

PDRS Reference Table

July 2026

The *Peak Demand Reduction Scheme (Amendment No.2) Rule 2026* commences on **1 July 2026**. Detailed changes are set out in the table below.

Change	Details and impact	What you need to do
All activities		
Clarify end-user equipment disposal and evidence requirements – Clause 5.3(b)	The change makes it clearer that replaced equipment must be lawfully disposed of and recycling evidence such as a tax invoice or recycling receipt must be obtained for any refrigerants disposed of.	Make sure equipment is disposed of in accordance with all applicable legal requirements, and you obtain appropriate recycling evidence for any refrigerants disposed of.
Reducing Demand Using Efficiency Method		
New definitions added for clarity and to give effect to updated air conditioner requirements – Clause 10 Added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioner, • Cooling Capacity • Ducted • Multi-split system • Single-split system. Updated GEMS Registry definition to reflect the meaning in the GEMS Act.	New simple and clear definitions for air conditioners and their associated values were added to Clause 10. Definitions are based on the technical definitions laid out in Part 1, Section 4 of the <i>Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Air Conditioners up to 65kW) Determination 2019 (GEMS Determination)</i> .	Understand the new definitions and update your templates and processes to apply the different definitions, product types, classes and values listed in the GEMS Determination. You must ensure the definitions and values used for calculations are in the GEMS standard at the time of your implementation.
Activity Definition HVAC1		
Added a certificate creation cap for HVAC1 implementations for multi-split systems – Clause 7.1.1(f)	A cap of 500 certificates per HVAC1 implementation using one or more multi-split systems has been introduced. The size of the system installed is not restricted but PRCs cannot be registered beyond the cap.	Update your internal systems and processes to identify multi-split implementations that could exceed the cap. When registering PRCs for a multi-split air conditioner implementation, make sure the peak demand savings capacity entered in your implementation data will not generate a quantity of PRCs above the cap.
Activity Definition HVAC1 – Equipment Requirement 1 – Updated to add requirements for air conditioners with cooling capacity up to 65kW	Air conditioner units with cooling capacity up to 65kW must be registered under the <i>GEMS (Air Conditioners up to 65kW) Determination 2019</i> in the PDRS.	Update your internal systems and processes to make sure only eligible products are offered to consumers.
Defined eligible product classes to remove low efficiency air conditioner product classes and add multi-split systems	Eligible product classes are 5-12 and 18-21.	

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Added Activity Definition HVAC1 – Equipment Requirement 3	Model numbers for new or replacement air conditioners in product classes 5–12 must match the model numbers recorded in the GEMS Registry.	Review the equipment requirements and update your internal systems and processes to make sure you meet requirements and can provide evidence that you have met them.
Added Activity Definition HVAC1 – Equipment Requirement 4	For multi-split systems, product classes 18–21: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the outdoor unit part of the GEMS registered model number must match the model number of the outdoor unit being installed. the manufacturer must be the same for indoor and outdoor equipment, and the indoor/outdoor combination must be approved by the manufacturer. 	Review the equipment requirements and update your internal systems and processes to make sure you meet requirements and can provide evidence that you have met them.
Updated Activity Definition HVAC1 – Implementation Requirement 2	New and replacement equipment must be designed and installed in accordance with AS/NZS 5141: 2018.	Review the implementation requirement and standard to make sure the system is designed and installed in accordance with the standard. Update your internal systems and processes to make sure you meet the requirements and can provide evidence that you have met them.
<p>Activity Peak Demand Savings Capacity for HVAC1 have been updated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the definition of input power and rated cooling capacity in Equations HVAC1.1 and HVAC1.2 have been updated for product classes 5–12 and 18–21. Tables HVAC1.1 and HVAC1.2 Baseline AEER for new and replacement air conditioners respectively have been combined into Table HVAC1.1 to present data by product class and bring data in line with GEMS Tables HVAC1.3 and HVAC1.4 Minimum TCSPF and AEER respectively have been combined into Table HVAC2.2 to present data by product class and bring data in line with GEMS Tables HVAC1.3 and HVAC1.4 have been deleted. 	<p>Input power and rated cooling capacity in Equations HVAC2.1 and HVAC2.1 have been defined for product classes 5–12 and 18–21 respectively. Make sure you use the correct definitions when calculating Peak Demand Savings Capacity and Baseline Input Power respectively.</p> <p>AEER data is provided by product class and is now combined into one table for new and replacement air conditioners.</p> <p>Minimum TCSPF and AEER data is now combined and presented by product class. Values in the new Table HVAC1.2 may vary slightly from values in the original tables.</p>	<p>Carefully review the updated Activity Definition HVAC1 to understand the changes. Update your internal systems, software, templates and processes to correctly calculate your Peak Demand Savings Capacity based on the updated GEMS values and definitions in the equations.</p> <p>Retain appropriate evidence that these new requirements are met.</p>
Activity Definition HVAC2		
Eligibility Requirement 1 updated	Only air conditioners greater than or equal to 30 kW Cooling Capacity are eligible for HVAC2.	Review and update your systems and processes to make sure that only air conditioners equal to or greater than 30 kW Cooling Capacity are used to generate certificates. Identify and collect relevant evidence to support certificate creation.

