

Consultation on evidence and method guide requirements

July 2026

The [Peak Demand Reduction Scheme Rule \(PDRS Rule\)](#) and [Energy Savings Scheme Rule \(ESS Rule\)](#) were updated on 1 July 2026. Major updates included:

- 3 new battery activities that will commence on 1 September 2026:
 - BESS3 – Install a New Behind the Meter Battery Energy Storage System (apartments)
 - BESS4 – Install a New Behind the Meter Battery Energy Storage System (small and medium businesses)
 - BESS 5 – Install a New Behind the Meter Energy Storage System (commercial and industrial businesses)
- changes to existing PDRS and ESS air conditioning activities and PDRS battery activity BESS1 that apply from 1 July 2026
- clarification that end-user equipment must not be refurbished, re-used or resold (by the Accredited Certificate Provider (**ACP**) or anyone else) and must be disposed of lawfully.

We are proposing evidence requirements for the new battery activities and updated evidence requirements for existing activities to address the changes to the rules (**Attachments A and B**).

We are also proposing to extend existing PDRS Method Guide requirements to other PDRS activities.

We are seeking feedback from ACPs, auditors, installers and other interested parties on the proposed evidence and method guide requirements.

1 Consultation approach

We are consulting on:

- proposed substantive changes to evidence requirements for new and existing activities and are seeking feedback on:
 - changes to evidence requirements for existing ESS and PDRS activities (**Attachment A**)
 - examples of records ACPs will need to obtain and keep to evidence they have met requirements for new PDRS activities BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5 (**Attachment B**)
- proposed changes to PDRS Method Guide Requirements relating to photographic evidence, serial numbers and fact sheets.

We have included some questions below to help guide your feedback. We've also included specific questions in grey boxes in each section. Please consider these questions when framing your feedback.

- Do you have any feedback on the proposed requirements?
- Are the proposed evidence requirements practical?
- Are there other ways you could evidence that the requirements have been met?
- Please provide details or examples where possible.

2 ESS evidence requirements

We are proposing changes to the documents that ACPs are required to obtain and keep to evidence they have met the following ESS Rule requirements that apply from 1 July 2026:

- air conditioner end-user equipment installed under HEER activity D16 and IHEAB activity F4 must meet updated equipment requirements
- end-user equipment must not be refurbished, re-used or resold (by the ACP or anyone else).

We are also proposing changes to evidence requirements for the disposal of end-user equipment. See **Attachment A** for details.

3 PDRS evidence requirements

3.1 Existing activities

We are proposing changes to the documents that ACPs are required to obtain and keep to evidence they have met the following PDRS Rule requirements that apply from 1 July 2026:

- changes to HVAC1 equipment and implementation requirements
- changes to HVAC2 eligibility and equipment requirements
- eligibility requirements for Activity Definition BESS1.

See **Attachment A** for details.



In addition to the questions in section 1, do you see any difficulties obtaining evidence that BESS1 implementations were delivered at a Government Owned and Managed Site or through an Exempt Energy Program? Please provide details or examples.

3.2 New battery activities

ACPs need to keep evidence that they have met requirements. Some requirements apply to all PDRS implementations (e.g. being a site in NSW) while others are specific to particular methods or activities (see Appendix B in the Method Guide).

Implementations of new battery activities BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5 need to meet PDRS Rule requirements, including activity-specific eligibility, equipment and implementation requirements in Schedule C of the [PDRS Rule](#). We have proposed examples of records that ACPs can collect and retain to evidence they have met requirements.

3.2.1 Eligibility requirements

To create PRCs, implementations need to meet certain eligibility requirements. We have updated the examples in the Method Guide that set out how you can demonstrate compliance with specific eligibility requirements for activities BESS1, BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5.

3.2.2 Equipment requirements

The end-user equipment (**EUE**) used for an implementation must meet certain product, warranty and connection requirements.

We have proposed examples of records ACPs can keep to evidence that specific equipment requirements have been met for BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5 in **Attachment B**.

