

Energy Concession Extension Scheme

Energy Assistance Payment - Dependent Child Rebate - Air Conditioning Rebate 8 September 2023

RevenueWA pays certain households an annual subsidy to assist with electricity costs.

If you are directly billed by Synergy, Horizon Power, BHP or Rio Tinto, please contact them to discuss your eligibility for concessions or rebates.

The Energy Concession Extension Scheme includes the Energy Assistance Payment, and in certain cases a Dependent Child Rebate and/or an Air Conditioning Rebate.

To be eligible for the Energy Assistance Payment from RevenueWA, you must reside in a dwelling where you are charged for your electricity use by a supplier other than Synergy, Horizon Power, BHP or Rio Tinto and you or a household member must hold a:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card or
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

A Western Australian Seniors card is not an eligible card.

If you are a tenant leasing a residence, you must have been living there for at least three months or have a lease agreement for a minimum of three months.

Electricity costs must be charged based on your actual, or reasonable estimate of, your electricity use. Lease agreements that charge an all-inclusive rate without apportioning any cost, or only a nominal cost, to electricity use do not meet the eligibility criteria for the Energy Assistance Payment.

If you receive the Energy Assistance Payment, you may also be eligible for the Dependent Child Rebate and/or the Air Conditioning Rebate.

Dependent Child Rebate

This rebate is calculated according to the number of dependent children associated with the concession card living in the household.

You must hold one of the following concession cards:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card or
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

Air Conditioning Rebate

This payment subsidises the cost of operating an air conditioner if you reside in one of the specified eligible towns (see page 5) and have air conditioning installed at the residence.

You must either:

- be eligible for the Dependent Child Rebate or
- hold a WA Seniors Card and a Pensioner Concession Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

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Examples of eligible households

Common examples of households with concession cards eligible for the Energy Assistance Payment:

- You are invoiced for your electricity costs direct from an energy company other than Synergy or Horizon Power, such as Perth Energy, WinConnect or Alinta Sales.
- You reside in an apartment, retirement village or caravan park (as a long-stay resident) where management invoice you for your electricity costs.
- You reside on a multi-dwelling lot such as a granny flat or dual key residence and your electricity costs are on-charged to you based on your proportionate use.
- You reside in accommodation with shared facilities and you are charged a separate
 utility cost that includes your proportionate electricity use. The owner cannot also reside
 at the property.
- In certain circumstances, you reside in a dwelling where you incur costs for generating your own electricity off-the-grid.

Payment amounts

Payment will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly into an Australian bank account you nominate when you <u>apply</u>.

If you are eligible to receive the Energy Assistance Payment and another subsidy, the payment will be made as a single amount.

If you need to change your nominated account, complete the change of bank details form.

Annual payment amounts from 1 July 2023					
Energy Assistant Payment	\$326.33				
Dependent Child Rebate	\$343.14 for one child \$89.91 for each additional child (capped at four dependent children)				
Air Conditioning Rebate	\$68.34				

How to apply

Apply using our online application form.

If you can't apply online, contact us on 08 9262 1486.

You must authorise us to confirm the status of your concession card with <u>Services Australia</u>, the <u>Department of Veterans' Affairs</u> and the <u>Department for Communities</u>. You may also need to authorise us to confirm energy usage and supply at your residential address.

RevenueWA may decline an application (or require repayment of any concession already paid) if the Commissioner is of the reasonable opinion that false or misleading information has been provided, or if the eligibility criteria have not been met. You may seek a review of this decision.

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What you need when applying

Concession card details

- Card number
- First name as listed on your card
- Surname as listed on your card
- Entitlement start date (if applicable)
- Entitlement expiry date (if applicable)
- Name and date of birth of each dependent child listed on the concession card (if applicable).

Electricity account details

You will need the following information about your electricity account:

- Description of the billing arrangement (e.g. charged on measured use, fixed amount in lease).
- Name of electricity company (e.g. Alinta Sales) or on-seller (e.g. strata company, retirement village).

Residential lease details

You will need the following information about your lease agreement, if applicable:

- Your occupancy commencement date
- Lease expiry date
- Property owner's name
- Managing agent's name

Bank account details

You will need the following information about your bank account as it appears on your bank statement. It must be an Australian cheque or savings account.

- Name of Financial Institution (e.g. ANZ Bank)
- Branch location (e.g. Claremont)
- BSB number (maximum 6 digits)
- Account number (maximum 9 digits)
- Name of account holder

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Renewing your application

Your entitlement to the Energy Assistance Payment is reviewed annually on your anniversary date. Your anniversary date is the date your application is lodged.

We will contact you each year before your anniversary date. You must ensure we have your correct contact details so you receive your renewal notification.

When you receive the notification, review your details and let us know any changes to your circumstances or details. Once we confirm your entitlement, we'll process your payment. We will contact you if we need further information from you.

Contact RevenueWA									
Web Enquiry	www.osr.wa.gov.au/eces	Website	WA.gov.au						
Office	200 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000	Phone	(08) 9262 1486 1300 368 364						
Postal	GPO Box T1600 Perth WA 6845		(WA country landline callers)						

Note: This fact sheet provides guidance only. Contact RevenueWA for further information.

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Eligible towns - Air Conditioning Rebate

The rebate amount varies depending on the location and is calculated at the time of application. The rebate amount is multiplied by the number of eligible months for that location.

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Town/area	Months	P	erio	d
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Ambania	3	Dec	-	Feb
Ardyaloon	7	Oct	-	Apr
Arrino	3	Dec	-	Feb
Arrowsmith East	3	Dec	-	Feb
Balgo	6	Oct	-	Mar
Ballidu	3	Dec	-	Feb
Bayulu	8	Sept	-	Apr
Beacon	3	Dec	-	Feb
Beagle Bay	7	Oct	-	Apr
Bencubbin	3	Dec	-	Feb
Bidyadanga	7	Oct	-	Apr
Binnu	3	Dec	-	Feb
Blackstone	3	Dec	-	Feb
Bowgada	3	Dec	-	Feb
Broome	7	Oct	-	Apr
Bundanoon	3	Dec	-	Feb
Buntine	3	Dec	-	Feb
Burringurrah	5	Nov	-	Mar
Cadoux	3	Dec	-	Feb
Camballin	8	Sept	-	Apr
Cape Range NP	4	Dec	-	Mar
Carnamah	3	Dec	-	Feb
Carnarvon	3	Jan	-	Mar
Cherrabun	8	Sept	-	Apr
Coorow	3	Dec	-	Feb
Coral Bay	2	Jan	-	Feb
Cue	4	Dec	-	Mar
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Dampier	7	Oct	-	Apr

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