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Eligibility Requirement 2 updated	Air conditioners can only be installed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in a Large Business Site or • in a residential building or small business site where it is a replacement of an existing air conditioner in a centralised system or in a common area of a Class 2 building. 	Review and update your systems and processes to make sure your site meets the site related eligibility requirements and that you collect relevant evidence to support certificate creation.
New definition added for Large Business Site – Clause 10	Defines Large Business Site	Review the rule to understand the definition of Large Business Site and update your business processes to use the new definition correctly.
Activity Definition HVAC2 – Equipment Requirement 1 – Updated to include requirements for air conditioners with a cooling capacity above 65kW.	Air conditioner units must be registered under the appropriate GEMS determination based on cooling capacity: <i>GEMS (Air Conditioners above 65kW) Determination 2022</i> <i>GEMS (Air Conditioners up to 65 kW) Determination 2019</i> . No change to equipment requirements for air conditioners with cooling capacity below 65 kW.	Review the equipment requirements to understand which GEMS Determination must be used for air conditioners with cooling capacities above and below 65 kW.
Defined eligible product classes to remove low efficiency air conditioner product classes and add multi-split systems	Eligible product classes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes 5-12 • 18-21 • 24-25 • 27 	Update your internal systems and processes to make sure only eligible products are offered to consumers and collect relevant evidence to demonstrate compliance with the requirements.
Updated Activity Definition HVAC2 – Equipment Requirement 2	Requirement updated to reflect changes in table numbering.	Update your internal systems and processes to make sure correct values are used for calculations.
Added Activity Definition HVAC2 – Equipment Requirement 3	Requires that model numbers for new or replacement air conditioners in product classes 5–12 and 24-25 must match the model numbers recorded in the GEMS Registry.	Review the equipment requirements and update your internal systems and processes to make sure you meet requirements and can provide evidence that you have met them.
Added Activity Definition HVAC2 – Equipment Requirement 4	Requires that for multi-split systems, product classes 18-21 and 27: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the outdoor unit part of the GEMS registered model number must match the model number of the outdoor unit being installed. • the manufacturer must be the same for indoor and outdoor equipment, and • the indoor/outdoor unit combination must be a manufacturer approved combination. 	Review the equipment requirements and update your internal systems and processes to make sure you meet requirements and can provide evidence that you have met them.

