportunities.

NRFC NET ZERO FUND | OPEN INVESTMENT FINANCE, NOT A GRANT

The **\$5 billion Net Zero Fund** supports decarbonisation by large industrial firms and the scale-up of Australian low-emissions manufacturing. It has a lower benchmark return than the NRFC General Fund to support eligible projects with harder financing needs.

Terms are project-specific investment arrangements. Start with the NRFC webform and discuss eligibility with its investment team. Do not treat the fund as a cash rebate or free capital for a general building upgrade.

Official sources: [Net Zero Fund and enquiry](#)

BEFORE YOU COMMIT

Check the offer. Keep the evidence.

Confirm eligibility, dates and available funding with the administrator before spending.

- **Check the applicant:** legal entity, ABN, staff count, property rights and location.
- **Check timing before spending:** some programs reimburse past costs; others require approval or a funding agreement before work starts.
- **Compare like-for-like quotes:** show gross cost, each discount, GST, your contribution and work excluded from the price.
- **Check combinations:** disclose other support and avoid double-counting certificates or grant-funded costs.
- **Keep the evidence:** quote, scope, approvals, invoices, payment records, product details and installation certificates.
- **Assess the result:** useful energy savings, comfort, maintenance, service life and finance costs matter more than the headline subsidy.

Not current funding

Program	Position at this review
Tasmanian Energy Saver Loan Scheme	Closed to new applications from 1 September 2025.
EV Destination Charging, Round 1	Closed 31 August 2026. No open Round 2 window verified.
DRIVEN public fast-charger Grant Stream	Closed 28 August 2026. The separate Rebate Stream is open.
Game On sports-club grants	Round 1 closed. No current open application round.
Community Energy Upgrades Fund	Both published rounds are closed.

Business Energy Efficiency Scheme: excluded because a current opening could not be verified. Confirm with ReCFIT; an older directory entry is not proof that a program is open.

Independent help to choose the right work

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