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Important: Preparing for the solar battery changes from 1 May

As announced in December 2025, small-scale technology certificates (STCs) for solar batteries will be [tiered and adjusted](#) according to the size of the solar battery from 1 May 2026.

This change will impact the rebate for batteries, particularly those over 14 kWh, and may affect the types of batteries that are purchased.

Retailers are responsible for providing accurate timelines on stock provision, accurate quotes that reflect the upcoming changes and for fulfilling the contracts to install batteries.

Already, we see that many program participants are trying to get battery installations in as quickly as possible. We want to remind you of your obligations when quoting jobs to customers and providing stock for battery installations.

Only commit to what you can deliver

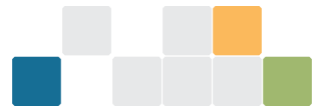
- Be aware of your ability to provide solar batteries – work with manufacturers and importers to manage supply.
- Be honest about your availability to install solar batteries when quoting jobs to customers. Agreed installation dates and STC amounts must be honoured.
- If an installer agrees to a solar battery installation before 1 May but can't deliver, you may be liable to pay the difference in STCs, depending on contractual arrangements.
- Deceptive or misleading behaviour will not be tolerated.

Make your contracts clear

- Describe in plain English what happens if a battery system can't be provided by the date agreed.
- Ensure your customers are informed of the correct discount rate, especially if installation dates have to change.

Don't rush to try and 'beat' the changes

- Safety remains the number one priority.
- Installers can claim [no more than 2 installations per day and must take timestamped geotagged installer on-site verification images for each installation](#).
- We continue to conduct random and targeted inspections and will act swiftly if issues are identified.



More information

Program changes ensure the Australian Government can continue to support battery installations, contribute to the stability and resilience of the grid, and ensure the discount remains appropriate for small, medium and large battery systems.

We administer the scheme based on the legislative framework in place. We cannot adjust STC creation requirements or provide exemptions.

We thank you for your cooperation. If you have further questions, contact us at enquiries@cer.gov.au.

<p><u>STC rates for small, medium and large batteries</u></p> <p>Confused about the amount of support according to the size of the battery system? We have guidelines on our website.</p>	<p><u>STC rates after 1 May</u></p> <p>Use our STC calculator to estimate the number of STCs a solar battery installation may be eligible for on different dates.</p>
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