



NSW CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

Ceiling Insulation Rebate application form

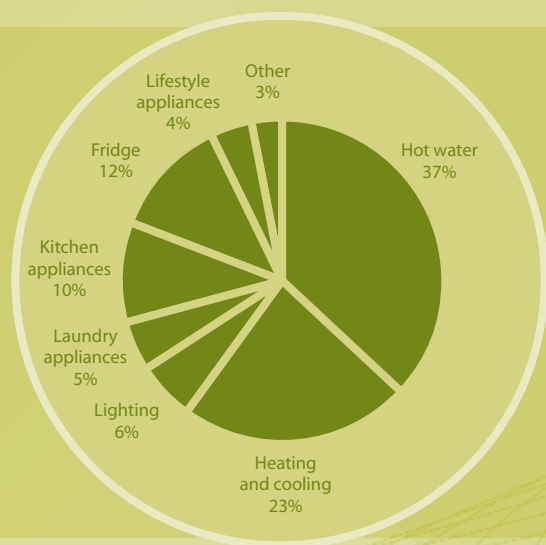


Why are we offering you a rebate?

The NSW Government's \$340 million Climate Change Fund is available to help businesses, households, schools and government save energy and water.

It includes a \$100 million Residential Rebate Program to help householders make their homes more water and energy efficient. As well as rebates for insulation, the Climate Change Fund also provides rebates for rainwater tanks and hot water systems.

Nearly a quarter of energy use in NSW homes is for heating and cooling. By keeping your home warmer in winter and cooler in summer, ceiling insulation means air-conditioners and heaters can be used more efficiently, saving you money and reducing your household's greenhouse gas emissions.



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How much is the rebate

The rebate will cover half the cost of installing ceiling insulation in your home, up to a maximum of \$300.

It is available for residential properties installing new insulation that:

- + covers the entire ceiling area
- + complies with the Australian Standard for insulation – AS/NZS 4859.1:2002
- + meets a minimum R-value for your climate zone, and
- + is purchased in full and installed between 1 October 2007 and 30 June 2009.

Insulation installed to comply with BASIX (the Building Sustainability Index) for new homes or major renovations is not eligible for a rebate.

Types of insulation

The most suitable insulation for your home will depend on:

- + your climate zone
- + design of the house
- + other building materials
- + budget and availability.

All insulation materials that can be installed in ceilings are eligible, including glass fibre, rock wool, wool, polyester, cellulose fibre, polystyrene, and reflective foil.

What are R-values?

R-value is a measurement of the thermal efficiency of insulation, or how much the insulation resists heat flowing into and out of the home. The higher the R-value, the more resistant the insulation is to heat flow.

To receive the rebate, you must make sure that the insulation you install meets the minimum R-value for your climate zone.

Most types of insulation are measured using Added R-value. However, if you are installing reflective foil insulation, you will need to meet a minimum Total R-value.

Your insulation supplier will be able to provide more information about R-values and advise you on the most suitable insulation for your climate zone and personal needs. In some cases, your supplier may recommend a higher R-value than the minimum specified by this rebate.

The following table is a guide to the minimum R-values required for the different climate zones in NSW. The minimum R-values for your home based on your local government area are available from our website or by calling the Environment Line on 1300 361 967.

NSW REGION	CLIMATE ZONE	ADDED R-VALUE	TOTAL R-VALUE
North NSW	Warm humid	2	2.7
Inland NSW, East Sydney, Sydney South, Central Coast:	Arid and temperate	3	3.2
South Coast, Western Sydney, North West Sydney	Cool-temperate	3.3	3.7
Southern Highlands, South West NSW, Snowy Mountains	Cold-alpine	4	4.3

Installing ceiling insulation

It is recommended that your new insulation is installed by a professional to ensure maximum performance. If it is not fitted correctly, you can lose up to 50% of the potential insulation benefits. A professional installer will also be able to advise on the most appropriate insulation for your home and ensure that health and safety factors, such as clearance around electrical wiring, are addressed.

Applying for the rebate

You apply for the rebate after the insulation is installed. You will need to:

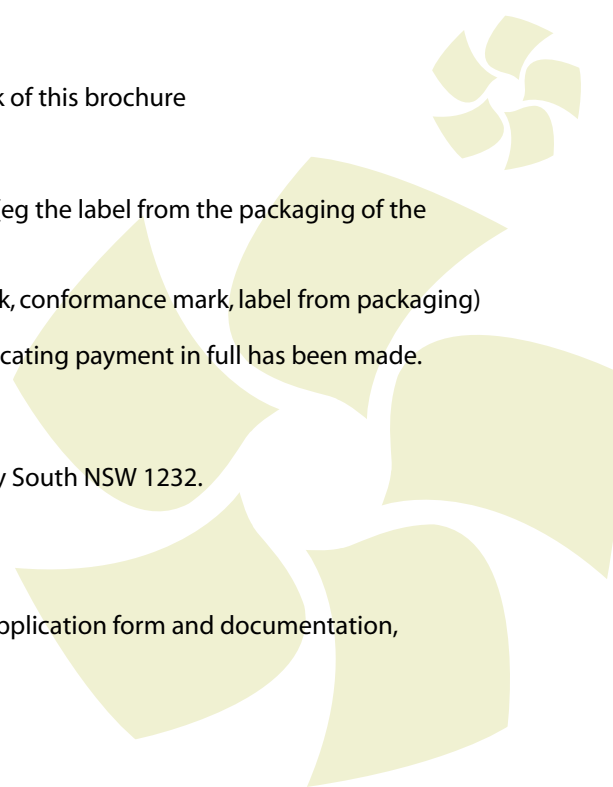
- + read and agree to the terms and conditions of the rebate offer on the back of this brochure
- + complete and sign all relevant sections of the application form
- + attach evidence that the insulation meets the required minimum R-value (eg the label from the packaging of the insulation and/or the manufacturers guarantee)
- + attach evidence that the product meets AS/NZS 4859.1:2002 (eg codemark, conformance mark, label from packaging)
- + attach original receipt(s) demonstrating proof of purchase and clearly indicating payment in full has been made. The receipt(s) will be posted back to you after processing.