Activity BESS5 requires EUE must have a usable battery capacity greater than 200 kWh and less than or equal to 30,000 kWh as recorded in a manner specified by the Scheme Administrator. The usable battery capacity must also not exceed 6 times the battery inverter output of the EUE, as recorded in the manner specified by the Scheme Administrator. We are seeking your views on the manner in which usable battery capacity could be recorded.

Note the definition of Usable Battery Capacity has been updated in the PDRS Rule to mean 90% of Nominal Battery Capacity, and a new definition for Nominal Battery Capacity added to the Rule.

In addition to the questions in section 1:



- do you see any difficulties obtaining evidence that implementations of BESS1, BESS2, BESS3 and BESS4 meet usable battery capacity requirements?
- in what manner could usable battery capacity be recorded for activity BESS5?

Please provide details or examples.

3.2.3 Implementation requirements

Implementations of PDRS activities must follow specific requirements to ensure installations are conducted appropriately, and the installed equipment operates safely and in the manner intended.

Proposed examples of records ACPs can keep to evidence BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5 implementation requirements have been met are provided in **Attachment B**.



In addition to the questions in section 1, do you have any other feedback on the proposed evidence requirements for BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5?

Please provide details or examples where possible

4 PDRS Method Guide requirements

The PDRS Rule requires that ACPs provide implementation data for activities under the Store and Shift (**SASC**) method to IPART by the 15th day of each calendar month, and for the Reducing Demand Using Efficiency (**RDUE**) method by the end of each calendar month, for all implementations that occurred in the previous calendar month.

Consistent with existing requirements for BESS1 and BESS2 activities, we propose requiring that when ACPs upload monthly implementation data for SASC activities BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5 and for all RDUE activities, they must have and keep geo-tagged photos that evidence the implementations uploaded meet requirements. We also propose ACPs must provide any evidence related to an implementation within 7 days if requested to do so (see sections 8.6.1 and 8.6.2 in the [PDRS Method Guide](#)).

The [PDRS Method Guide](#) also requires ACPs to keep the serial numbers of all batteries for BESS1 and BESS2 implementations. ACPs must keep this information in such a way they can easily and quickly identify batteries by their serial number (for example, batteries that are the subject of a product recall (see section 8.6.4 in the Method Guide).

We propose extending the requirement to keep serial numbers for end-user equipment installed under the PDRS to SASC activities BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5 and for all RDUE activities.

ACPs must provide fact sheets to customers under the Method Guide Customer Engagement Requirements. We propose extending the BESS1 and BESS2 requirement to provide fact sheets to customers on quotation to the new battery activities BESS3 and BESS4.



Do you have any feedback on the requirement to:

- retain photographic evidence that BESS3, BESS4, BESS5 and RDUE implementations meet requirements when uploading monthly data?
- provide evidence within 7 days if requested?

- keep serial numbers for end-user equipment installed under the PDRS for SASC activities BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5 and for all RDUE activities?
- provide fact sheets to customers for BESS3 and BESS4?

Please provide details or examples.

5 Next steps

Please send your submissions addressing the consultation questions to ess@ipart.nsw.gov.au by **22 July 2026**.

Ensure you include a completed [ESS submission cover sheet](#) with your submission to confirm you have read and accept [IPART's Submission Policy](#). We will publish your submission on our website unless you ask us to keep it confidential. We will also publish your name and your organisation's name unless you ask us to keep them confidential.

Please contact us if you have any questions concerning the submission process.

We will consider all submissions in finalising the evidence requirements and publish a response on our website.

If you have feedback on policy changes in the PDRS Rule or ESS Rule, please contact the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water at sustainability@environment.nsw.gov.au.

We have published an updated [PDRS Method Guide \(V3.0\)](#), Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits (**HEER**) [Method Guide \(V4.8\)](#) and Installation of High Efficiency Appliances for Businesses (**IHEAB**) [Method Guide \(V4.3\)](#), which apply to all implementations occurring on or after 1 July 2026.

We will publish new versions of the PDRS, HEER and IHEAB Method Guides incorporating the finalised evidence and PDRS Method Guide requirements on our website in early August and keep you informed through email and website updates.

