

Give your tenants a solar upgrade

Eligible business owners can access up to \$3,500 off the upfront cost of a solar panel (PV) system reducing their energy costs and investing in a cleaner, renewable future.



Why are businesses investing in solar?

 Save upfront on your solar PV system

 Drive down energy costs

 Reduce greenhouse emissions

 Help create solar industry jobs

As a landlord you can help your tenants save thousands of dollars on their running costs and solar system installation while increasing the value of your property and its appeal to long-term tenants.

About the rebate

We are providing a rebate of 50 per cent, up to \$3,500, for eligible small business owners to reduce the cost of installing a solar panel system on their place of business.

Those who rent their business premises are eligible to apply as long as they provide a completed *Landlord and Tenant Consent Form*.

More information can be found at www.solar.vic.gov.au/business

What businesses can apply?

All employing businesses, excluding government organisations, are eligible for the Solar for Business rebate providing they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- » Be the owner of a business that employs at least one person, not including the business owner, and less than 20 people
- » Operate from premises that are non-residential
- » Operate from premises that are individually metered
- » Have your system installed by a Solar Victoria approved solar retailer
- » Install a solar system up to 30kW in size as detailed on the Solar Victoria approved product list.

Our list of authorised retailers can be found at www.solar.vic.gov.au/find-authorised-retailer

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What can landlords do?

Landlords can assist business owners who are applying for the rebate by giving their consent for the installation of the solar system.

You will need to consider the following before providing consent to your tenant for the installation of solar panels:

» What is the benefit of installing solar on my property?

Installation of a solar system can increase the value of your property and its appeal to long-term tenants. However if you contribute to the cost of the solar system, bear in mind that it may take some time to realise the cost savings of the installation of the solar system as the immediate benefits from the energy generated will pass directly to the tenant.

» Is solar installation permitted within or on the property in which the premises are located?

If the business occupies the premises as a subtenant, it may mean that the approval of other parties is needed before the installation is carried out.

» Who retains control of the area most suited for solar panel installation?

The position best suited to the installation of the solar system, that is, the roof of the building, may not be part of the premises that you are leasing out.

» Who will be responsible for the payment, ownership, repairs and insurance of the solar panels?

Before the installation, you and the tenant need to decide who will pay for, and own, the solar system during the term of the lease. Who owns the equipment will determine repair and maintenance responsibilities.

» Who owns the electricity?

Electricity generated by the solar system should pass to the tenant at the time the electricity is created.

Once you and your tenant have reached agreement on matters outlined in the *Landlord and Tenant Guidelines and Consent Form* you can sign the form and give your tenant access to clean and affordable energy.

To view the *Landlord and Tenant Guidelines and Consent Form* please visit www.solar.vic.gov.au/business

Contact us

You can find more information on the program at www.solar.vic.gov.au or call our Customer Service team on 1300 376 393 (during business hours)



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Checklist

Before you sign the *Landlord and Tenant Consent Form* you should reach agreement on the following issues:

Who will pay for the upfront installation costs of the solar system?

The proposed location of the solar system

Who will repair and maintain the solar system?

Who will insure the solar system?

What happens to the solar system at the end of the term of the lease?

Ownership of electricity generated

Have you and the tenant documented your agreement?