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1. VEU Victorian Energy Upgrades is a Victorian government energy efficiency program that gives every Victorian household and business the opportunity to receive rebates or discounts on energy saving products. Residential Activities (1, 3 & 6) – Revised Evidence Requirements (Update 15 April 2026) Following the program update released on 15 April 2026, the Essential Services Commission has revised the recently introduced record-keeping requirements for water heating and space heating and cooling activities. What Has Changed The following previously introduced photographic evidence requirements have now been deferred and removed from the Activity Guide: Main switchboard before installation Main switchboard after installation (cover removed) Installed circuit showing amperage rating Main switch showing amperage rating Installation wiring showing type and size (where visible) What Remains in Effect The following requirements continue to apply: Existing product(s) before upgrade, in situ and connected to gas or electricity supply Installed product(s) after installation, including full wall and surrounding environment (indoor & outdoor units) We expect our loyal partners to take note of these changes and/or should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our compliance team.
2. VEU Commercial Water Heating (Activity 44) A minimum co-payment of \$10,000 (incl. GST) is required per installed product What You Need to Do: Ensure invoicing and customer payment processes reflect this requirement Co-payment must be collected and evidenced in line with program rules Effective Date: 31 March 2026
3. VEU C&I; Solar PV Solar Photovoltaic – Training & Record Keeping Updates (Effective 24 March 2026) Training & Competency Requirements All installers and on-site workers must hold a current construction induction card (White Card) Workers with superseded units of competency remain compliant if they hold a valid White Card White Cards issued in other Australian jurisdictions are accepted Record-Keeping & Activity Date Requirements Evidence of DNSP must be a Negotiated Connection Contract include a post-installation validation/output document The document must clearly include a post installation validation / output and show the date of DNSP validation/approval Activity Date Definition: The activity (implementation) date is the DNSP 'Network Commissioning Test Approval' date, as stated in the DNSP completion letter or email For partners participating in C&I; Solar PV, we encourage you to contact your relevant Project

Coordinator for further guidance: MJ – m.kaur@northmoregordon.com Sanah – s.bhalla@northmoregordon.com Lan – l.hoang@northmoregordon.com These updates are critical to maintaining compliance and avoiding delays in certificate creation. Please ensure full implementation within the required timeframes.

4. STC Battery Installations – Photo Evidence Requirements

(Reminder) A reminder that as of 1 March 2026, all installers must take clear, geo-tagged and time-stamped photographs of critical labelling for every solar battery installation. This requirement is in addition to existing installer on-site verification photos, including evidence of the installer being present during the main stages of installation. Requirements: Ensure all installations include clear photo evidence of critical labelling and system identification All on-site evidence must be collected and retained as part of compliance documentation Compliance Requirement: This obligation is legislated under Regulation 20ACA(12)(h)(iii) of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001 Important: Failure to comply may result in failed STC claims and potential compliance action

5. Battery Rebates

are changing from 1 May 2026 From 1 May the STC factor will taper according to the amount of capacity installed: From 0 kWh up to 14 kWh (inclusive): STC factor applied at 100% Every kWh greater than 14 and up to 28 kWh (inclusive): STC factor applied at 60% Every kWh greater than 28 and up to 50 kWh (inclusive): STC factor applied at 15%. Keep in mind that STCs Small-scale Technology Certificate under the Australian Renewable Energy Target. More are calculated based on the usable capacity of your battery. Only the first 50kWh of usable capacity are eligible for STCs. Some STC calculation examples below: Current From 1 May 10kWh system (100% x 8.4) Total 84 STCs * 10 kWh (100% x 6.8) Total 68 STCs 20kWh system (100% x 8.4) Total 168 STCs * First 14kWh (100% x 6.8) = 95.20 * Remaining 6 kWh (60% x 6.8) = 24.48 Total 119 STCs 30kWh system (100% x 8.4) Total 252 STCs * First 14kWh (100% x 6.8) = 95.20 * Second 14 kWh (60% x 6.8) = 57.12 * Remaining 2 kWh (15% x 6.8) = 2.04 Total 154 STCs

6. NSW ESS

The NSW Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) provides financial incentives to install, improve or replace energy savings equipment and appliances in NSW households and businesses. The ESS was established in 2009. Financial incentives are in the form of tradeable certificates, called energy savings certificates (ESCs). Generally, householders and businesses who fund energy savings activities transfer the right to create ESCs to Accredited Certificate Providers (ACPs) in return for a discount on the cost of the energy savings activity. The MWh savings from the project determines the number of ESCs that can be created. The ESS works by allowing ACPs to create and register ESCs for energy savings that are supported with appropriate evidence. ESCs are then purchased each year by mainly electricity retailers operating in NSW to meet their share of a legislated annual energy savings target. – CCEW Electricians must submit a Certificate of Compliance for electrical work (CCEW) under the Gas and Electricity (Consumer Safety) Act 2017 and Gas and Electricity (Consumer Safety) Regulation 2018. A completed CCEW must be submitted within seven days of completing any safety and compliance test, on an electrical installation in NSW. Process Update (Effective 1 July 2026) Building Commission NSW (BCNSW) will introduce the following changes: Mandatory submission of CCEW forms via the eCert portal Signed CCEWs will no longer be required Important: CCEWs must continue to be supported by sufficient evidence, including: Installer declarations Commissioning reports Further guidance will be provided as requirements are refined. Reminder: Vintage 2025 VEEC Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificate Claims – Deadline Approaching Please note that the cut-off date for all 2025 Vintage submissions to Northmore Gordon is Friday, 1 May 2026 . Partners are strongly encouraged to ensure all required documentation is finalised and submitted well ahead of the deadline to avoid missing this final processing window. Closing remarks Staying on top of regulatory changes and maintaining strong compliance practices is essential to ensuring the integrity of the schemes and the smooth processing of certificates. We appreciate your continued cooperation and commitment to compliance. For further information or clarification, please contact our Compliance Team via compliance@northmoregordon.com Kind regards, Northmore Gordon Compliance Team Compliance , Deemed , Energy Efficiency , Northmore Gordon , Renewable Energy , VEU Program You may also like: Welcome to our August & September 2026 Compliance Update. Australian Certificate Markets – August 2026 Update Where's the value in renewable heat? Latest Updates ASRS Group 3: are you in scope and don't know it? Correct as at 13 September 2026. If your company is a large proprietary company, you may be legally required to report under Australia's mandatory climate Read More » Beyond annual matching: The evolution of time-stamped RECs For

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