



Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program

Get a rebate of up to \$5,000
to reduce your power bills and carbon pollution



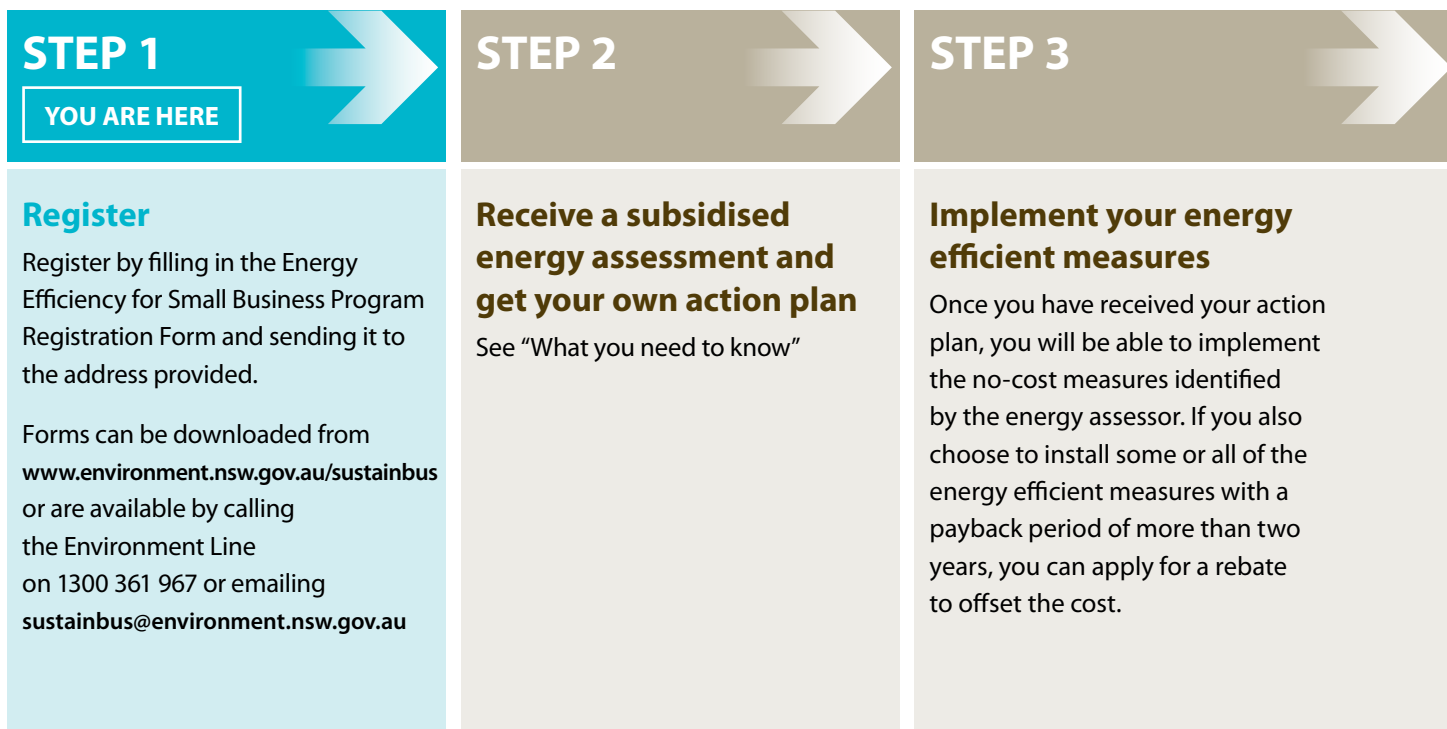


Financial support and independent advice to cut power bills and carbon pollution

When you are running a business, it can be hard to find time to make changes you would love to make – like reducing your environmental impact and saving money by becoming more energy efficient.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW (DECC) would like to partner with businesses like yours to help you reduce your power bills and carbon pollution.

WHAT'S INVOLVED? Five easy steps to reducing power bills and carbon pollution



What you need to know

- Once you have registered, an energy assessor will contact you and organise a time for your on-site assessment. It will take 30-60 minutes to complete.
- The energy assessor will need to see your electricity bills for the last 12 months.
- You pay an initial \$50 contribution to the assessment and action plan on the day. We will deduct the balance of the cost (either \$100 or \$250) from your rebate if you apply for one.
- Your action plan will arrive within five working days. It will prioritise ways for you to save electricity by increasing the efficiency of, or replacing, equipment. Approximate payback periods (return on investment timeframes) are included for each action identified.

Our new **Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program** offers eligible businesses rebates of up to \$5,000 (inc. GST) for the purchase of energy-wise equipment. It provides you with an energy assessment and action plan – the cost of which we pay half. Tailored to your business, the action plan includes expert advice on how to reduce your power use – and bills.

Am I eligible?

If your business spends up to about \$20,000 (inc. GST) in electricity a year or employs up to approximately 10 staff, you're eligible for the Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program.

STEP 4



Apply for your rebate

You may apply for a rebate of up to \$5,000 to pay for up to 50 per cent of your costs to reduce your power use. Within six months of your assessment you need to implement energy efficiency measures following the priorities listed in your action plan. You will need to keep all of your original receipts when you make the improvements.

STEP 5

Receive your rebate and certificate

We will verify your eligibility and mail your rebate cheque, less the remainder of your contribution to the assessment fee, and Certificate of Participation within 60 days.

Did you know?

- Switching to compact fluorescent lighting or high efficiency luminaire lighting can cut your electricity use for lighting by up to 75 per cent.
- Replacing air conditioners that are more than 10 years old can reduce your energy costs for heating and cooling by up to 40 per cent.
- Fixing leaks in compressed air systems can cut your electricity use for that machine by up to 50 per cent.



Subsidy and Rebate Ready Reckoner

All costs outlined below include GST.

Last year the electricity costs for my business were	An energy assessment and action plan, at half the regular price, will cost me	Energy efficiency improvements that attract a 50% rebate	Payback period required to be eligible for a rebate	Maximum total 50% rebate on improvements I may receive is
Less than \$5,000	\$150 \$50 paid on the day of assessment and \$100 deducted from your rebate if you apply for one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lighting including skylights • heating, ventilation and air conditioning • insulation 	More than 2 years as identified in your action plan	\$2,000
\$5,000 to \$20,000	\$300 \$50 paid on the day of assessment and \$250 deducted from your rebate if you apply for one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electric motors • air compressors • commercial refrigeration • boilers 		\$5,000

What is a 'payback period'?

A payback period is the time it takes to get a return on investment from your energy improvements. For example, if you purchase and install new lighting at a cost of \$500 and your action plan estimates this will reduce your electricity costs by \$100 a year, the payback period for this measure is five years ($\$500/\$100=5$).

Why is a rebate only available for measures with a payback of more than two years?

The rebate is available to help make the implementation of long term and generally more expensive energy efficiency improvements more affordable for you. Improvements with a payback of less than two years generally incur little or no costs. So, it makes good business sense to implement these without an incentive. We are offering rebates to help you implement energy efficiency improvements with a relatively high cost.

What is an energy assessment?

This is an onsite energy assessment of your business undertaken by a DECC appointed assessor who will identify ways your business can save electricity and money.

What are energy efficiency measures or improvements?

These are actions to reduce your power bills. Many of these actions will incur little or no costs.

What is in an energy action plan?

This is a plan that tells you what you can do to reduce your power bills. This includes actions you can implement at little or no cost (less than two year payback period). Also included are options with a payback period of more than two years that are eligible for a rebate.

Join the Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program today and discover more ways to save energy and money.

For more information or a Registration Form:

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