



Energy Concession Extension Scheme (Includes Long-stay Residents of Caravan Parks)

Energy Assistance Payment
 Dependent Child Rebate
 Air Conditioning Rebate

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Introduction

The Energy Concession Extension Scheme ('scheme') provides payments to assist people to meet their energy consumption costs in certain circumstances. The scheme extends to people living in retirement villages, apartment buildings or Caravan Parks (as a long-stay resident) where the electricity costs are recouped from the tenants by the owner (such as strata entity, retirement village management or caravan park management) because the owner is directly billed by Synergy or Horizon Power on behalf of the residential complex, or households that receive electricity charges direct from a retailer other than Synergy or Horizon Power (e.g. from retailers such as Perth Energy or Alinta Sales).

The concessions include:

- the Energy Assistance Payment;
- the Dependent Child Rebate; and
- the Air Conditioning Rebate.

General Information

An application must be lodged with the Office of State Revenue ('OSR') each year to confirm eligibility for the concessions available under this scheme.

Payment to eligible persons under this scheme is made by electronic funds transfer ('EFT') directly into a cheque or savings account nominated in the application.

The OSR will need the applicant's authorisation to confirm the status of their concession card with Centrelink, the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Communities.

In addition, the OSR will need the applicant's authorisation to confirm energy usage and supply at their residential address, as appropriate.

Rates

2018/19 Payments	
Energy Assistant Payment (EAP) - annual	\$300
Dependent Child Rebate (DCR) - annual	1 dependent child – \$315
	Additional dependent children – \$82 per child
Air Conditioning Rebate (ACR) - monthly	\$58.72

Eligibility

Energy Assistance Payment (EAP)

The EAP is an annual payment to assist eligible recipients to meet their electricity consumption costs.

To be eligible, applicants must reside in the home during the claim year, cannot be directly billed by Synergy or Horizon Power, and must hold one of the following concession cards:

- Pensioner Concession Card;
- Health Care Card;
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card;
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card (*TPI, War Widow and Dependent Child*).

Note: Holders of only a WA Seniors Card are not eligible for the EAP.

You are not eligible to receive the EAP if you already receive an energy concession/rebate directly or indirectly from Synergy or Horizon Power, or through an arrangement with a third party.

Dependent Child Rebate (DCR)

The DCR provides further financial assistance to recipients of the EAP who have dependent children listed on one of the following eligible concession cards:

- Pensioner Concession Card;
- Health Care Card; or
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card (*TPI, War Widow and Dependent Child*).

The DCR is an annual payment calculated according to the number of dependents listed on your eligible concession card.

Air Conditioning Rebate (ACR)

The ACR is an annual payment to subsidise the cost of operating an air conditioner for eligible households living in areas of high heat discomfort, defined as locations north of the 26th parallel of south latitude and/or north of the 50-day Relative Strain Index line.

The total value of the payment varies depending on the residential location of eligible applicants, and will be calculated at the time of application. The payment is multiplied by the number of eligible months for that residential location (refer to the Appendix for the list of eligible towns).

To be eligible for the ACR, applicants must either:

- be eligible for the DCR; or
- hold both a **WA Seniors Card** and either a **Pensioner Concession Card** or **Commonwealth Seniors Health Card** (issued by either Centrelink or the Department of Veterans Affairs).

Applications

Applicants are encouraged to apply electronically at www.finance.wa.gov.au. Alternatively you may contact the Office of State Revenue to request an Application Form.

Please ensure that all details required in the application are fully completed. Incorrect or incomplete information will result in delayed processing of your application and any applicable payment.

A [checklist](#) is available on the Department of Finance website at www.finance.wa.gov.au that can be used as a guide to ensure you have all required information ready prior to commencing the application process.

Anniversary date

New applications will be given a point in time anniversary date, being the date that the application is lodged.

Renewing your application

You will automatically receive a renewal notification each year prior to your anniversary date.

This notification will require you to review your details and advise the OSR of any changes to your circumstances or application details. It is important to notify the OSR if your email, postal, and/or residential address changes to ensure that you receive your renewal notification.

Payment

Payment to applicants who are eligible to receive the EAP, DCR or ACR will be paid directly into the applicant's nominated savings or cheque account within 6 weeks of lodgement of the application. Where an applicant is eligible to receive more than one concession, payment will be made as a single amount.

Concession Cards

Information regarding Pensioner Concession Cards, Veterans' Affairs Gold Cards, Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards and Health Care Cards is available from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or your local Centrelink office.

Information regarding the WA Seniors Card is available from the Department of Communities.

Further Information

Further information regarding the Energy Concession Extension Scheme can be accessed from www.finance.wa.gov.au, making an enquiry at www.osr.wa.gov.au/EnergySubsidiesEnquiry or by phoning the ECES enquiry line on 08 9262 1486.

Contact the Office of State Revenue

Website	www.finance.wa.gov.au	Enquiries	www.osr.wa.gov.au/EnergySubsidiesEnquiry
Telephone	08 9262 1486	Country Callers	1300 368 364
Office	Office of State Revenue 200 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000	Postal	Office of State Revenue GPO Box T1600 PERTH WA 6845

Note: The information contained in this ENERGY CONCESSION EXTENSION SCHEME FACT SHEET is issued for guidance purposes only. It is not an exhaustive explanation of the scheme. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Office of State Revenue.

