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## FACT SHEET – SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE

### **What does the initiative involve?**

The Australian Government will provide rebates of \$1,000 to install solar and heat pump hot water systems in existing eligible homes.

### **What will it achieve?**

Rebates will be available for up to 225,000 households over five years - resulting in significant greenhouse gas savings for the nation while providing long-term financial benefits for households. Typically, each system will reduce annual greenhouse emissions by 3-5 tonnes and will save households on average \$300 in annual electricity costs.

### **How much will it cost?**

The programme will cost \$252.2million over five years.



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### **Who is eligible?**

To be eligible to obtain a rebate, the hot water system must:

- replace an existing electric storage hot water system;
- be a solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 Renewable Energy Certificates under the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET) as verified by a Registered Agent;
- be purchased and installed after the announcement date; and
- have at least a five year warranty.

### **The dwelling where the hot water system is installed must be:**

- a principal place of residence; and
- where the applicant's taxable family income was less than \$100,000.
- for rental properties either the tenant or the owner may apply.

### **Rebates will not be eligible where:**

- the dwelling is a new construction;
- the dwelling is a holiday home or other temporary dwelling;
- the applicant is not an individual, for example rebates will not be given to businesses;
- the dwelling is State or Territory public housing or is owned by a State or



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### **Territory government;**

- the system replaces any type of gas hot water system;
- the system replaces or is additional to an existing solar or heat pump hot water system; or
- the system will be used for non-domestic purposes or for heating a pool, spa or similar.

### **Do other rebates still apply?**

This Australian Government rebate is in addition to any other low emission hot water rebates from State or Territory governments or other organisations.

### **More information?**

This Fact Sheet is intended for information purposes only. Further information regarding the programme, eligibility for the rebate and Registered Agents can be obtained from [www.greenhouse.gov.au/rebates](http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/rebates)

Application forms are expected to be available from 1 September 2007.

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## **NSW CLIMATE CHANGE FUND**

Hot Water System Rebate  
application form





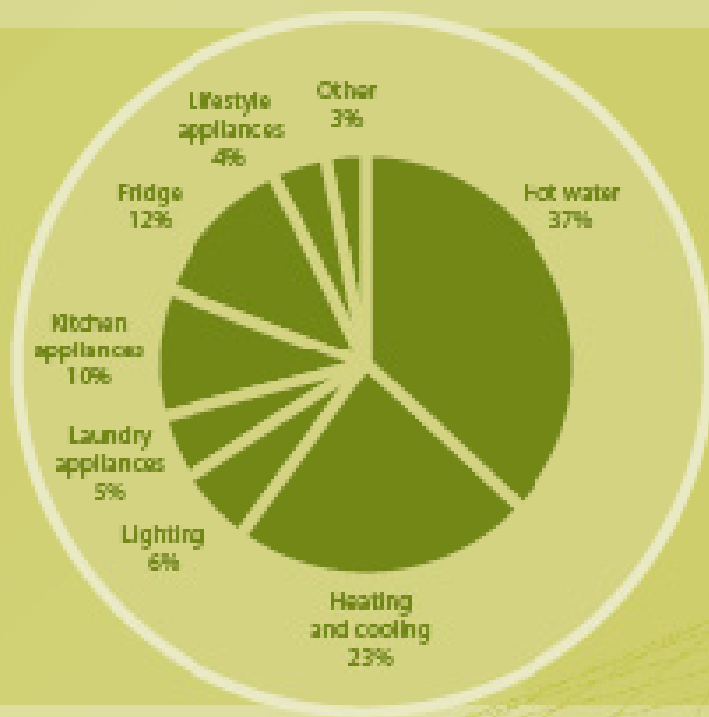
## Why are we offering you a rebate?

**The NSW Government's \$340 million Climate Change Fund is available to help business, households, schools and government save energy and water.**

It includes a \$100 million Residential Rebate Program to help householders make their homes more water and energy efficient.

As well as rebates for hot water systems, the Climate Change Fund also provides rebates for rainwater tanks and insulation.

Water heating is the biggest energy user in NSW homes. Electric hot water systems typically account for more than a third of household energy use. Because most electricity in NSW is generated from coal-fired power stations, electric hot water systems emit the most greenhouse gas emissions.



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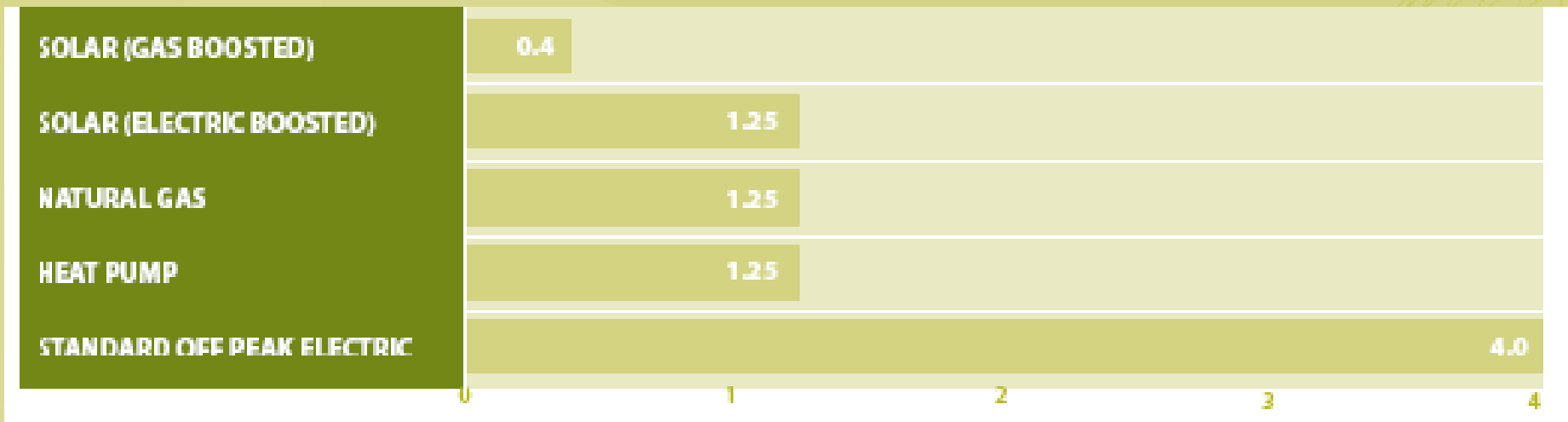
## Saving greenhouse gas emissions