Attachment A Proposed changes to evidence requirements for existing ESS and PDRS activities

Table A.1 Proposed changes to evidence requirements for existing ESS activities

Requirement	Document	Description
HEER Activity Definition D16		
Equipment requirements	Extract or screenshot of the GEMS Registry	The document must show the: • model number of both the indoor (if applicable) and outdoor units • manufacturer brand • product class • product type • registration status of the product in the GEMS Registry at implementation as well as the following values, as applicable: – Residential TCSPF_mixed – Rated AEER – Residential HSPF_mixed – Rated ACOP – Residential HSPF_cold
IHEAB Activity Definition F4		
Eligibility requirements	Site assessment report	A site assessment report, signed by the installer and the original energy saver, declaring that: • the equipment installed is a high efficiency air conditioner that is greater than or equal to 30kW cooling capacity • the equipment was installed in a Large Business Site • the equipment was not installed in a residential building or small business site unless it is replacing an existing air conditioner in a centralised system or in the common areas of a Class 2 building.
Appliance make and model	Manufacturers specifications sheet and Tax invoice and Geo-tagged photos	Each document must clearly show: • the make of the appliance • the model number of the appliance • the brand of the appliance on both the indoor and outdoor units. • If applicable, manufacturer's approved unit combinations The Geo-tagged photo(s) must show: • the new equipment installed in place at the site • The make, model and the brand of the new equipment

Requirement	Document	Description
Minimum payment	Tax invoice and Sales ledger	The tax invoice must clearly show: - the amount paid for the implementation - the name of the purchaser and seller - the ABN of the seller and purchaser (if applicable) - an itemised description of the goods or services purchased - the date of the purchase. The sales ledger must clearly show: - the amount paid for the implementation - when the payment was made the details of the person who made the payment.
HEER and IHEAB Methods		
EUE is not refurbished, re-used or resold	Recycling receipt or tax invoice or disposal receipt	- Tax invoice, recycling receipt or disposal receipt from the disposal or recycling company showing that the old EUE has been removed from site and disposed of, and - If relevant, geo-tagged photo evidence of decommissioning
EUE is correctly disposed of	Tax invoice or tax receipt	Tax invoice or tax receipt from the disposal or recycling company showing the old EUE and the method of disposal

Table A.2 Proposed changes to evidence requirements for existing PDRS activities

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
All activities		
EUE is not refurbished, re-used or resold	- Tax invoice or tax receipt from the disposal or recycling company showing that the old EUE has been removed from site and disposed of, or - And, if relevant, geo-tagged photo evidence of decommissioning	Cl 5.3(a)
RDUE Activity Definition HVAC1		
Installation of a new high efficiency air conditioner or a replacement of an existing air conditioner with a high efficiency air conditioner	- A site assessor declaration and - An installer declaration or - A geo-tagged and time stamped photograph showing the new EUE in place at the site.	HVAC1 Eligibility Requirement HVAC1 Implementation Requirement 2
New / Replacement EUE make and model must match the GEMS registry. The manufacturer brand must be the same for all indoor and outdoor EUE, and combinations must be approved by the manufacturer.	The evidence must show the make and model numbers of the new or replacement EUE from the relevant product classes, at the Implementation Date. For example: - An extract or screenshot of the GEMS Registry - A manufacturers specifications sheet showing approved indoor and outdoor unit combinations	HVAC1 Equipment Requirements 3 and 4

