

Small Businesses on Embedded Networks – Rebates for 2024-25

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



1. How much grant is available?

A total funding package of \$625 per eligible small business is available (\$300 from Tasmanian Government + \$325 from Australian Government).

2. What is an embedded network customer?

Embedded network customers are businesses that receive their electricity from an entity such as an embedded network operator, landlord or building owner. This entity purchases electricity from an energy retailer (such as Aurora Energy) and on-sells this electricity to their business tenants through an individually metered connection.

Examples of these could be:

- shops in a shopping centre
- businesses operating within airports
- tenants in managed office accommodation
- leaseholders at a business estate/industrial parks.

3. My electricity is not metered and/or not in an embedded network, am I eligible for the grant?

No. If your electricity is not supplied through an embedded network (which means that you receive your electricity through an authorised retailer such as Aurora Energy or 1st Energy), you are not eligible to this program.

Businesses that receive their electricity through an authorised retailer (meaning you are not in an embedded network) will receive a direct credit to their eligible electricity accounts. You should contact your retailer for any questions relating to this.

4. Who is eligible for the grant?

Tasmanian small businesses that meet all the eligibility criteria and have not received any other small business payment under the Supercharged Renewable Energy Dividend Program.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- be a small business electricity customer who consumes less than 150MWh per year
- be able to demonstrate that you are on a metered supply of electricity in an embedded network
- be able to demonstrate that the location where the electricity is being consumed on the embedded network is your principal place of business
- hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) – this ABN must be for the applicant business.

5. Who are ineligible for the grant?

- Residential households
- Have received any other small business payment under the Supercharged Renewable Energy Dividend Program
- Small businesses that directly receive their electricity supply and are invoiced through an authorised retailer (such as Aurora Energy or 1st Energy)
- Any public company as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001*
- Any government body, government agency and government business enterprise
- Any business that is under external administration or bankruptcy.

6. What supporting information and documentation I should provide?

In order for an application to be deemed eligible supporting documentation must be provided. You must include every page of your supporting documents. If information and documentation provided are not sufficient, the application will be declined.

Evidence required are:

- recent invoice from your embedded network operator indicating a metered electricity supply at your principal place of business. The invoice should include:
 - Invoice date, unique invoice number; and the business name and ABN of the embedded network operator (the invoice issuer).
 - Your business name and business address as the entity connected to the embedded network.
 - Power consumption for a specified billing period, and unit cost of the electricity supply and total invoice amount
- your current lease agreement, or suitable documentation confirming ownership, which shows business name and address matching the details provided in your application
- latest business bank statement with business address matching the details provided within your application.

7. [When does the grant program open and close?](#)

The grant program opened for applications at 2pm on 19 June 2024 and will close at 2pm on 31 October 2024.

8. [Who can lodge an application?](#)

Applications must be made and lodged by the business owner.

9. [I run my business from my place of residence, am I eligible for the grant?](#)

No, businesses that operate from a home residence and are not on an embedded network supply arrangement are not eligible for the grant. This includes accommodation business such as bed and breakfast businesses, where there is no separation between the home energy bill and the business energy bill.

You will receive your dividend via your residential electricity account from your authorised retailer, and you are not eligible for an additional payment.

10. [I run a business, but **not** from my place of residence, am I eligible for the grant?](#)

Yes, provided that you are in an embedded network and meet all other eligibility criteria.

11. [What is the assessment process for this grant?](#)

Applications will be assessed in order of receipt and based on applicant eligibility and evidence provided in support of the application. Applications will be assessed by the Department of State Growth.

12. [Do I need to be registered for GST to eligible for the grant?](#)

Businesses are not required to be registered for GST as per guidelines.

13. [What are the taxation and financial implications of the grant?](#)

The receipt of funding from this program may be treated as income by the ATO. While grants are typically treated as assessable income for taxation purposes, how they are treated will depend on the recipient's particular circumstances.

It is strongly recommended that potential applicants consider seeking independent advice about the possible tax implications for receiving the grant under the program from a tax advisor, financial advisor and/or the ATO, prior to submitting an application.

14. [I have one ABN for multiple businesses/locations, can I apply for multiple grants?](#)

No. Only one application per ABN is allowed under this program.

15. [Am I able to claim for a grant as a not-for-profit business?](#)

Yes, you are eligible if you are on a metered supply of electricity in an embedded network and consumes less than 150MWh per year; and meet all other eligibility criteria.

16. [If my application for the grant is approved how and when will I receive the funds?](#)

Assessment of applications will commence as applications are submitted and applications will be assessed in order of receipt.

State Growth is expecting a high number of applications to be submitted. The time taken to assess applications will be dependent on the actual number of applications received.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application, or notified if additional information is required within one month of application via SmartyGrants. It is important to check your 'junk mail' folder in case the notification from SmartyGrants has accidentally been placed there by your email system.

17. Once approved, will I need to invoice State Growth to receive the grant funds?

No. State Growth will organise payment of funds once your application has been deemed successful. It is essential that the bank details you provide in your application form are accurate. State Growth does not take responsibility for incorrect details provided in the application.

18. If I submit my application and then realise I have forgotten to upload some supporting information can I still submit it?

If this happens, you need to contact Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026. If your application has not been assessed yet, your application may be reopened to give you the opportunity to provide supporting information. You may also be contacted to provide additional information or documents while your application is being assessed.

19. I don't have an ABN, can I still apply?

No, only businesses with an active ABN active are eligible to apply for the grant.

20. The guidelines ask applicants to certify that they meet the eligibility criteria, what does this mean?

Applicants need to tick a box on the application form to verify the information they are providing is true and accurate.

21. I still have questions not answered by the program guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions, what will I do next?

You can contact Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026, or by email ask@business.tas.gov.au



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