

# PV Rebate for Renters



## A PV system rebate is available for renters in Victoria provided:

- The renters want it and:
  - their combined household income is less than \$180,000 and this is declared;
  - they allow access for site inspections, installation and system monitoring.
- The landlord wants it and:
  - agrees to pay for the balance of the system (and takes ownership of the system);
  - agrees to maintain the system;
  - does not charge the tenants for the electricity generated and consumed or on any amount allowed by the utility for electricity exported;
  - does not charge extra rent based on this new system.
- The rented property is valued at under \$3 million, does not already have a PV system installed and there has been no prior participation in the Solar Homes program at that address.
- A Solar Homes Landlord Rebate Agreement is signed by the landlord and tenant.
- Solar Victoria continues to offer the rebate.

## The steps:

1. Tenants and Landlords:
  - a. agree that a system is wanted;
  - b. determine that eligibility is met;
  - c. download the Solar Homes Landlord-Tenant Agreement from the Solar Victoria website and ensure all parties agree.
  - d. sign the Landlord-Tenant Agreement.
2. Landlord requests that Going Solar provide a quotation (which might involve a site visit).
3. Going Solar prepares a PV system design and a quotation which we send to the Landlord.
4. If Going Solar's quote is acceptable – ie you want to proceed with the system installation – the landlord sends an email to Going Solar requesting that we proceed.
5. Going Solar uploads the accepted quote onto the Solar Victoria portal.
6. Solar Victoria will contact you and you will need to complete an application via the portal. **(Note you have only 14 days to do this before the quote is automatically removed from the portal).**
7. All being well you will be issued with an eligibility number.
8. The Landlord sends this eligibility number to Going Solar.
9. Going Solar will send a contract to the Landlord.
10. The Landlord returns the signed contract along with a deposit (usually 30%).
11. Going Solar prepares the stock, books the installers, installs the system, organises the Certificate of Electrical Safety and assists with the meter change paperwork.
12. The Landlord pays the balance owing (less any rebates).



### Notes:

- Going Solar **can** participate in this program without paying to be on the Approved Retailer List **until November 1, 2019**.
- This Solar Victoria rebate is in addition to Federal rebates. You should also be eligible for the Federal STC rebate which will be shown on your quote.
- Once the system is installed you may also so be eligible for a solar feed in tariff from your electricity retail supplier. This is where you export any excess electricity to the grid and they pay you a small fee or provide a credit. This helps to pay off the investment.
- Compare the offers of the various electricity retailers taking note of how much they will pay you for the electricity you export, how much they will charge you for the electricity you import, and if there are any changes to existing benefits like off-peak rates. If necessary change your electricity retailer (after the PV system is installed).
- You get to use the electricity your PV panels generate before it is exported. This is more valuable to you as the cost of buying electricity is greater than they will pay you for what you export. Try to use as much power as possible – eg washing machines, vacuum cleaners, etc whilst the sun is shining.
- Otherwise try to be as energy efficient as possible by installing energy efficient lights, buying energy efficient appliances and turning them off at the power point when not in use.
- The number of rebates offered by Solar Victoria is limited each month. You may have to wait for available rebates.
- Make sure you have all your documentation ready before Going Solar uploads your quote to the portal as you only have a limited time to respond before the offer expires.

### More Information:

- Renter's Program <https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/solar-rental-properties>
- FAQ <https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/solar-rental-properties-0>