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
	and Geotagged photographs of both indoor and outdoor units showing the make and model number of EUE installed	
New or replacement EUE must be designed and installed in accordance with AS/NZS 5141:2018	Evidence showing the installation meets the requirements of this standard. For example: - Installer declaration, - Heat load calculation report, or - Commissioning sheet with measurements	HVAC1 Implementation Requirement 2
RDUE Activity Definition HVAC2		
The New End-User Equipment or replacement End-User Equipment must be installed in a Large Business Site and cannot be installed in a Residential Building or Small Business Site unless the activity is the replacement of an existing air conditioner in a centralised system or in the common areas of a Class 2 building.	If the Site is a Large Business Site: Electricity bills showing: - the name of the business where the work took place, - the Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN) of the business, and - that the annual electricity consumption/usage is at or over 100MWh per year (or an equivalent figure, such as average daily usage), that allows for annual consumption to be calculated for the business site where the work took place. If electricity bills do not provide evidence of the site being occupied by a business, an additional piece of evidence must be provided, such as: - the ABN or ACN certificate confirming the business name - an ASIC extract confirming the business name, or - receipts produced by the business showing the business name and ABN or ACN. or If the site is not a Large Business Site, evidence that the installation is the replacement of a centralised system or in the common areas of a Class 2 Building. For example, a site assessment report prepared for the activity under the ESS.	HVAC2 Eligibility Requirement 2
The new / replacement EUE is a high efficiency air conditioner that is greater than or equal to 30kW cooling capacity	The evidence must show the make and model numbers of the new or replacement EUE from the relevant product classes. For example:	HVAC2 Eligibility Requirement 1 HVAC2 Equipment Requirements 1 and 2
New/replacement EUE must be a registered GEMS product under the relevant product classes and must comply with the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Determination and relevant minimum standards	- Extract or screenshot of the GEMS Registry - A manufacturers specifications sheet and - Geotagged photographs showing the make and model numbers of EUE installed The evidence must show that the new/replacement EUE, on the Implementation Date: - is registered in the GEMS Registry as complying with the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Air Conditioners up to 65kW) Determination 2019; or - Is registered in the GEMS Registry as complying with the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Air Conditioners above 65kW) Determination) 2022 and	

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
New / replacement make and model must match the GEMS registry. The manufacturer brand must be the same for all indoor and outdoor EUE, and combinations must be approved the manufacturer.	- has the requisite Cooling Capacity or Rated AEER variables recorded in the GEMS Registry, as set out in the respective activity definition. The evidence must show the make and model numbers of the new or replacement EUE from the relevant product classes. For example: - An extract or screenshot of the GEMS Registry - A manufacturers specifications sheet showing approved indoor and outdoor unit combinations and Geotagged photographs of both indoor and outdoor units showing the make and model numbers of EUE installed	Equipment Requirements 3 and 4
SASC Activity Definition BESS1		
BESS1 Implementations can only be: - delivered at a Government Owned and Managed Site; or - delivered through an initiative that was an Exempt Energy Program as at the Implementation Date.	Evidence to support that the Site is a Government Owned and Managed Site, as defined in the Rule. For example: - Land title registers or other property ownership records - Government asset registers - Signed declarations from the customer OR Evidence to support that the Implementation was delivered through an Exempt Energy Program: - Appointment letter, contract or other documents showing that the ACP has been engaged by the Exempt Energy Program for the purpose of creating PRCs under BESS1 and - Appointment letter, contract or other documents showing that the Site has been endorsed by the Exempt Energy Program	CL 6.10.2
Details of the solar photovoltaic system, including size and inverter capacity	Evidence of solar photovoltaic system. For example: - Geo-tagged photo(s) clearly showing the existing or new solar PV system, or - Geo-tagged photo(s) clearly showing the distribution board with the electric cabling for the solar PV system; Evidence of the existing or new solar PV system size and inverter capacity. For example: - A tax invoice clearly showing the make and model of the PV system and - Manufacturer specifications of the system installed that clearly show the PV system size and inverter capacity	CL 8.1.6 (b) and (c)

Attachment B Proposed evidence requirements for new PDRS battery activities BESS3, BESS4 and BESS5

Table B.1 Proposed evidence requirements for activity BESS3

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
Minimum payment for each battery unit being installed	Tax invoice AND sales ledger The tax invoice must clearly show all the following: - the amount paid for the implementation, - the name of the purchaser, - the ABN of the purchaser (if applicable), - the goods or services purchased, - the date of the purchase. The sales ledger must clearly show all the following: - the amount paid for the implementation, - when the payment was made - who made the payment.	Cl 8.1.7(f)
The minimum payment requirement does not apply where the implementation is delivered through a Low-income Energy Program or Exempt Energy Program,	Appointment letter, contract or other documents showing that the ACP has been engaged by the Low-Income Energy Program or Exempt Energy Program for the purpose of creating PRCs under BESS3; and Appointment letter, contract or other documents showing that the Site has been endorsed by the Low-Income Energy Program or Exempt Energy Program	Cl 8.1.9
The Site must be an Apartment Building, comprising not less than four individual dwellings	Evidence showing that the Site is an Apartment Building and the number of dwellings. For example: - Strata / title records - Extracts from real estate databases or similar	Cl 8.1.7(a) BESS3 Eligibility Requirement 1
There must not be an existing battery energy storage system installed at the same National Metering Identifier (NMI)	Evidence that there is no existing battery energy storage system. For example: - a declaration by the owners corporation representative and installer - a geo-tagged photo of the switchboard prior to installation that demonstrates no other battery is connected to the switchboard.	BESS3 Eligibility Requirement 2

