



# Battery Booster Rebate Scheme

## Guidelines

## 1. About the Program

- 1.1. The Battery Booster Rebate Scheme is an initiative under the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan. The Scheme aims to encourage Queensland homeowners to install approved battery systems and manage their energy consumption by offering rebates to offset the costs associated with investing in a battery energy storage system.

## 2. Available assistance

- 2.1. A standard rebate of up to \$3,000 is available to all applicants who meet the eligibility requirements in section 3, to offset the cost of having an approved battery system suitably installed at their residential premises.
- 2.2. For households where the *income earner* earned \$66,667 or less for the most recently-ended financial year, a low-income rebate of up to \$4,000 is available.

## 3. Applicant eligibility

- 3.1. To be eligible for **conditional approval**, an applicant must:

- (a) be an *individual owner* of a *residential premises*;
- (b) have received a quote for the purchase of an *approved battery system* while the Scheme is open, from either:
  - i. an *approved installer*; or
  - ii. another retailer of approved battery systems.
- (c) have a *taxable income* for the most recently-ended financial year of \$180,000 or less.

*N.B. If the applicant has a spouse, the combined income of the applicant and the applicant's spouse must not exceed \$180,000 for the most recently-ended financial year.*
- (d) have not previously received funding under the Scheme for the residential premises, or any other premises located on the same lot.

- 3.2. To be eligible for **assistance**, an applicant must:

- (a) have received conditional approval for installation to occur at the *residential premises*;
- (b) demonstrate they are an *individual owner* of the *residential premises*;
- (c) demonstrate a taxable income for the most recently-ended financial year of \$180,000 or less;

*N.B. If the applicant has a spouse, the combined income of the applicant and the applicant's spouse must not exceed \$180,000 for the most recently-ended financial year.*
- (d) demonstrate that the *approved battery system* has been *suitability installed*, meaning the installation must:
  - i. occur at the approved *residential premises*;
  - ii. connect to a *suitable solar PV system* installed at the *residential premises*;
  - iii. be carried out by an *approved installer*; and
  - iv. allow the solar PV system to operate with the *approved battery system*;
- (e) apply for the assistance on or before the day that is:
  - i. 90 days after receiving written notice of the conditional approval; or
  - ii. a later day, not later than 120 days after receiving the notice, if QRIDA is satisfied it is not reasonably practicable for the installation to have been carried out, and the application made, until the later day.

## 4. How to apply

- 4.1. Applications for the Scheme will occur in two phases – conditional approval and application for assistance.
- 4.2. Applications for both the conditional approval and assistance must be made via QRIDA's online application portal: <https://applyonline.qrida.qld.gov.au>
- 4.3. Applications for **conditional approval** must include:
  - (a) proof of ownership of the *residential premises* in the form of:
    - i. a rates notice;
    - ii. a contract of sale; or
    - iii. a building contract.
  - (b) a valid quote from an *approved installer* or another retailer of *approved battery systems* for the sale of an *approved battery system*;
  - (c) evidence of the most recently-ended financial years income for the applicant and, where applicable, the applicant's spouse, in the form of:
    - i. a notice of assessment;
    - ii. where a notice of assessment has not been issued for the most recently-ended financial year, a *statutory declaration* witnessed by an authorised witness (<https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/statutory-declaration/resource/d5e78af6-9d6a-4495-842e-3b85b05c7d34>); or
    - iii. other documentary evidence to the satisfaction of QRIDA.
  - (d) any additional documents stated in the application form.
- 4.4. Applications for **assistance** must include:
  - (a) a tax invoice for the installation of the *approved battery system* that includes:
    - i. the name, address and ABN of the entity that has issued the receipt;
    - ii. the name and licence number of the *approved installer*;
    - iii. the date and location of the installation; and
    - iv. confirmation from the *approved installer* that the approved battery system was *suitably installed* and connected at the residential premises.
  - (b) proof that the applicant is still an individual owner of the residential premises in the form of:
    - i. a rates notice; or
    - ii. other documentary evidence to the satisfaction of QRIDA.

(c) if the application for approval is being submitted in a different financial year to conditional approval being received, evidence of the most recently-ended financial years income for the applicant and, where applicable, the applicant's spouse, in the form of:

- i. a notice of assessment;
- ii. where a notice of assessment has not been issued for the most recently-ended financial year, a statutory declaration witnessed by an authorised witness <https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/statutory-declaration/resource/d5e78af6-9d6a-4495-842e-3b85b05c7d34>); or
- iii. other documentary evidence to the satisfaction of QRIDA;

(d) any additional documents stated in the application form.

## 5. Conditions of Assistance

- 5.1. One rebate is available per *residential premises*, or any other premises located on *lot*.
- 5.2. Rebates will be available from the day stated on the Department of Energy and Public Works website as the day the scheme opens until the Scheme funding is exhausted or until the closing date stated on that website.
- 5.3. The rebate amount cannot be higher than the total cost to purchase and install the *approved battery system*, plus the amount of any GST payable by QRIDA in relation to the rebate.
- 5.4. QRIDA will assess applications for conditional approval, and for assistance, under the scheme in order of receipt and will provide written notice of decisions.
- 5.5. QRIDA may request further relevant information to determine an application.
- 5.6. Penalties apply for providing false and misleading information in accordance with the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

## 6. Conflict of interest

- 6.1. A conflict of interest may arise due to a business dealing with QRIDA, if your private interests' conflict with your obligations under the scheme. Conflicts of interest could affect your eligibility for conditional approval. A conflict of interest can be:
  - real (or actual);
  - apparent (or perceived); or
  - potential.
- 6.2. We will ask you to declare, as part of your application, any business dealings that may be considered an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest or that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest. If you later identify that there is an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest or that one might arise in relation to your application, you must inform us in writing immediately.