Change	Details and impact	What you need to do
<p>Activity Peak Demand Savings Capacity for HVAC2 have been updated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the definitions of input power and rated cooling capacity for the Peak Demand Savings Capacity equation and Equations HVAC2.1 have been updated for product classes 5-12, 18-21, 24-25, and 27 respectively Tables HVAC2.1 and HVAC2.2 Baseline AEER for new and replacement air conditioners respectively have been combined into Table HVAC2.1 to present data by product class and bring data in line with GEMS Tables HVAC2.3 and HVAC2.4 Minimum TCSPF and AEER respectively have been combined into Table HVAC2.2 to present data by product class and bring data in line with GEMS Tables HVAC2.3 and HVAC2.4 have been deleted. 	<p>Input power and rated cooling capacity in the Peak Demand Savings Capacity equation and Equation HVAC2.1 have been defined for product classes 5-12 and 24-25 and 18-21 and 27 (multi-split systems) respectively. You will need to make sure you use the correct definitions when calculating peak demand savings capacity.</p> <p>AEER data is provided by product class and is now combined into one table for both new and replacement air conditioners.</p> <p>Minimum TCSPF and AEER data is now combined and presented by product class. Values in the new table HVAC2.2 may differ slightly from values in the original tables.</p>	<p>Carefully review Activity Definition HVAC2 to understand the changes. Update your internal systems, software, templates and processes to correctly calculate peak demand savings capacity based on the updated GEMS values and definitions in the equations.</p> <p>Retain appropriate evidence that these new requirements are met.</p>
<p>Activity Definition WH1</p> <p>WH1 is removed from the Rule and references in multiple clauses removed: Clauses 6.9 – Suspension of Implementations Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 – Transitional arrangements Schedule A – Tables A4 and Table A6 – Demand savings activities factor and Firmness factor Schedule B – Activity Definition WH1</p>	<p>Removed references throughout the rule relating to Activity Definition WH1, which was suspended on 19 December 2024. As the activity has ended these references are no longer required.</p>	<p>Nothing. We will remove WH1 from your RDUE accreditation when you next apply for an amendment. If your RDUE Accreditation Notice contains only WH1 we will contact you about your accreditation.</p>
<p>Store and Shift Method</p> <p>Activity Definition BESS1</p> <p>Changes to Clause 5.4(e) to make the installation of Battery Energy Storage Systems eligible to create certificates.</p> <p>Added Clause 6.10.2 to make BESS1 implementations eligible to create certificates under certain conditions from 1 July 2026.</p>	<p>Allows PRCs to be created from the installation of battery energy storage systems where eligibility requirements are met.</p> <p>Certificates can be created from BESS1 implementations on or after 1 July for implementations delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at a Government Owned and Managed Site or through an Exempt Energy Program. 	<p>Review eligibility requirements for relevant battery energy storage systems to determine if an implementation is eligible to create certificates.</p> <p>Review and update your systems and processes to make sure that BESS1 activities are delivered at eligible sites and you have evidence to support certificate creation. Review information on Exempt Energy Programs on the website.</p> <p>Use the latest version of the PDRS Example Template and populate the Exempt Energy Program or Government site column when uploading implementation data. Start providing the updated BESS1 Fact Sheet to customers now.</p>