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
EUE must be listed on the approved product list specified by the Scheme Administrator as having a Usable Battery Capacity greater than 20kWh and less than 200kWh, on the Implementation Date, <i>Note: where a Battery Energy Storage System is comprised of multiple batteries, each individual battery unit must be listed on the CEC's list of approved batteries, and the combined Usable Battery Capacity of the battery system must be greater than 20kWh and less than 200kWh.</i>	The evidence must show the battery make(s), model(s), and Usable Battery Capacity listed on the CECs list of approved batteries as of the Implementation Date, including the date approved. and a geo-tagged photo of the installed EUE, clearly showing the make(s) and model(s) of the equipment.	BESS3 Equipment Requirements 1 and 2
Usable Battery Capacity of the EUE must not exceed six times the Battery Inverter Output.	Evidence of the Usable Battery Capacity and inverter capacity. For example: - a geo-tagged photo of the installed EUE and - manufacturer specifications showing the make, model and Usable Battery Capacity of the equipment - manufacturer specifications showing the make, model and Battery Inverter Output. of the inverter - Extract or screenshot from the CEC's list showing the relevant information	BESS3 Equipment Requirement 3
EUE must be internet connectable and controllable by a DRA	Evidence showing that each battery can be connected to the internet and controlled by a DRA. For batteries without a built-in inverter (marked 'pre-assembled battery system' on the CEC's product list), this can be evidence that the inverter that controls the battery can be internet connected and controlled by a DRA. For example: - A data sheet or fact sheet showing the make and model of installed battery or inverter - Extract from the list of compatible equipment published by DRAs, showing that the EUE is listed as compatible	BESS3 Equipment Requirement 4
EUE (battery and new inverter) warranty must meet the warranty requirements listed in the PDRS Rule	Evidence of the warranty containing the required conditions for the make and model of the installed battery. For example: - a copy of the warranty for the installed battery's make and model, - a copy of the warranty for the new inverter's make and model, - evidence demonstrating an existing inverter was installed prior to the Implementation Date, and - evidence demonstrating the Implementation Date (see Table B.1 in Method Guide).	BESS3 Equipment Requirements 5
EUE must be installed outdoors	Geo-tagged photo of the EUE in situ.	BESS3 Implementation Requirement 1
New EUE must be installed in accordance with AS/NZS 5139	Note: For this requirement, we are requiring these specific types of evidence rather than suggesting these as examples,	BESS3 Implementation Requirement 2

