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Community Smart Energy Talks
Organised by Umina Community Group

Energy Efficiency Assistance Government Rebates and Grants for Residents




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Benefit	Description	Eligibility	Type	Program Name	Find it here
Compare energy plans with Energy Made Easy	Energy Made Easy is an Australian Government energy price comparison service for households and small businesses. This means you'll be able to find and compare all the electricity and gas plans of all retailers. Energy Made Easy provides you with all the information you need to make a decision, and then you contact the retailer of your choice.	Residential and small business	Advice 	Energy Made Easy	https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/compare-energy-plans-with-energy-made-easy
Gas rebate for concession card holders	The NSW Gas Rebate helps people who hold eligible concession cards issued by the Commonwealth Department of Human Services or the Department of Veterans' Affairs pay their natural gas or residential LPG bills. Households can only receive one gas rebate each financial year. The rebate is available to both retail and on supply customers.	Residential (either pensioner, health care card recipient, or certain DVA gold card classifications)	Rebate 	Gas Rebate	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/gas-rebate-concession-card-holders
Appliance purchase loan assistance	The No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) offers individuals and families on low incomes access to safe, fair and affordable loans for purchasing appliances and some other essential household expenses. NILS is offered by more than 175 local community organisations in over 600 locations across Australia. The NILS scheme offers loans of up to \$1500 for essential goods and services including: fridges, furniture, stoves, heaters, TVs, washing machines, and more.	Residential (have a health care card/pension card or earn less than \$45,000 a year after tax, \$60,000 after tax for joint applicants or people with children)	Loan (no-interest) 	No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS)	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/appliance-purchase-loan-assistance
Energy offers for seniors	Exclusive energy offers are available for Seniors Card members in NSW.	Residential (NSW Seniors only)	Assistance 	Seniors Card Exclusive Energy Offers	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/energy-offers-seniors
Energy rebate for seniors	The Seniors Energy Rebate is available for eligible independent retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC) to help cover the cost of their electricity. The rebate is \$200 per household, per financial year. A household can only receive one Seniors Energy Rebate each financial year (even if more than one eligible retiree lives at the same address).	Residential (have a valid CSHC from Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs; be the primary account holder on the electricity bill; be applying for the rebate for your primary place of residence)	Rebate 	Seniors Energy Rebate	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/energy-rebate-seniors

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Discounted energy-efficient lighting for households	The Energy efficient lighting offer makes it easier for households in NSW to reduce their energy use by replacing old inefficient halogen lights with energy-efficient light emitting diode (LED) lights. The cost of purchasing the LED bulbs and having them installed by a professional is subsidised.	Residential (you must have halogen downlights)	Rebate \$	Energy Savings Scheme	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/discounted-energy-efficient-lighting-households
Energy bill relief for vulnerable households	NSW households experiencing difficulty paying their electricity or gas bill because of a short-term financial crisis or emergency could be eligible for financial support under the Energy Accounts Payments Assistance (EAPA) scheme. Households are given digital vouchers to help pay electricity or gas bills. The scheme is only for people in financial crisis.	Residential (contact EAPA provider for eligibility – financial crisis only)	Rebate \$	Energy Accounts Payment Assistance scheme	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/energy-bill-relief-vulnerable-households
Energy offers for seniors	Exclusive energy offers are available for Seniors Card members in NSW.	Residential (NSW Seniors only)	Assistance 	Seniors Card Exclusive Energy Offers	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/energy-offers-seniors
Family energy rebate	The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW family households with dependent children cover the costs of their energy bills. The rebate gives eligible energy account holders a credit on an energy bill of up to \$180. It is available for both retail and on supply customers. Applications for the 2023-24 Family Energy Rebate are now open.	Residential (required to be a recipient of the Family Tax Benefit in previous FY)	Rebate \$	Family Energy Rebate	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/family-energy-rebate
Low-income household rebate	The Low Income Household Rebate (LIHR) helps low income NSW households cover the costs of their energy bills. Households receive the rebate as a credit on each quarterly energy bill, up to a total of \$285 per year. The amount is calculated daily from the day you call your retailer and apply. Households can only receive one LIHR each financial year.	Residential (low-income)	Rebate \$	Low Income Household Rebate	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/low-income-household-rebate

