

RESIDENTIAL REBATE FOR WATER EFFICIENT PRODUCTS POLICY

COMMUNITY POLICY



1 Scope

This policy applies to owners and occupiers who have purchased and installed water efficient products at a residential property in the Rockhampton Regional Council Region.

2 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to encourage the use of water efficient products and to provide clear and concise guidelines on seeking consideration for a rebate from Council.

3 Related Documents

3.1 Primary

Nil

3.2 Secondary

Information Privacy Act 2009

Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018

Public Health Regulation 2018

Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008

Notifiable Work Form 4/4A

Residential Rebate for Water Efficient Products Application Form and Terms and Conditions Factsheet

4 Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions apply:

Council	Rockhampton Regional Council
Residential Property	A property being used for a residential purpose and is categorised for rates purposes as residential.
Licensed Plumber	A plumber who holds the appropriate Queensland Building and Construction Commission Licence.
Rebate	Reimbursement of a portion of the money outlaid for the eligible water efficient product.
Region	Rockhampton Regional Area defined by the Local Government Areas of Queensland.
WELS	Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards scheme

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5 Policy Statement

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria (as specified in paragraph 5.1) may receive rebates for the purchase and installation of water efficient products at a residential property.

5.1 Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a rebate, the requirements are:

- (a) Be the owner of a residential property in the Region; or
- (b) Be the tenant of a residential property in the Region and registered at the address on the Australian electoral roll. Where registration cannot be confirmed, alternative documentation must be provided to verify the tenancy for example drivers licence or utility notice; and
- (c) Have purchased and installed eligible water efficient product/s at a residential property in the Region and made a claim within 12 months of the product/s purchase as indicated from the date on the receipt.

A rebate can only be claimed for one of each water efficient product type per applicant;

The rebate is for the retrofit of eligible water efficient products in existing residential properties only, with the exception of the purchase of new washing machines. A Residential Rebate for Water Efficient Products Application Form must be submitted to Council with the following relevant supporting documentation:

- (a) Product specifications;
- (b) Photocopy of receipt/s (receipt name and address must match the name and installation address on the application form) to verify the applicant purchased the product and installed the product in the Region);
- (c) Rebates for integrated rainwater tanks require a copy of the completed Notifiable Work Form 4/4A (section 83, *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*); and
- (d) Rebates for dual flush toilets require proof of installation by a licensed plumber.

5.2 Eligible Water Efficient Products

The residential rebate is available for the following eligible water efficient products:

Product	WELS Rating and/or Other Criteria	Maximum Rebate Amount
Washing Machine	WELS rating of 4.5 or more stars	\$100
Shower Rose	WELS rating of three or more stars and use nine litres or less water per minute	\$25
Dual Flush Toilet (must include cistern and pan)	Further criteria listed below	\$50
Dishwasher	WELS rating of 4.5 or more stars	\$100
Stand Alone Rainwater Tank	Further criteria listed below	\$250
Integrated Rainwater Tank	Further criteria listed below	\$500

Intending applicants are encouraged to seek confirmation of eligibility prior to purchase.

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5.2.1 Dual-Flush Toilet Rebate

The new dual-flush toilet (cistern and pan) must be a 6/3 litre or 4.5/3 litre system and replace an existing toilet system (cistern and pan).

The new toilet must:

- (a) Be installed by a licenced plumber; and
- (b) Meet any relevant plumbing and drainage codes and have the necessary Council permit where required.

5.2.2 Rainwater Tank Rebate

The rainwater tank rebate is available for two categories:

- (a) Stand Alone Tanks - outdoor use only; or
- (b) Integrated Systems - both outdoor and indoor use (for example flushing the toilet or cold water for a washing machine).

The rebate is conditional upon tanks meeting the following requirements:

- (a) Minimum tank size is 5,000 litres;
- (b) Must be used for the collection and storage of rainwater; and
- (c) Integrated tanks must be installed in accordance with any relevant building, plumbing and drainage code requirements and have the necessary Council permits (if required) or a completed Notifiable Work Form 4/4A.

6 Review Timelines

This policy is reviewed when any of the following occur:

- (a) The related information is amended or replaced; or
- (b) Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Council.

7 Document Management

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