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
	Declaration from the installer that the installation complies with AS/NZS 5139 (the Standard) and Geo-tagged photos, with an accompanying description, demonstrating all of the following: 1. Long shot showing the context of the installation and showing the surroundings of where the battery is installed, 2. The battery has not been installed in a restricted location as set out in the Standard, and in particular that it has not been installed within the prescribed distance of any exit, window or building ventilation or hot water unit or air conditioning unit or other appliance not associated with the battery, 3. The distance of the battery from any habitable room or point of egress, 4. The building materials of any barriers within 1.5m of the battery, and 5. Photographic evidence of other material risk mitigation measures identified in the risk assessment. Risk mitigation measures may include any measures to protect the battery such as additional enclosure or housing, or specific labelling required because of the design of the installation. and An annotated map of the site (hand-drawn or electronic), clearly showing the dimension of surrounding area, battery's location and clearance relative to other nearby rooms and equipment (e.g. windows and exits). and A copy of the battery risk assessment by the installer, identifying the hazards associated with the battery installation as required under the Standard. and Evidence of signage for the battery on and around the switchboard, demonstrating that the labelling and signage requirements under Standard (AS/NZS 5139) have been met • e.g. ES labels and if necessary, layout/location of battery. and Evidence that the switchboard has been labelled according to AS/NZS 3000 (the Wiring Rules).	
New EUE must be installed by an installer on the approved installer list specified by the Scheme Administrator <i>Note: The installer's name and their accreditation number (as it appears on the approved installer list specified by the Scheme Administrator) must be provided for each implementation as part of the implementation data uploaded when registering certificates.</i>	Evidence of the installer's Grid-Connected Battery Storage 'Design and Install' or 'Install only' accreditation with Solar Accreditation Australia. For example, their accreditation number, and Evidence that the installer conducted the work. For example: • CCEW, or • installer declaration. and Geo-tagged photos evidencing the installer was at the site for the 2 stages of the installation (job setup, and testing and commissioning). The easiest way is through selfies that: • clearly show the installer's face • show the 2 stages of installation, for example:	BESS3 Implementation Requirement 3

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
	– a letterbox or the front of the property for setup – the installed system for testing and commissioning • include date and time metadata.	
Activities must be carried out by suitably licensed people in compliance with the relevant standards and legislation	Evidence of the installer's unrestricted electrical licence, showing the name and electrical licence number of the installer. and Evidence of any other licences necessary for the activity at the site. and A declaration from the installer that the work conducted complies with the relevant standards and legislation	BESS3 Implementation Requirement 4
The installation must have received all required planning and network approvals	A declaration by the customer and installer that all relevant planning and network approvals have been identified and met, and if applicable Evidence of relevant planning and network approvals.	BESS3 Implementation Requirement 5
Relevant fact sheets are provided	Copy of email to the customer with the fact sheet attached.	n/a

Table B.2 Proposed evidence requirements for activity BESS4

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
Minimum payment for each battery unit being installed	Tax invoice AND sales ledger The tax invoice must clearly show all the following: • the amount paid for the implementation, • the name of the purchaser, • the ABN of the purchaser (if applicable), • the goods or services purchased, • the date of the purchase. The sales ledger must clearly show all the following: • the amount paid for the implementation, • when the payment was made, • who made the payment.	Cl 8.1.13(f)
The Site must not be a Residential Building or a Data Centre.	Electricity bills showing: • the name of the business or entity at the site ,	Cl 8.1.13(a)

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
	- the Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN) of the business, - the site address , If the electricity bill does not provide evidence of the site being occupied by a business, additional evidence must be provided such as: - the ABN or ACN certificate confirming the business name - an ASIC extract confirming the business name, or - receipts produced by the business showing the business name and ABN or ACN.	BESS4 Eligibility Requirement 1
A BESS4 or BESS5 Implementation must not have previously been conducted at the Site.	Evidence that there is no previous BESS4 or BESS5 implementation. For example: - a declaration by the customer and installer, or - a geo-tagged photo of the switchboard prior to installation that demonstrates no other battery is connected to the switchboard.	BESS4 Eligibility Requirement 2
EUE must be listed on the approved product list specified by the Scheme Administrator on the Implementation Date, and be listed as having a Usable Battery Capacity greater than 20kWh and less than 200kWh <i>Note: where a Battery Energy Storage System is comprised of multiple batteries, each individual battery unit must be listed on the CEC's list of approved batteries, and the combined Usable Battery Capacity of the battery system must be greater than 20kWh and less than 200kWh.</i>	The evidence must show the battery make(s), model(s) and Usable Capacity listed on the CEC's list of approved batteries as of the Implementation Date, including the date approved, and a geo-tagged photo of the installed end-user equipment, clearly showing the make(s) and model(s) of the equipment.	BESS4 Equipment Requirements 1 and 2
Usable Battery Capacity of the EUE must not exceed six times the Battery Inverter Output.	Evidence of the Usable Battery Capacity and inverter capacity. For example: - a geo-tagged photo of the EUE, and - Extract or screenshot from the CEC's list showing the relevant information - manufacturer specifications showing the make and model(s) of the equipment	BESS4 Equipment Requirement 3
The New Solar Photovoltaic Capacity must not be less than a quarter of the Usable Battery Capacity of the EUE as recorded on a list specified by the Scheme Administrator.	Evidence of the Usable Battery Capacity and New Solar Photovoltaic Capacity. For example: - a geo-tagged photo showing the make and model of the equipment, and - manufacturer specifications showing the make and model(s) of the equipment. - Extract of the Usable Battery Capacity for the equipment from specified by the CEC's list of batteries.	Cl 8.1.17(c) BESS4 Equipment Requirement 4
EUE must be internet connectable and controllable by a Demand Response Aggregator	Evidence showing that each battery can be connected to the internet and can be controlled by a DRA. For batteries without a built-in inverter (marked 'pre-assembled battery system' on the CEC's product list), the evidence must show that the inverter that controls the battery can be internet connected and controlled by a DRA.	BESS4 Equipment Requirement 5

