

Solar Panels

Who should read this guide?

Anyone considering installing solar panels.

Development Approval

You **need** to apply for Development Approval if the:

- property is a State Heritage Place
- property is a Local Heritage Place and the solar panels are positioned so they are visible to a person standing at any point at ground level in a public street (can include laneways)
- property (includes any building, not only Heritage Places) is located within either the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone or the Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone, and the panels are positioned so they are visible to a person standing at any point at ground level in a public street (can include laneways)
- total weight of the solar panels exceeds 100kg, **unless:**
 - the weight of the panels is distributed so that it does not exceed 100kg at any one point of attachment to the roof, **and**
 - the panels, and any of its associated components, do not overhang any part of the roof, **and**
 - the panels are fitted parallel to the roof with their underside surface located no more than 100 mm above the surface of the roof.

The solar system must also be installed by an installer accredited by the State Government, through the Clean Energy Council. Accreditation is with the Clean Energy Council, which is the peak body for the clean energy industry in Australia.

You can learn more information about the Clean Energy Council and find an accredited installer at: www.solaraccreditation.com.au/consumers/find-an-installer

Battery Storage Units

Please contact Council's Development Assessment team to discuss when an approval is required for battery storage units, on **08 8203 7185** or d.planner@cityofadelaide.com.au.

Rebates and Grants

Council provides financial support for the installation of solar panels through its Sustainability Incentives Scheme. This scheme is available to all building owners and tenants including businesses, residents, education institutions, community and sporting organisations that have properties within the City of Adelaide for works completed within 12 months of applying.

Full details of the scheme and the eligibility criteria can be found on Council's website at: cityofadelaide.com.au/takeaction or by calling the Sustainability team on **08 8203 7203**.

Further Information

For further information or to discuss your specific requirements, please contact Council's Development Assessment team on **08 8203 7185** or d.planner@cityofadelaide.com.au.