

Home and Business Battery Scheme

Overview

The Northern Territory Government has a plan for 50% renewable energy by 2030 while maintaining secure, reliable and affordable power.

Behind-the-meter batteries can reduce electricity costs for households and businesses with a solar system by reducing the amount of power that has to be purchased for the grid.

The Home and Business Battery Scheme provides a \$6000 grant to homeowners, businesses, not-for-profit and community organisations for the purchase and installation of solar PV systems with an eligible battery and inverter, or for those who already have solar, for the purchase and installation of an eligible battery and inverter.

An initial \$800,000 will be provided for the scheme which will fund grants for about 130 batteries.

Jacana Energy customers that currently receive the premium one-for-one feed-in tariff (FiT) who access the Home and Business Battery Scheme will be transferred to the a standard FiT.

For more information on Jacana's FiTs go to the [Jacana Energy website](#)

Eligibility

Businesses and homeowners

You can only submit one application per property and per homeowner.

You can apply if you are:

- a registered owner of a residential property in the NT
- or a registered NT business
- a not-for-profit or community organisation operating in the NT in either owned or leased premises.

The property can be owner occupied or used as an investment, but there can only be one application per property and per homeowner.

Homeowners that also own a business can apply for one grant for their home and one for their business.

Accessing the Home and Business Battery Scheme does not affect your ability to access eligible works under the Home Improvement Scheme, Business Improvement Grants or Immediate Work Grants.

You can use the scheme to:

- purchase and install solar PV systems with an eligible battery and inverter, or
- purchase and install an eligible battery and inverter only, if you already have solar PV installed.

The minimum capacity for eligible batteries is 7 kilowatt hours.

Feed in Tariff :

New Jacana solar customers will now receive a standard FiT of 8.3 c/kWh ex GST which is equivalent to the value of electricity exported to the grid.

Existing solar customers will not be impacted but would be transferred to the new standard FiT if they move premises, upgrade their existing system after the cut-off date or take advantage of the Territory Government's Home and Business Battery Scheme (HBBS) to purchase a home or business battery.

Customers that had committed to solar works, in writing, prior to 5 April 2020 are also eligible for the premium FiT. Connection applications for the installation of solar systems will need to be submitted to the Power and Water Corporation by midnight 14 April 2020.

How to apply

Applications open on Tuesday, 14 April.

You must read, understand and agree to the schemes terms and conditions before you apply.

To apply for the Home and Business Battery Scheme follow the below steps.

Step 1. Check your eligibility

Read the terms and conditions:

Step 2. Get a quote

Get a quote from a qualified system installer/provider.

There is no minimum number of quotes.

Step 3. Apply

After selecting a preferred quote, apply online to receive a unique voucher.

Go to smartygrants website.

After you apply

Eligible Works must only commence after an application has been approved and must be completed within three calendar months of the date of issue of the Voucher.

Contact

For more information, contact the Business Recovery team on 1800 193 111 or hbbs.dtb@nt.gov.au