

Information bulletin – update to solar water heating product application requirements

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Overview

The Essential Services Commission (the commission) has made some minor updates to the [Explanatory note – lodging a product application](#) as part of a general review for Schedule 2 - Solar retrofit kit and Schedule 4 - Solar pre-heater and has added links to additional resources on the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET) website (www.veet.vic.gov.au) to assist manufacturers when modelling solar water heater products as part of a product application.

Who is impacted by these changes

The following stakeholders may be impacted:

- VEET account holders who have applied, or intend to apply, for approval of solar water heating products under Schedules 1 to 4 of the VEET Regulations.

New and updated templates and updates to guidance

New and updated templates

Product applications under Schedules 2 and 4 require templates for calculating savings from retrofit kits and solar pre-heaters as evidence that the product meets the minimum requirements outlined in the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations 2008* (the Principal Regulations) and the *Explanatory note – lodging a product application*.

Two existing templates, [Template - TRNSYS deck for calculating solar savings from solar retrofit kit](#) and [Template - TRNSYS deck for calculating solar savings from solar pre-heaters](#) have been updated, and two new templates, [Climate data for TRNSYS modelling](#) and [Include file for TRNSYS modelling](#), have been added as an additional resource.

Updates to guidance

The commission has undertaken a review of the *Explanatory note – lodging a product application* as part of a general documentation review and has made amendments. It should be noted that while these changes have been outlined below, stakeholders should review the explanatory note for full details.

- The commission has clarified its position on product applications under Schedules 1 to 4 where a representative model had been tested. Previously, the test laboratory must make a declaration that proposed models are the same as the product tested, or alternatively a suitability accredited laboratory can also make the declaration after inspecting the products. We will now also accept a declaration from IAPMO as the certifying body.
- The commission has also reiterated that all supporting evidence for all solar water heating product applications under Schedules 1 to 4 must be submitted in the correct format and with the correct naming conventions as stipulated on pages 34 and 35 of the [Explanatory note – lodging a product application](#).

Where to get help

If you have any questions with respect to matters set out in this information bulletin, please contact VEET Support on (03) 9032 1310 or veet@esc.vic.gov.au.

Legal context for this document

This document should not be relied upon as a substitute for legal advice and should be read in conjunction with the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations 2008* (the Principal Regulations). In the event of inconsistency between this document and the Principal Regulations, the content in the Principal Regulations takes precedence.



The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning develops policy for the [Victorian Energy Upgrades](#) program. The program provides incentives for Victorian households and

organisations to make energy efficiency improvements that save money on their energy bills and reduce Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions.

The Essential Services Commission administers the program as the 'Victorian Energy Efficiency Target scheme' under the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007*.

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