Because such a high proportion of household energy use is for heating water, installing a climate-friendly gas, solar or heat pump hot water system can significantly reduce your household's greenhouse gas emissions. The chart below shows the

greenhouse gas emissions typically generated each year by different types of systems to heat the same amount of water.

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### GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM HOT WATER SYSTEMS (TONNES PER YEAR)



You can also make the most of your hot water system by using it efficiently:

insulate hot water pipes ++ es – especially pipes outside the house

++ install a water-efficient showerhead – showering usually makes up more than 30% of hot water use in the home.

++ fix dripping taps – a dripping tap can waste 1000 litres of hot water a month.

## Eligibility criteria

The Hot Water System Rebate is available for the installation of a new gas, solar or heat pump hot water system which replaces an existing electric system. It is available for hot water systems for residential properties only, purchased in full and installed between October 1, 2007 and June 30, 2009.

The hot water system must be installed by a licensed plumber to ensure that all relevant requirements and regulations are met.

## How much is the rebate?

\$300 for a gas hot water system with a 5-star or higher energy **++** y rating

**++** up to \$1200 for a solar or heat pump hot water system.

The rebate for solar and heat pump hot water systems is based on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions saved, determined by the eligibility of your system for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), as follows:

NUMBER OF RECs	REBATE
8-19	\$0
20-27	\$600
28-35	\$800
36-43	\$1000
44+	\$1200

Your supplier and/or installer will be able to provide you with more information about RECs. The installer must complete Sections 3 and 4 of the application form, providing full details about your new hot water system, including the system model number, the number of RECs for which it is eligible and confirmation that it has been professionally installed.

### **Planning requirements**

Some local councils have specific rules covering the installation of hot water systems. Check with your local council to ensure your new system complies with planning requirements.

### **Applying for the rebate**

You apply for the rebate after the hot water system has been installed. You will need to:

- + + Read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the rebate offer on the back of this brochure
- + + Complete all relevant sections of the application form and sign it
- + + Make sure your supplier and/or installer has completed sections 3 and 4 of the application form and signed it
- + + Attach original receipt(s) for the hot water system and installation.

(Original receipts to demonstrate proof of purchase and installation are required, clearly indicating payment in full has been made. They will be posted back to you after processing.)

Forward the application form and receipts to:

NSW Climate Change Fund Hot Water System Rebate | PO Box A290 | Sydney South NSW 1232.

### **When will I receive the rebate?**

We will send your rebate cheque within 60 days of receiving the completed application form and receipt(s), subject to verification of your application details.





## Climate Change Fund

The NSW Government's \$340 million Climate Change Fund has been established to help business, households, schools and government save energy and water.

It includes a \$100 million Residential Rebate Program to help householders make their homes more water and energy efficient.

The rebates are available to install ceiling insulation and rainwater tanks and replace electric hot water systems with climate friendly solar, heat pump or gas systems.

Full details and more information about the Climate Change Fund is available from our website at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au).

### Other criteria

Rebates are not available for hot water systems, insulation or rainwater tanks installed to comply with BASIX (the Building Sustainability Index) for new homes and major renovations.

All rebates are available for residential use only. They are additional to any other rebate or incentive offer available to NSW residents.

Rainwater tanks must be purchased and installed after 1 July 2007. Hot water systems and insulation must be purchased and installed after 1 October 2007.

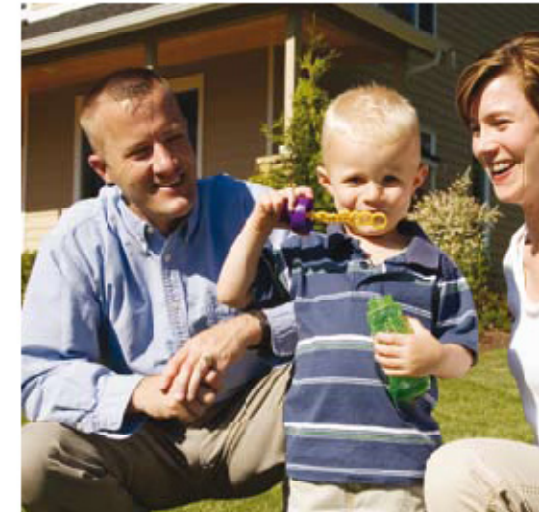
### Applying for the rebate

You apply for the rebates after the installation is complete.

For each rebate you will need to:

- + agree to the terms and conditions
- + complete and sign an application form
- + if applicable, ensure a professional installer signs and completes any relevant sections of the application form
- + attach original receipt(s).

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## Residential Rebate Program

For more information and application forms visit

[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates)

or call the Environment Line on  
**1300 361 967**