

Export reward tariffs and you

What are export reward tariffs?

Export reward tariffs are tariffs for the future. Tariffs describe the structure of how you are charged for energy. Export reward tariffs are proposed by electricity distributors and include:

- Export rewards, offered during times of the day when energy is most needed. Export rewards will be in addition to solar feed-in tariff payments.
- Export charges, which may apply when solar users export large amounts of energy into the electricity network during times when energy is not needed.

Export reward tariffs are intended to help you decide when to consume your solar energy yourself, and when to export it, to build a more stable energy supply for the benefit of electricity users all across Australia.

Why are export reward tariffs being introduced?

Australia is a world leader when it comes to rooftop solar. More than a quarter of homes already have a rooftop solar system, and this is set to double over the next decade.

While this is something to take pride in, the electricity network was not designed for large amounts of energy flowing back into the network. This two-way flow of energy, with peaks in supply during the middle of the day, is overloading the network in many areas.

This is preventing some homeowners from exporting any solar at all, and also leads to additional network costs. These costs are currently borne by both solar users, and electricity users unable to access the benefits of solar, such as renters and apartment dwellers.

Export reward tariffs are equitable, future-focused tariffs that reduce the burden of rooftop-solar induced network costs on people who cannot benefit from solar, while also rewarding solar users who export energy when it is most needed.

How can I benefit from export reward tariffs?

Solar users can make the most of export reward tariffs by:

- Self-consuming solar power generated during the day, and
- For those able to, saving solar power generated during the day, for export during reward hours (usually late afternoon to early evening).

More generally, export reward tariffs stabilise energy generation and supply for the benefit of electricity users all across Australia.

Export reward tariffs are being introduced by electricity distributors in NSW. Note that these tariffs are not coming into effect immediately. If you are an existing solar user, you will not be assigned to export reward tariffs until 1 July 2025.