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Home energy-efficiency rating	The Residential Efficiency Scorecard (the Scorecard) rates your home's energy use and comfort, and provides tailored recommendations for improvements. Getting a Scorecard rating from a government-accredited assessor will help you make the best choices by providing targeted information to ensure that any money you spend on upgrades will lead to a cheaper to run, more comfortable home. During your Scorecard assessment, the assessor will visit your home, discuss your goals and conduct a thorough on-site assessment. They will collect data in the government-supported Scorecard tool of your home's fixed appliances and features.	Residential	Advice 	Residential Efficiency Scorecard	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/home-energy-efficiency-rating
Life support rebate	The Life Support Energy Rebate (LSER) helps eligible NSW households cover the costs of their energy bills. The LSER is for NSW customers who need, or have someone living with them who needs to use approved energy-intensive medical equipment at home. The equipment must be essential for supporting life, such as home dialysis, ventilators and oxygen concentrators.	Residential (life-support equipment only)	Rebate \$	Life Support Rebate – NSW	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/life-support-rebate
Light bulb energy efficiency app	The Light Bulb Saver App and explanatory video are available on the Energy Rating website to assist consumers identify the most suitable lighting options for their particular needs. Use this handy tool when shopping for more energy-efficient light bulbs. App users can: 1. identify the best energy-efficient light bulbs to replace incandescent and halogen bulbs. 2. find out how much can be saved by switching to LEDs. 3. get handy tips about choosing the right lighting for each room. 4. reduce energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions.	All	Advice 	Light Bulb Saver App	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/light-bulb-energy-efficiency-app
Rebate swap for solar and energy efficiency upgrades	NSW residents currently receiving an energy rebate may be eligible to swap the rebate for a free 3 kilowatt solar system or energy efficient upgrades. There are 3 offers available: for homeowners - rebate swap for solar; for households not suitable for solar - rebate swap for energy upgrades; for Land and Housing Corporation tenants - rebate swap for solar.	Residential (low-income)	Rebate \$	Low Income Household Rebate	https://www.energy.gov.au/rebates/rebate-swap-solar-and-energy-efficiency-upgrades

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Upgrade your hot water system	Help you to upgrade your hot water system for a more energy efficient model. Switching to a more energy efficient hot water system will help you reduce the amount of energy and water you use. This means you can expect to see long-term cost savings on your bills. Note an updated scheme to include gas is planned for June 2024 (check the energy.nsw.gov.au website for details and approved suppliers).	Residential	Rebate \$	Energy Savings Scheme	https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/household-energy-saving-upgrades/upgrade-your-hot-water
Upgrade your air conditioning	You can access a discount if you choose to install an energy efficient air conditioning system, or if you replace your old air conditioning system with a more energy efficient model. Choosing an energy efficient air conditioning system will help you reduce your energy use. If you're upgrading, you can also expect to see long-term savings on your power bills. Additional benefits available under the Peak Demand Reduction Scheme.	Residential	Rebate \$	Energy Savings Scheme	https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/household-energy-saving-upgrades/upgrade-your-air-conditioning
Upgrade your pool pump	Help you to replace your pool pump for a more energy efficient model. Switching to an energy efficient pool pump will help reduce your household energy use. You can also expect to see long-term savings on your power bills. Additional benefits available under the Peak Demand Reduction Scheme.	Residential	Rebate \$	Energy Savings Scheme	https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/household-energy-saving-upgrades/upgrade-your-pool-pump
Lower the cost of Solar panels	It is subsidised by a federal government scheme based on a Small-scale Technology Certificate. The solar rebate financial incentive subsidises the upfront cost of installing a solar power system and is not means-tested. It is facilitated by a Clean Energy Council accredited installer.	Residential based on solar system size to be installed and using approved installers and solar panels.	Subsidy \$	Solar Incentive Scheme	For information https://www.solarquotes.com.au/panels/rebate/