Appendix

Eligible Town List for Air Conditioning Rebate (issued Jan 2014)

TOWN/AREA	MONTHS	PERIOD	TOWN/AREA	MONTHS	PERIOD
Ajana	3	Dec - Feb	Fitzroy Crossing	8	Sept - Apr
Ambania	3	Dec - Feb	Gabbin	3	Dec - Feb
Ardyaloon	7	Oct - Apr	Gascoyne Junction	5	Nov - Mar
Arrino	3	Dec - Feb	Glenhill	8	Sept - Apr
Arrowsmith East	3	Dec - Feb	Gutha	3	Dec - Feb
Balgo	6	Oct - Mar	Halls Creek	7	Oct - Apr
Ballidu	3	Dec - Feb	Hickety	3	Dec - Feb
Bayulu	8	Sept - Apr	Holmwood	3	Dec - Feb
Beacon	3	Dec - Feb	Ikewa	3	Dec - Feb
Beagle Bay	7	Oct - Apr	Jameson	3	Dec - Feb
Bencubbin	3	Dec - Feb	Jigalong	5	Nov - Mar
Bidyadanga	7	Oct - Apr	Kadathinni	3	Dec - Feb
Binnu	3	Dec - Feb	Kalannie	3	Dec - Feb
Blackstone	3	Dec - Feb	Kalumburu	10	Aug - May
Bowgada	3	Dec - Feb	Karijini NP	7	Oct - Apr
Broome	7	Oct - Apr	Karratha	7	Oct - Apr
Bundanoon	3	Dec - Feb	Kingsford	3	Jan - Mar
Buntine	3	Dec - Feb	Kiwirrkurra	3	Dec - Feb
Burringurrah	5	Nov - Mar	Koolanooka	3	Dec - Feb
Cadoux	3	Dec - Feb	Koorda	3	Dec - Feb
Camballin	8	Sept - Apr	Kununurra	9	Sept - May
Cape Range NP	4	Dec - Mar	La Grange	7	Oct - Apr
Carnamah	3	Dec - Feb	Lake Argyle	9	Sept - May
Carnarvon	3	Jan - Mar	Latham	3	Dec - Feb
Cherrabun	8	Sept - Apr	Laverton	2	Jan - Feb
Coorow	3	Dec - Feb	Learmonth	6	Nov - Apr
Coral Bay	2	Jan - Feb	Leinster	2	Jan - Feb
Cue	4	Dec - Mar	Leonora	3	Jan - Mar
Dalwallinu	3	Dec - Feb	Lockier	3	Dec - Feb
Dampier	7	Oct - Apr	Lombadina	7	Oct - Apr
Dartmoor	3	Dec - Feb	Marble Bar	7	Oct - Apr
Dawul	8	Sept - Apr	Marrah	3	Dec - Feb
Denham	2	Jan - Feb	Meekatharra	4	Dec - Mar
Derby	9	Sept - May	Menzies	2	Jan - Feb
Dindiloa	3	Dec - Feb	Millstream	7	Oct - Apr
Djarindjin	7	Oct - Apr	Mingenew	3	Dec - Feb
Durawah	3	Dec - Feb	Morawa	3	Dec - Feb
East Nabawa	3	Dec - Feb	Mount Magnet	4	Dec - Mar
East Yuna	3	Dec - Feb	Mount Margaret	2	Jan - Feb
Eneabba	3	Dec - Feb	Mullewa	4	Dec - Mar
Eradu	3	Dec - Feb	Muludja	8	Sept - Apr
Eradu South	3	Dec - Feb	Nabawa	3	Dec - Feb
Exmouth	6	Nov - Apr	Nangetty	3	Dec - Feb

Naraling	3	Dec	-	Feb	Tom Price	7	Oct	-	Apr
Newman	5	Nov	-	Mar	Useless Loop	2	Jan	-	Feb
Nolba	3	Dec	-	Feb	Valentine	3	Dec	-	Feb
North Eradu	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wananami	8	Sept	-	Apr
Northern Gully	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wanarn	3	Dec	-	Feb
Nullagine	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wandana	3	Dec	-	Feb
Nunierra	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wangkatjungka	8	Sept	-	Apr
One Arm Point	7	Oct	-	Apr	Warakurna	3	Dec	-	Feb
Onslow	6	Nov	-	Apr	Warburton	3	Dec	-	Feb
Oombulgurri	10	Aug	-	May	Warmun	9	Sept	-	May
Pannawonica	7	Oct	-	Apr	West Casuarinas	3	Dec	-	Feb
Paraburdoo	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wicherina	3	Dec	-	Feb
Perenjori	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wickham	7	Oct	-	Apr
Pindar	4	Dec	-	Mar	Wilroy	3	Dec	-	Feb
Pintharuka	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wiluna	4	Dec	-	Mar
Pithara	3	Dec	-	Feb	Winchester	3	Dec	-	Feb
Point Samson	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wingelina	3	Dec	-	Feb
Port Hedland	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wittenoom	5	Nov	-	Mar
Redbank	7	Oct	-	Apr	Womarden	3	Dec	-	Feb
Rockwell	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wongoondy	3	Dec	-	Feb
Roebourne	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wubin	3	Dec	-	Feb
Sandstone	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wyndham	10	Aug	-	May
South Hedland	7	Oct	-	Apr	Yalgoo	4	Dec	-	Mar
South Yuna	3	Dec	-	Feb	Yandanooka	3	Dec	-	Feb
Strelley River	7	Oct	-	Apr	Yandeyarra	7	Oct	-	Apr
Tardun	3	Dec	-	Feb	Yarragadee	3	Dec	-	Feb
Three Springs	3	Dec	-	Feb	Yule River	7	Oct	-	Apr
Tjirrkarli	3	Dec	-	Feb	Yuna	4	Dec	-	Mar
Tjukurla	3	Dec	-	Feb					