## 7. Fraudulent applications

- 7.1. QRIDA takes fraud and corruption seriously. Suspected fraud will be referred to Queensland Police Service (QPS) and/or the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).
- 7.2. Fraud and corruption are criminal offences under Sections 408C, 408D and 87 of the *Criminal Code 1899* (Qld). For corporations, directors and company officials, Sections 596 and 184 of the *Australian Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) will also apply.

- 7.3. Providing false and misleading information or documents in the QRIDA application process is an offence. Penalties may apply under Sections 41 and 42 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.
- 7.4. By signing the application form, you acknowledge that the information you provide is true and accurate and agree to be bound by the scheme's guidelines and provisions.
- 7.5. QRIDA reserves the right to pursue and recover funding provided under fraudulent and dishonest circumstance.

## 8. Your privacy

- 8.1. QRIDA's Privacy Policy, available at: [www.qrida.qld.gov.au/privacy](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/privacy), sets out general information on how QRIDA collects, uses and discloses individuals' personal information.
- 8.2. The application portal for this scheme contains specific information on how personal information will be collected, used, and disclosed.

## 9. More information

If you would like more information about this scheme, contact QRIDA on freecall 1800 623 946 or email [contact\\_us@qrida.qld.gov.au](mailto:contact_us@qrida.qld.gov.au)

## 10. Definitions

**Applicant** in relation to assistance or conditional approval of assistance under the Scheme, means a person applying under the Scheme.

**Approved battery system** means a battery energy storage system that is included in the list of system approved, for the purposes of the Scheme, on the electricity department's website.

**Approved installer** means an installer of approved battery systems at residential premises who is included in the list of installers approved, for the purpose of the Scheme, on the electricity department's website.

**Building Code of Australia** see the *Building Act 1975*, section 12.

**Class 1a building** mean a class 1a building under the *Building Code of Australia* and includes a granny flat.

**Electricity department's website** means the website of the department administering the *Electricity Act 1994*.

**Granny flat** means a small building, on a lot that –

- is capable of providing self-contained accommodation; and
- is not a house, or other main building used for residential purchase on the lot, or a manufactured home.

**House** means residential premises on a lot that are a single detached dwelling, and the main building on the lot used for residential purposes.

**Income earner**, for an application for assistance under the scheme, means the applicant, or if the applicant has a spouse who is an individual owner of the residential premises to which the application relates – whomever of the applicant or the spouse had the higher taxable income for the most recently-ended financial year.

**Individual owner** of residential premises, means an individual who is any of the following –

- For a house, the registered owner of the lot on which the house is located or the lessee, for a home ownership lease over the land on which the house is located, under the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* or the *Torres Strait Island Land Act 1991*.
- For a granny flat, the registered own of the lot on which the flat is located or the person who, under any arrangement, resides at the flat and has responsibility for making significant repairs or modifications to the flat.
- For residential premises, other than a house or granny flat, on a lot that is included in a community titles scheme under the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* or on a building units plan or group titles plan registered under the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980*—the registered owner of the lot.
- For other residential premises, the person QRIDA is satisfied owns the building on the basis of an arrangement or document evidencing that the person is the owner or is treated as the owner by the entity that owns the land on which the building is located.

**Lot** means—

- (a) a lot on a building units plan or group titles plan registered under the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980*; or
- (b) a lot under the *Land Title Act 1994*.

**Manufactured home** means a manufactured home under the *Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003*, section 10 or a caravan that has been modified so that it may not be moved from its position using the means ordinarily used to transport the caravan.

**Notice of assessment** means a notice of assessment issued under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cwlth).

**Registered owner** of a lot, means –

- for a lot on a building units plan or group titles plan registered under the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980* – the proprietor of the lot under that Act; or
- for another lot – the registered owner of the lot under the *Land Title Act 1994*.

**Residential premises** means a class 1a building in Queensland.

**Scheme** means the scheme set out in this schedule.

**Statutory declaration** means a written statement that is declared to be true in the presence of an authorised witness. A statutory declaration under the *Oaths Act 1867* (Qld) must be made on the [approved form](#).

- Where a Notice of Assessment from the Australian Tax Office (NOA) has not been issued for the most recently-ended financial year, and the applicant is seeking a **low-income rebate**, applicants must provide a [statutory declaration](#) witnessed by an authorised witness, stating that:
  - a NOA has not been issued for the most recently-ended financial year,
  - the applicant is the *income earner* and has a *taxable income* for the most recently-ended financial year of \$66,667 or less
- Where a Notice of Assessment from the Australian Tax Office (NOA) has not been issued for the most recently-ended financial year, and the applicant is seeking a **standard rebate**, applicants must provide a [statutory declaration](#) witnessed by an authorised witness, stating that:
  - a NOA has not been issued for the most recently-ended financial year,
  - the applicant's taxable income for the most recently-ended financial year is \$180,000 or less
  - if the applicant has a spouse, the combined taxable income of the applicant and the applicant's spouse for the most recently-ended financial year is \$180,000 or less

**Suitably installed**, in relation to an approved battery system at residential premises, means the approved battery system is installed, and connected to a suitable solar PV system that is installed, at the premises, or the land or lot on which the premises is located, if--

- (c) the person who carried out the installation and connection is an *approved installer*; and
- (d) the connection allows the approved battery system and suitable solar PV system to operate together.

**Suitable solar PV system** means a solar photovoltaic system with a system capacity of 5kW or more.

**Taxable income**, of an individual, means the individual's taxable income within the meaning of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cwlth).