

## Small Business Energy Saver Program

# Empowering your business to reduce its energy bills

### About the program

Making sure your business equipment runs as efficiently and economically as possible is important when trying to avoid unnecessary energy costs.

We're supporting small business to upgrade to more energy-efficient operating equipment, that consumes less energy, reduces energy bills and is better for the environment.

This program provides small businesses with a significant discount that in some cases may cover up to 100% of the full equipment and installation cost, meaning there's minimal out of pocket expenses.

We'll identify the equipment in your business that is costly to operate and recommend the best upgrades for you.

Under the program you could replace your old electric water heater with a hot water heat pump at no cost or upgrade your air conditioning unit with a more efficient reverse cycle air-conditioner for \$700 instead of \$2,800.

The exact amount your business will need to pay for an approved energy efficiency improvement will depend on the number and type of energy upgrades undertaken. Each business can receive up to \$2000 discount for eligible equipment upgrades.

By upgrading to new energy-saving equipment, your business is proactively taking the next step toward becoming energy-efficient and climate-proofing your work premises. You're also avoiding losing further money in bills paying for energy you don't need.

### Eligibility criteria

Small businesses must:

- have 1 to 19 employees (full-time equivalent)
- have a commercial (non-residential) premises.

If you are a small business operating out of a rented or leased premise, you must first ensure that you are authorised to have installation activities carried out at the premises.

### Available upgrades



replace inefficient electric and gas hot water systems



upgrade to efficient room reverse cycle air-conditioners



install energy-efficient refrigerator display cabinets, fridges and freezers

### Benefits of upgrading to energy-efficient equipment



lower energy use



lower energy bills – up to 20% annually



lower greenhouse gas emissions



leverage the savings from reduced energy bills to focus on business growth



generate employment for tradespeople and accredited providers.



## Act now

Chat with one of our Small Business Energy Saver Program local program experts who can work with you to identify eligible equipment in your business. Our experts can be found at [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/small-business-energy-saver](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/small-business-energy-saver)

Curious about how much you can save by upgrading to energy saving equipment? Find out by visiting our energy upgrade tool at [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/energy-efficiency-and-reducing-emissions/in-a-business/energy-upgrade-recommendations](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/energy-efficiency-and-reducing-emissions/in-a-business/energy-upgrade-recommendations)

## Victorian Energy Upgrades

The Small Business Energy Saver program complements the Victorian Government's **Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU)** program. On top of incentives through the VEU program, this program will deliver \$5 million to the small business sector in Victoria, to make it cheaper to upgrade equipment that is more energy efficient and costs less to run.

## Contact us

Find out more at [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/small-business-energy-saver](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/small-business-energy-saver)

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