Change	Details and impact	What you need to do
Updated Clause 8.1.1 to add Government Owned and Managed Site	Certificates can be created from BESS1 implementations at Residential Building, Small Business or Government Owned and Managed Sites from 1 July 2026.	Review and update your systems and processes to make sure that BESS1 activities are delivered at eligible sites and you have evidence to support certificate creation.
Updated Clause 8.1.3 to refer to an initiative that was an Exempt Energy Program as at the Implementation Date	Clarifies that a BESS1 implementation is exempt from the minimum payment if the program it is delivered under an initiative that is an Exempt Energy Program or a Low-income Energy Program at the implementation date.	Review and update your systems and processes to identify when a minimum payment is required for a BESS1 implementation.
Added subclauses b-d to Clause 8.1.6 to require additional information to be provided when creating certificates for BESS1 Implementations	The following information must be provided when creating certificates from BESS1 implementations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> existing solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity including solar PV system capacity and inverter capacity new solar PV capacity including solar PV capacity and inverter capacity total solar PV capacity including solar PV capacity and inverter capacity. 	Review and update your systems and processes to collect relevant information and evidence for each implementation. Use the latest version of the PDRS Example Template and populate the relevant columns when uploading implementation data.
New definition for Government Owned and Managed Site in Clause 10.1	A definition for Government Owned and Managed Sites has been added.	Review the definition in the rule and update your systems and processes for determining and evidencing eligible sites
Updated definition of Usable Battery Capacity in Clause 10.1	The definition of Usable Battery Capacity has been updated to mean 90% of the Nominal Battery Capacity.	Review and update your systems and processes for determining the Usable Battery Capacity to meet equipment requirements and calculate Demand Shifting Component
New definition for Nominal Battery Capacity in Clause 10.1	A definition for Nominal Battery Capacity has been added.	Review the definition in the rule and update your systems and processes for determining the Nominal Battery Capacity (and Usable Battery Capacity)
Single dwelling and small business added to name of activity – Activity Definition BESS1 – Name of Activity	Name of Activity Definition BESS1 becomes 'Install a New Behind the Meter Energy Storage System (single dwelling and small business'.	No changes required
Activity Definition BESS1 – Equipment Requirement 2 uses new definition of Usable Battery Capacity	To determine if the battery meets Equipment Requirement 2, use 90% of Nominal battery capacity as listed on the Clean Energy Council battery list.	Review your systems and processes to make sure that the battery provided to consumers meets eligibility requirements and you can support this with evidence.
Activity Definition BESS1 – Equipment Requirement 5 deleted.	Warranty requirement for existing inverters has been removed.	Update internal systems and processes to remove requirement to meet warranty requirements
Activity Definition BESS1 – Equipment Requirement 6 b has been update and c deleted.	Minimum warranted cumulative energy throughput of 3.6 MWh per kWh of Usable Battery Capacity has been removed. All end user equipment must meet a minimum warranted cumulative energy throughput of 2.8 MWh per kWh Usable Battery Capacity.	Update internal systems and processes to make sure that the battery meets the minimum warranted throughput.

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<p>Activity Definition BESS1 – Implementation Requirement 4 in previous version of the Rule has been removed. <i>Note Implementation Requirement 5 has become Implementation Requirement 4.</i></p>	ACPs no longer require evidence that the battery has been registered on the DER Register.	Update internal systems and processes removing the requirement.
<p>Activity Definition BESS1 – Equation BESS1.2 updated</p>	Equation BESS1.2 now refers to Usable Battery Capacity as defined in the Rule (i.e. 90% of Nominal Battery Capacity).	Update internal systems and processes to reflect the changed definition to make sure you calculate Usable Battery Capacity and Demand Shifting Component correctly.
<p>Activity Definition BESS3</p>		
<p>New activity – Batteries for apartments to commence on 1 September – clauses 8.1.7-8.1.12, 10.1 and Schedule C</p>	<p>Implementations are conducted at BCA Class 2 buildings (apartment buildings) with a minimum of 4 dwellings. Some requirements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 5 kWh capacity per dwelling • Battery size greater than 20 kWh and less than or equal to 200 kWh Usable Battery Capacity • Battery must be listed on the Clean Energy Council (CEC) Approved battery list • Higher incentive if installed within 90 days of new solar PV • Incentive can be combined with the Cheaper Home Batteries Program up to 100 kWh • Minimum payment required • Installation must be outside • Installation must be conducted by an installer on the Solar Accreditation Australia (SAA) installer list. • Planning and network approvals must be obtained where required. <p>New definition of Apartment Building added to Rule</p>	<p>BESS3 requirements are set out in clause 8 and Schedule C of the PDRS Rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the PDRS Rule and PDRS Method Guide to understand the activity requirements. <p>If you're interested in becoming accredited for BESS3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start preparing your application (see our Preparing your application page for more information) • Start preparing your systems and processes. <p>Review proposed evidence requirements for BESS3 set out in the Consultation paper and provide feedback.</p>

