

2024/25 Climate Resilient Living Rebate Guidelines

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1. Purpose

The City of West Torrens is committed to promoting and supporting environmentally friendly behaviours, building the community's resilience to the effects of climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Climate Resilient Living rebate program provides incentives to encourage and support low-carbon living in West Torrens.

2. Rebate Amount

The amount provided by Council will not exceed the amount spent by the applicant.

Rebate 1: Home Energy Assessment rebate - a rebate of up to \$200 towards the cost of a Residential Efficiency Scorecard assessment by an accredited practitioner to rate the home's energy use and identify opportunities for improvements. Information on the home assessment is provided in the following web link:

<https://www.homescorecard.gov.au/>

Successful applicants are limited to receiving one of these rebates per home, each financial year.

Rebate 2: Window treatment rebate - a rebate of up to \$200 towards the cost of installing window treatments to enhance the thermal performance of your home, including double glazing, tinting or external sunshades.

Successful applicants are limited to receiving one of these rebates per home, each financial year.

Rebate 3: Appliance electrification rebate - a rebate of up to \$250 towards the cost of replacing gas appliances with electric or solar powered appliances to reduce emissions, energy and running costs.

Successful applicants are limited to receiving one of these rebates per home, each financial year.

Rebate 4: Active transport rebate - a rebate of up to \$400 towards the cost of an E-bike or E-cargo bike for commuting purposes. Successful applicants can only receive this rebate once.

See *Section 3. Eligibility* below to see if you are eligible to apply.

3. Eligibility

The rebates offered under the program are for residential homes and people living in West Torrens. Commercial buildings and business tenants are not eligible to apply.

The rebate is for purchases undertaken in the 2024/25 financial year.

For Rebates 1, 2 and 3: (as outlined in Section 2)

To be eligible, applicants must be able to meet the following criteria:

- The rebates are to be used for residential homes that are located within the City of West Torrens.
- Applicants can be the property owner or the tenant of the subject home.
- Applications from tenants need to include written approval from the property owner, and for strata title residential properties approval from the body corporate, as relevant.
- Applications must include evidence of the work undertaken and/or the purchase and that it has been paid for in full by providing an itemised receipt and photo of the completed work and/or good purchased.
- The following documentation must be provided with your application where applicable:
 - Electrical Certificate(s) of Compliance (CoC)
 - Gas and Plumbing Certificate(s) of Compliance (CoC) as evidence of decommissioning
 - Photos demonstrating installation of eligible appliances.
- The manufacturer's technical specifications for appliances being installed.

- Decision Notification Form for Development Approvals (DA)

For Rebate 4: Active transport rebate: (as outlined in Section 2)

To be eligible, applicants must be able to meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must reside in West Torrens, whether they are a property owner or a tenant.
- The E-bike/E-cargo bike is for commuting purposes.
- Applications must include the following documentation:
 - An itemised purchase receipt showing payment (e.g. a photograph).
 - Confirm that the bike will be used for commuting purposes.
 - Confirm that the bike is to be used in accordance with South Australian Road rules: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/cycling>
- Applicants should be aware that there are restrictions on the type of e-bikes allowed to be ridden on SA roads. Bikes that do not meet the requirements for legal use on SA roads will not be approved. For further information visit: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/cycling/riding-a-power-assisted-bicycle>

4. Other Information

Funding will be in the form of a reimbursement payment once the activity/purchase has been paid in full and works are completed and evidence of such is provided to Council from the applicant.

Follow up inspections by the Administration may occur if deemed necessary and will be arranged with the applicant.

Council encourages applicants to seek specialist advice from a reputable supplier/professional to ensure your application meets the rebate objectives and your needs.

The following sources of information provide further details on enhancing your climate resilience:

<https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/Environment-and-Sustainability/Climate-change/Your-Climate-Resilient-Home-Guide>

<https://www.yourhome.gov.au/>

<https://www.homescorecard.gov.au/>

<https://www.adaptwest.com.au/my-cool-home>

Please ensure you have considered the following when deciding to replace your gas appliances with electric or solar powered alternatives:

- Use a licensed electrical or gas contractor to install and remove your appliances when applicable.
- Obtain all relevant approvals, including from the property landlord, body corporation, SA Power Network, and Council as relevant.

Council is not responsible for the applicant's selection or the performance of goods/services.

5. How to Apply

Applications for the rebate are lodged online through the City of West Torrens website: <https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/Community/Community-funding/Grants-donations-rebates-and-sponsorships/>

The 2024/25 rebate program is open until 30 June 2025, unless funding is exhausted before this date.