Forward the application form and receipts to:

NSW Climate Change Fund Ceiling Insulation Rebate | PO Box A290 | Sydney South NSW 1232.

When will I receive the rebate?

We will send your rebate cheque within 60 days of receiving the completed application form and documentation, subject to verification of meeting the rebate requirements.



Terms and conditions

The following terms and conditions apply to the NSW Government's Ceiling Insulation Rebate Program. The applicant should read them carefully before signing the application form.

APPLICATION

An application for a rebate must be submitted on an official 'Application for Ceiling Insulation Rebate application form' and must be approved by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) before a rebate can be issued.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a rebate, the applicant must be an owner of the residential property where the insulation is installed, complete an official 'Application for Ceiling Insulation Rebate application form' and attach the original receipt(s) for the purchase and installation of the insulation. Please note, invoices without proof of payment are not acceptable. DECC must receive the application no later than 5.00pm, 30 September 2009.

The ceiling insulation must:

- + be installed in New South Wales
- + be installed in eligible residential dwellings
- + be new
- + cover the entire ceiling area of the residential property
- + be paid for in full and installed on or after 1 October 2007 and before 30 June 2009
- + comply with AS/NZS 4859.1:2002
- + meet the minimum or higher Added R-value or Total R-value specified for the local government area.

MINIMUM R-VALUES

A rebate will not be paid if the insulation installed does not meet the minimum R-values stipulated for each local government area in NSW. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the insulation meets the correct minimum R-value for their local government area. A listing of the Insulation Rebate minimum R-values for each local government area is available on the DECC website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au. Applicants can also check the correct R-values for their area by calling the Environment Line on 1300 361 967.

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PROOF OF PURCHASE

The following must be provided with the application form:

- + original receipt(s) demonstrating proof of purchase and clearly indicating payment in full has been made
- + evidence that the insulation meets the required minimum R-value required (eg the label from the packaging of the insulation and/or the manufacturers guarantee)
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BASIX

Insulation installed to comply with BASIX (the Building Sustainability Index) for new homes or major renovations are not eligible for a rebate.

ONGOING INSTALLATION OF INSULATION

The insulation must remain in place on the property for a period of five (5) years after installation. On provision of reasonable notice from DECC, the applicant will allow an authorised inspector access to the property to conduct audits to ensure the continued installation of the insulation.

RESEARCH

For the first five (5) years following installation, rebate recipients may be asked to participate in DECC research about energy efficiency and insulation.

SOLE REBATE

DECC will only issue one (1) rebate per residential property.

REBATE

The rebate is 50% of the total installed cost of ceiling insulation for each eligible property, up to a maximum of \$300.

REFUND OF REBATE

Applicants may be required to repay the rebate if any of these terms and conditions are found to have been breached in the first five (5) years after installation of the insulation.

PROGRAM CHANGES

DECC reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion and at any time, to change any or all of the terms and conditions of the rebate program or to cancel the rebate program prior to 30 June 2009. Current terms and conditions are available on DECC's website.

LIABILITY

The applicant acknowledges and agrees that as far as the law permits, DECC (and its successors) accepts no liability in respect to any claim, cause of action or loss or damage arising out of, or in relation to, any insulation or insulation installation that is the subject of funding assistance. The applicant agrees that they will indemnify and keep indemnified DECC from any claim or liability arising out of, or in relation to, the insulation system that is the subject of this application to the extent that any claim or liability is not caused by DECC's negligence or breach of this application or any other term implied by law.

PAYMENT

Payment of approved rebates will be by cheque only and made payable to the property owner as identified in the application form.

PRIVACY NOTICE

DECC collects and manages the personal information you provide in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. Information collected by DECC may be disclosed to the Department of Planning and/or the relevant local council or energy utility. The provision of this information is voluntary, however DECC will not issue a rebate to an applicant who refuses to provide information or agree to the disclosure of their details to the above agencies.

If the information provided by the Department of Planning and/or councils indicates that you are not eligible, then DECC will not pay the rebate or will seek reimbursement of any rebate paid.

For further information or enquiries regarding privacy or access to your information, contact an FOI/Privacy Officer on 9995 6080 or 9995 6497 or write to FOI/Privacy Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change, PO BOX A290, SOUTH SYDNEY NSW 1232.

For more information about applying for the insulation rebate or other ways to save water and energy at home visit

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates

or call **1300 361 967**