



**MACEDON RANGES
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SOLAR REBATES GUIDE FOR

HOME OWNERS & BUSINESSES IN THE MACEDON RANGES



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The cost of solar has reduced considerably over the last decade. However, it is still a huge investment for home and business owners planning to cut down their electricity bills. To facilitate the greater implementation of solar, the state and federal governments, offer incentives to help make solar much more accessible and budget-friendly.

Applicants need to understand the eligibility criteria of the Solar Homes Program and then get a quote by contacting an authorised solar provider. Products should be on an approved products list to be eligible for a rebate.

The retailer will upload your quote to the Portal (the Solar Victoria Portal), which will activate the online procedure for your eligibility assessment. From there, all you'll need to do is to upload proof of income, as well as a rates notice and I.D to verify your details.

Once your eligibility confirmation is complete, the installation can be started. The retailer will then claim the rebate for you, once the installation is complete and subtract the rebate amount from your system's overall cost. You will need to pay the outstanding balance to your retailer after your solar power is installed.

Solar Homes Program: **Definition & Explanation**

The Solar Homes Program is a Victorian State Government initiative that helps to cut household energy costs and reduce climate change. The primary aim is to transform more than 1 million houses throughout the state by supplying them with renewable energy technology.

The program helps eligible Victorian homeowners, as well as rental property owners to get up to \$1,400 in rebates when it comes to solar panel (PV) installations.

Business owners, regardless of whether you own premises or lease are eligible for a Business Rebate of up to \$3500.



What About Eligibility?

A Victorian household is eligible to get a rebate for setting up a solar PV system only if they satisfy the following criteria:

- The owners have a total household taxable income that falls below \$180,000 annually (according to the Australian Tax Office Notice of Assessment of last year)
- They're the owner-occupier of that particular property
- They haven't already obtained a rebate as an owner-occupier under the earlier-mentioned Solar Homes Program
- They don't own an existing solar PV system.
- It's an existing property, which is valued at below \$3 million
- That the property address hasn't previously participated in the Solar Homes Program

Once you are certain that your property meets the eligibility criteria, you need to start looking for solar retailers who are approved to take part in the program and can satisfy your energy requirements.

What About Eligibility For The Solar For Business Program?

You must:

- Own a business with not more than 20 employees
- Operate from the independently metered premise
- Have a system that's installed by an approved solar retailer
- Operate from premises not regarded as residential
- Install a solar system that consists of a PV capacity size of up to 30kW, as outlined on the Solar Victoria approved product list

Interest-free Loans

Owner-occupiers who are looking to further cut down costs may apply for an interest-free loan, for the same amount as their rebate.

Currently the interest-free loan may be applied for up to \$1,400. In case your overall system cost falls below \$2,800, then there will be zero upfront cost.

Typically, the loan needs to be repaid within four years or can be repaid sooner in a single lump sum.

Looking For A Reliable Solar Victoria-Authorised Retailer?

In case you're looking to maximise your energy savings and gain from Solar Victoria's rebate programs, you must partner with an authorised retailer. Authorised retailers are only those who abide by the Solar Homes program safety, quality, and code of conduct requirements. For more information, please get in touch with us at Macedon Ranges Solar Power today!





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Please call us on **1300 974 991** or you can drop us a line and see if you qualify for the Solar Victoria's rebate programs.