



# Queensland Business Energy Savings and Transformation (QBEST) Rebates

Small and medium-sized Queensland businesses are being rewarded for installing energy efficient appliances and equipment under the QBEST Rebates initiative.

Rebates of up to \$12,500 are available for small and medium-sized businesses to purchase and install energy efficient appliances and equipment.

QBEST Rebates is a key initiative under the \$62 billion Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan that aims to drive electricity bill savings and carbon emissions reductions for businesses.

## Rebates

To claim a rebate, businesses must spend a minimum of \$8,000 (GST exclusive) and a maximum of \$25,000 on the purchase and installation of eligible appliances and/or equipment. The rebate is 50 per cent of the total cost up to a maximum of \$12,500. Only one rebate is available for each eligible business, however a rebate application can consist of multiple energy efficiency equipment items.

### Energy efficient appliances

Energy efficient appliances must have a 4-star energy rating or higher. Only these appliances are eligible:

- air conditioners
- clothes dryers
- clothes washers
- dishwashers
- refrigerators or freezers

- computer monitors
- televisions
- pool pumps
- heat pump hot water systems (if the installation is to replace an electric or gas storage hot water system)
- electric-boosted solar hot water systems (if the installation is to replace an electric storage hot water system).

### Energy efficient equipment

Only the following equipment is eligible:

- commercial fridges and freezers
- LED lighting
- motion sensors, light level sensor or timer for lighting appliance
- electronically commutated fan motors (if the installation is to replace another type of fan motor)
- motors classified in the IE3 or IE4 category under the International Electrotechnical Commission standard (if the installation is to replace the IE1 or IE2 category under this standard)
- variable-speed air compressors
- variable-speed chillers (if the installation is to replace a fixed-drive chiller)
- variable-speed drive units for a pump or fan.

Visit [business.qld.gov.au/qbest](https://business.qld.gov.au/qbest) for a full list of eligible appliances and equipment.

All appliances and equipment requiring installation must be installed by a licenced contractor.



## Eligibility

### Applicants must:

- be an eligible business
- purchase (and install if required) eligible equipment, after the rebate opening date.

### An eligible business must:

- hold an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be registered for GST
- not be a public company within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*
- have its headquarters in Queensland
- be operating from premises in Queensland
- employ at least two but no more than 199 full-time (or equivalent) employees (including the business owner).

### Demonstrated energy saving

To be eligible, you must demonstrate the eligible appliance/equipment will lead to savings on the energy use and bills of your business, as well as contribute to the Queensland Government's carbon reduction targets. There is no minimum savings amount – all improvements in energy efficiency help.

### How to apply

Visit [business.qld.gov.au/qbest](https://business.qld.gov.au/qbest) to complete the following steps:

- STEP 1** – Confirm you are an eligible business.
- STEP 2** – Confirm your appliance/equipment is eligible for a rebate.
- STEP 3** – Purchase and install your eligible appliance/equipment.
- STEP 4** – Use the online energy rebate and savings calculator to check your savings.
- STEP 5** – Apply for a rebate online.

### Program duration

QBEST Rebates commenced on 5 October 2023 and will run until 30 June 2025 or when funding is exhausted.



## Case studies

A Sunshine Coast bakery received a QBEST Rebates payment of \$5,904.55 after installing an energy efficient commercial refrigerator. This business, which employs four staff, is now enjoying annual power bill savings of around \$1,800 a year and is reducing its carbon emissions by 22 tonnes.

A small tourism accommodation business in Central Queensland received a QBEST Rebates payment of \$4,105.45, which played a crucial role in upgrading a range of appliances used across the site. This business is now expected to save \$900 in electricity costs and reduce its carbon emissions by 3 tonnes per year for the foreseeable future.



## More information

To read the application guidelines and eligibility criteria visit [business.qld.gov.au/qbest](https://business.qld.gov.au/qbest), or phone **13 43 87**.