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Activity Definition BESS4		
New activity – Batteries for small and medium businesses to commence on 1 September clauses 8.1.13-8.1.17, 10.1 and Schedule C	<p>Implementations are conducted in small and medium sized buildings and must not be a residential building or data centre. Some requirements include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No prior BESS4 or BESS5 implementation on site • Battery size greater than 20 kWh and less than or equal to 200 kWh Usable Battery Capacity • Battery must be listed on the CEC Approved battery list • No existing solar PV requirement • Higher incentive if installed within 90 days of new solar PV • Incentive can be combined with Cheaper Home Batteries Program up to 100 kWh • Minimum payment required • Installation must be conducted by an installer on the SAA installer list. • Planning and network approvals must be obtained. <p>New definition of Data Centre added to Rule</p>	<p>BESS4 requirements are set out in clause 8 and Schedule C of the PDRS Rule;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the PDRS Rule and PDRS Method Guide to understand the activity requirements. <p>If you're interested in becoming accredited for BESS4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start preparing your application (see our Preparing your application page for more information) • Start preparing your systems and processes. <p>Review proposed evidence requirements for BESS4 set out in the Consultation paper and provide feedback.</p>
Activity Definition BESS5		
New Activity – Batteries for large commercial industrial sites to commence on 1 September clauses 8.1.18-8.1.21, 10.1 and Schedule C	<p>Implementations are conducted at large commercial and industrial sites. Some requirements include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batteries must be tested to UL950A • Must not be a residential building or data centre • No prior BESS4 or BESS5 implementation on site • Battery size greater than 200 kWh and less than or equal to 30 MWh Usable Battery Capacity • Upper incentive threshold of 10 MWh • Battery must be installed by a suitably licenced person • Planning and network approvals must be obtained. <p>New definition of Data Centre added to Rule</p>	<p>BESS5 requirements are set out in clause 8 and Schedule C of the PDRS Rule;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the PDRS Rule and PDRS Method Guide to understand the activity requirements. <p>If you're interested in becoming accredited for BESS5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start preparing your application (see our Preparing your application page for more information) • Start preparing your systems and processes. <p>Review proposed evidence requirements for BESS5 set out in the Consultation paper and provide feedback.</p>
Household Annual Demand Response Method		
Activity Definition BESS2		
Extension of BESS2 VPP nomination window – Clause 6.1 (b)	VPP nomination window now within 90 days of onboarding and before certificate creation.	Update internal systems and processes for obtaining a nomination to account for the change. Collect relevant evidence to support the date the nomination is signed. Start providing the updated BESS2 Fact Sheet to customers now.