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
EUE's (battery and new inverter) warranty must meet the warranty requirements listed in the PDRS Rule	For example: • A data sheet or fact sheet showing the make and model of installed EUE • Extract from the list of compatible equipment published by DRAs, showing that the EUE is listed as compatible Evidence of the warranty containing the required conditions for the make and model of the installed battery. For example: • a copy of the warranty for the installed battery's makes and model, • a copy of the warranty for the new inverter's makes and model, and • evidence demonstrating the Implementation Date (see Table B.1).	BESS4 Equipment Requirement 6
New EUE must be installed in accordance with AS/NZS 5139	<i>Note: For this requirement, we are requiring these specific types of evidence rather than suggesting these as examples,</i> Declaration from the installer that the installation complies with AS/NZS 5139 (the Standard) and Geo-tagged photos, with an accompanying description, demonstrating all of the following: 1. Long shot showing the context of the installation and showing the surroundings of where the battery is installed, 2. The battery has not been installed in a restricted location as set out in the Standard, and in particular that it has not been installed within the prescribed distance of any exit, window or building ventilation or hot water unit or air conditioning unit or other appliance not associated with the battery, 3. The distance of the battery from any habitable room or point of egress, 4. The building materials of any barriers within 1.5m of the battery, and 5. If any other material risks were identified in the risk assessment, photographic evidence of the risk mitigation measures. Risk mitigation measures may include any measures to protect the battery such as additional enclosure or housing, or specific labelling required because of the design of the installation. and An annotated map of the site (hand-drawn or electronic), clearly showing the battery's location and clearance relative to other nearby rooms and equipment (e.g. windows and exits). and A copy of the battery risk assessment by the installer, identifying the hazards associated with the battery installation as required under the Standard. and	BESS4 Implementation Requirement 1

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
New EUE must be installed by an installer on the approved installer list specified by the Scheme Administrator <i>Note: The installer's name and their accreditation number (as it appears on the approved installer list specified by the Scheme Administrator) must be provided for each implementation as part of the implementation data uploaded when registering certificates.</i>	Evidence of signage for the battery on and around the switchboard, demonstrating that the labelling and signage requirements under Standard (AS/NZS 5139) have been met (e.g. ES labels and if necessary, layout/location of battery). and Evidence that the switchboard has been labelled according to AS/NZS 3000 (the Wiring Rules). Evidence of the installer's Grid-Connected Battery Storage 'Design and Install' or 'Install only' accreditation with Solar Accreditation Australia. For example, their accreditation number, and Evidence that the installer conducted the work. For example: • CCEW, or • installer declaration. and Geo-tagged photos evidencing the installer was at the site for the 2 stages of the installation (job setup, and testing and commissioning). The easiest way is through selfies that: • clearly show the installer's face • show 2 stages of installation, for example: – the front of the property for setup – the installed system for testing and commissioning • include date and time metadata.	Cl 8.1.17(a) BESS4 Implementation Requirement 2
Activities must be carried out by suitably licensed people in compliance with the relevant standards and legislation	Evidence of the installer's unrestricted electrical licence, showing the name and electrical licence number of the installer. and Evidence of any other licences necessary for the activity at the site. and A declaration from the installer that the work conducted complies with the relevant standards and legislation	Cl 8.1.16(a) BESS4 Implementation Requirement 3
The installation must have received all required planning and network approvals	A declaration by the customer and installer that all relevant planning and network approvals have been identified and met, and if applicable Evidence of relevant planning and network approvals.	BESS4 Implementation Requirement 4
Where the new EUE is installed indoors in a Class 3 Building, a working smoke alarm that meets AS 3786 must be installed in the immediate vicinity.	Evidence that the building is a Class 3 building and Evidence of a smoke alarm installed nearby, and of its compliance with AS 3786. For example: • Geo-tagged photo(s) clearly showing the location of the smoke alarm in relation to the installed battery and Declaration by the installer that the smoke alarm complies with AS 3786 and was tested by the installer to be in working order on the Implementation Date.	BESS4 Implementation Requirement 5
Relevant fact sheets are provided	Copy of email to the customer with the fact sheet attached.	n/a

