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Certificates Our Environmental Attribute Certificate services help businesses accelerate technology adoption, improve project ROI, and manage claims of renewable energy, energy efficiency and carbon offset 1 carbon offset = 1 tonne of CO₂-e avoided or removed from the atmosphere. Avoided emissions covers activities that alter behaviour that would have otherwise caused emissions such as energy efficiency improvements or avoided deforestation. Removal covers activities that permanently remove CO₂ from the atmosphere such as new forestry plantations, soil carbon improvement or carbon capture and storage.

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water heater As of 10 th of December 2025 – the CER has released Version 56 of the register of solar water heaters – a list of all eligible solar water heater and air source heat pump models eligible for Small-scale technology certificates (STCs Small-scale Technology Certificate under the Australian Renewable Energy Target. More).

2. Recent Key VEU Updates From 1 st January 2026 – New VEU Creation Fee Increase – from \$2.33 to \$4.35 per certificate Applies to all certificates created on or after 1 January 2026 25 November 2025 – Updates to Activity 47 (C&I; Solar) Updated VEU Assignment Form template Bridge Select has also been updated, and NG is now ready to create VEECs for Activity 47.

31 October 2025 – PDRS Fee Changes IPART has verified an increase to the NSW PDRS PRC registration fee, from \$0.0309 to \$0.0315, effective 1 November 2025.

3. C&I; Solar PV Activity (47) Following the 25 November release , we have implemented several internal updates to support the rollout of Activity 47, including enhancements to Bridge Select, such as ability to upload up to 2GB video files, option settings on photo beta and so much more to be released in the months ahead. We have successfully onboarded several key partners and installers and are now focused on ensuring a smooth and efficient delivery of this activity. Partner Action Required Review and understand the C&I; Solar PV Activity Guide and the declarations set out in the VEEC Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificate Assignment Form prior to quoting or scheduling installations. Confirm project eligibility, including: Non-residential site classification CEC-approved product listings DNSP connection approvals Make sure that your internal documentation and processes (such as consumer quotes/tax invoices) to align with the VEU compliance requirements. Use the Tools and Calculators section on our Northmore Gordon website to assist with estimating VEECs, assessing system eligibility, and validating technical requirements. When verifying trades and appropriate licenses – please use the links below Plumbing – VBA Search Electrical – Energy Safe Victoria ** For Sales or Onboarding enquiries, please contact Madonna on m.ghajar@northmoregordon.com or Sid on s.bansal@northmoregordon.com

4. ESS IPART Compliance Priorities 2025–26 The regulator's compliance focus for 2025–26 centres on three key risk areas: Consumer Protection – including new door-knocking restrictions and strengthened warranty requirements. Deceptive or Fraudulent Conduct – such as staged installations, falsified documents, or manipulated baselines. Emerging High-Risk Activities – particularly BESS2 battery installations and D16 high-efficiency air conditioners, where increased uptake raises compliance risk. These priorities help direct regulatory resources toward maintaining the integrity of the schemes.

4.1 ESS and PDRS Rule Changes Key Upcoming Dates 31 Jan 2026 – Final date for commercial lighting product acceptance 31 Mar 2026 – Final date for commercial lighting installations and certificate registration 30 Jun 2026 – Final date for gas implementations (boilers, space heaters, water heaters) under PIAM&V; Project Impact Assessment with Measurement and Verification and MBM 30 Jun 2026 – Final date for HEER The Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits (HEER) method may be used to calculate energy savings from a range of household and small business energy efficiency upgrades. In this method, the term 'energy' may refer to electricity, gas or both. [NSW] and IHEAB gas implementations and certificate creation Further details are available on the IPART News and Updates page: <https://www.energysustainabilityschemes.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media>

5. Reminder to Partners – Outstanding RFIs With just one week remaining before the Christmas shutdown, we kindly remind all partners to review and update any long-standing RFIs in Bridge Select. We currently have a significant number of RFIs that have been sitting unresolved for several months and now require prompt attention. Timely responses will help ensure smoother processing, minimise delays in certificate creation, and prevent backlog issues heading into the new year. Please prioritise reviewing your RFI Reason For Investigation list as soon as possible.

6. End-of-Year Shutdown & Holiday Schedule As we close out another busy year, we would like to sincerely thank our partners for your continued support and collaboration throughout 2025. On behalf of Management and staff at Northmore Gordon, we wish you and your teams a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2026.

Shutdown Period Closing: Tue 23 Dec 2025 @ 5 pm Reopening: Mon 5 Jan 2026 @ 9 am Pre-Christmas Processing Final Certificate Creation: Wed 17 Dec 2025 Final Billing Run: Thu 18 Dec 2025 Final Payments: Fri 19 Dec 2025 Post-Christmas Resumption First Billing Run: Wed 7 Jan 2026 First Payments: Thu 8 Jan 2026 Submit all pending documentation early to ensure timely processing. For assistance, contact certificates@northmoregordon.com or call 03 9046 1914. Kind regards, Northmore Gordon Compliance Team Compliance , Northmore Gordon You may also like: Welcome to our August & September 2026

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