Change	Details and impact	What you need to do
Changed Residential to BCA Class 1 Building – Clause 9.1.1 (a)	Clarifies that only BCA Class 1 and small business sites are eligible for BESS2.	Update internal systems and processes to make sure BESS2 implementation sites meet eligibility requirements.
Updated definition of Usable Battery Capacity in Clause 10.1	The definition of Usable Battery Capacity has been updated to mean 90% of the Nominal Battery Capacity.	Review and update your systems and processes for determining the Usable Battery Capacity to meet equipment requirements and calculate Demand Response Component.
New definition for Nominal Battery Capacity in Clause 10.1	A definition for Nominal Battery Capacity has been added.	Review the definition in the rule and update your systems and processes for determining the Nominal Battery Capacity (and Usable Battery Capacity).
Removed onsite solar requirement for BESS2 – Activity Definition BESS2 – Eligibility Requirement 2. <i>Note Eligibility Requirement 3 has now become Eligibility Requirement 2.</i>	Eligibility Requirement for a behind the meter solar PV system has been removed for BESS2 implementations.	Update internal systems and processes to remove the requirement for a solar PV system to be installed on the site.
Updated Activity Definition BESS2 – Equipment Requirement 2 to increase maximum battery size to 50 kWh	Batteries with a Usable Battery Capacity up to 50 kWh are now eligible. PDRS incentives are limited to 28 kWh. <i>Note the definition of Usable Battery Capacity is the Rule has been updated (i.e. 90% of Nominal Battery Capacity, which is also defined in the Rule)</i>	Update internal systems and processes to allow batteries with a Usable Battery Capacity up to 50 kWh to be eligible for BESS2. Make sure you calculate Usable Battery Capacity correctly.
Warranty requirements in Equipment Requirement 4 have been removed and Equipment Requirement 5 updated to reflect the removal. <i>Note Equipment Requirement 5 has now become Eligibility Requirement 4.</i>	Warranty requirements relating to normal use conditions are removed. Equipment Requirement 4 now requires that participation in the activity must not void or diminish the end-user equipment warranty.	Update internal systems and processes to reflect the changed requirements.
Updated definition of Battery Capacity in Equation BESS2.2 – Activity Definition BESS2	Definition of Battery Capacity in Equation BESS2.2 is now the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usable Battery Capacity, or • 28 kWh. <i>Note the definition of Usable Battery Capacity in the Rule has been updated (i.e. 90% of Nominal Battery Capacity, which is also defined in the Rule)</i>	Update internal systems and processes to ensure that Battery Capacity is calculated correctly for Equation BESS2.2.
Activity Definition V2G1		
New vehicle to grid activity – Activity Definition V2G1 – Onboard a battery electric vehicle with a demand response aggregator – clauses 9.1.5-9.1.8 and Schedule D	Activity V2G1 will commence on a future date to be announced by the Minister for Energy.	No action required. We will publish information about V2G1 before it commences.
New definitions used in Activity Definition V2G1 – Clause 10.1	Defines terms used for Activity Definition V2G1 including: battery electric vehicle, battery inverter output, electric vehicle supply equipment.	No action required.

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Other administrative changes		
Updated definition of Usable Battery Capacity – Clause 10.1	The definition of Usable Battery Capacity has been updated to mean 90% of the Nominal Battery Capacity.	Review and update your systems and processes for determining the Usable Battery Capacity to meet equipment requirements and calculate Demand Shifting Component.
New definition for Nominal Battery Capacity – Clause 10.1	A definition for Nominal Battery Capacity has been added.	Review the definition in the rule and update your systems and processes for determining the Nominal Battery Capacity (and Usable Battery Capacity).
Other amended definitions – 10 – Definitions and Interpretation	Amended definitions for Exempt Energy Program, GEMS Registry, GST, Large Customer, Low-income Energy Program.	Review definitions and update systems and processes to make sure that you use them correctly.
Other new definitions – 10 – Definitions and Interpretation	New definitions added for Apartment Building, Battery Inverter Output, BCA, Behind the Meter, Data Centre, Existing Solar Voltaic Capacity, Government Owned and Managed Site, New Solar Voltaic Capacity, Large Business Site.	Review definitions and update systems and processes to make sure that you use them correctly.
Transitional arrangements		
Added Clause 11.12	Implementations before 1 July 2026 must use the previous version of the Rule (<i>Peak Demand Reduction Scheme (Amendment No. 1) Rule 2026</i>) to calculate certificates.	Use the previous version of the Rule to calculate certificates for implementations before 1 July 2026 and the new Rule (<i>Peak Demand Reduction Scheme (Amendment No.2) Rule 2026</i>) for implementations on or after 1 July 2026.

Calculation methods and activities – Acronyms

HADR - Household Annual Demand Response, RDUE – Reducing Demand Using Efficiency, SASC - Store and Shift Capacity, BESS₁ – Install a battery (single dwelling residential and small business), BESS₂ – Onboard a battery (with a Demand Response Aggregator), BESS₃ – Install a battery (apartments), BESS₄ – Install a battery (small and medium businesses), BESS₅ – Install a battery (commercial and industrial businesses), HVAC₁ - Install or replace an air conditioner with a high efficiency air conditioner (residential or small business), HVAC₂ - Install or replace an air conditioner with a high efficiency air conditioner (non-residential)