Table B.3 Proposed evidence requirements for activity BESS5

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
The Site must not be a Residential Building or a Data Centre.	Electricity bills showing: - the name of business at the site, - the Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN) of the business, and - the site address If the electricity bill does not provide evidence of the site being occupied by a business, additional evidence must be provided, such as: - the ABN or ACN certificate confirming the business name - an ASIC extract confirming the business name, or - receipts produced by the business showing the business name and ABN or ACN.	Cl 8.1.18(a) BESS 5 Eligibility Requirement 1
EUE must be tested in accordance with UL9540A	Test certificate or equivalent showing the EUE was tested in accordance with UL9540A	BESS5 Equipment Requirement 1
EUE must have a Usable Battery Capacity greater than 200kWh and less than or equal to 30,000 kWh as recorded in a manner specified by the Scheme Administrator.	The evidence must show the battery make(s), model(s) and Usable Battery Capacity AND a geo-tagged photo of the installed EUE, clearly showing the make(s) and model(s) of the equipment.	BESS5 Equipment Requirement 2
Usable Battery Capacity of the EUE must not exceed six times the Battery Inverter Output.	Evidence of the Usable Battery Capacity and inverter capacity. For example: - a geo-tagged photo of the equipment, and - manufacturer specifications showing the make and model(s) of the equipment	BESS5 Equipment Requirement 3
New Solar Photovoltaic Capacity must not be less than a quarter of the Usable Battery Capacity of the EUE	Evidence of the Usable Battery Capacity and New Solar Photovoltaic Capacity. For example: - a geo-tagged photo of the equipment, and - manufacturer specifications showing the make and model(s) of the equipment.	Cl 8.1.21(b) BESS5 Equipment Requirement 4
EUE must be internet connectable and controllable by a DRA	Evidence showing that each battery can be connected to the internet and can be controlled by a DRA. For batteries without a built-in inverter (marked 'pre-assembled battery system' on the CEC's product list), this can be evidence that the inverter that controls the battery can be internet connected and controlled. For example, - A data sheet or fact sheet showing the make and model of installed battery or inverter. - Extract from the list of compatible equipment published by DRAs, showing that the EUE is listed as compatible	BESS5 Equipment Requirement 5

Requirement	Examples of how to evidence the requirement is met	PDRS Rule Reference
Activities must be carried out by suitably licensed people in compliance with the relevant standards	Evidence of the installer's unrestricted electrical licence, showing the name(s) and electrical licence number(s) of the installer(s), and Evidence of any other licences necessary for the activity at the site. and A declaration from the installer that the work conducted complies with the relevant standards and legislation	BESS5 Implementation Requirement 1
A BESS4 or BESS5 Implementation must not have previously been conducted at the Site	Evidence showing there is no previous BESS4 or BESS5 implementation. For example: • a declaration by the customer and installer, or • a geo-tagged photo of the switchboard prior to installation that demonstrates no other battery is connected to the switchboard.	BESS5 Eligibility Requirement 2
Installation of EUE must have received all required planning and network approvals	Evidence of the relevant planning and network approvals. For example: • Complying Development Certificate (CDC) • Development Application • Distribution Network Service Provider approval	BESS5 Implementation Requirement 2