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Purpose of this Fact Sheet

The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to explain how the rebate will operate, what are the requirements, who can access it, and how. It is recommended that this Fact Sheet be read in conjunction with other Fact Sheets to obtain a complete picture of the Scheme.

Why the rebate mechanism has been established

Currently, the most significant barrier to an effective battery recycling regime is overcoming the cost of the collection, sorting and recycling of batteries.



About the Battery Stewardship Council (BSC)

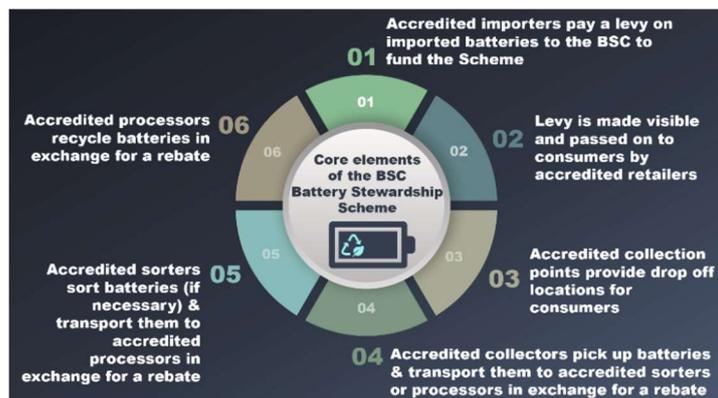
The BSC is a not-for-profit company established in 2018 to bring together players from across the battery supply chain to ensure that a robust and well-designed battery stewardship scheme is established. Our mission is to facilitate accessible battery recycling services for consumers in metropolitan and regional areas of Australia.

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Quick recap of the Scheme Design

The core elements of the Scheme are shown in the figure below. An accreditation process will be created for each element to provide assurances to the consumer that the recycling process is safe and effective. For full details please visit the BSC website to review the Scheme Design Document.



The Battery Stewardship Scheme is being established to ensure effective recycling of in-scope batteries (refer to "Fact Sheet: Which batteries are in Scope?").

The intent of the rebate is to encourage participation and innovation in the market in order to improve efficiency and viability of the battery recycling sector. This process has been designed to improve efficiencies and economies of scale and enable the rebate to reduce over time.

Who can access the rebate



In order to receive a rebate, an entity is required to become accredited to the BSC Scheme. Accredited members will be eligible to receive a rebate based on actual and verifiable costs submitted by the service providers. Rebates will be paid only after evidence can be provided that the recycling chain has been completed.

The initial rebate has been set at a level below current programmatic costs (which are based on a 3% collection rate) to recognise the cost reductions associated with economies of scale. This will be reviewed on an annual basis to maintain the focus on cost recovery.

Drop off locations are not directly eligible for the rebate; however, they may access the rebate if they provide the collection service (i.e. by transporting batteries to sorters or processors), or via contractual arrangements with accredited collectors.



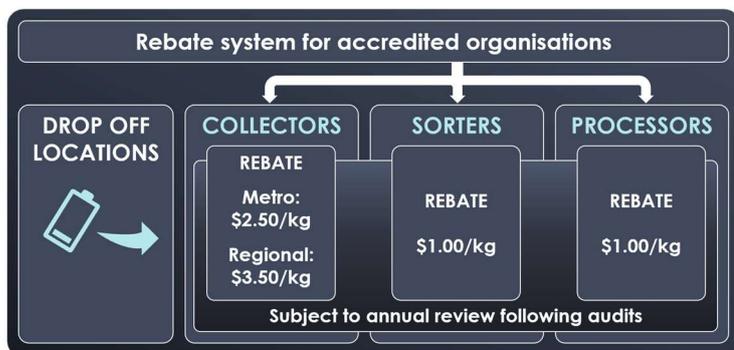
THE REBATE

Rebate amounts

The market failure restricting recovery of batteries occurs in the collection, sorting and processing stages to varying degrees and in different locations. Initially the rebate has been set at:

Collection in metropolitan areas	\$2.50/kg
Collection in regional / remote areas	\$3.50/kg
Sorting	\$1.00/kg
Processing	\$1.00/kg

While it is recognised there may be several entities involved in the recycling chain, the rebates allocated for collection, sorting and processing will only be paid once for each battery.



Accreditation requirements



To access rebates, recipients will use the Scheme Tracking App, agree to announced and unannounced audits, and provide evidence to verify Scheme obligations, such as:

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Accreditation

Demonstrating that batteries have been passed through the Scheme accredited network
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Conformity with legal and BSC requirements for environmental, health and safety
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Costings

Transparency about the costs of the service
- 

Tracking

Tracking of shipments and reporting outcomes
- 

Monitoring

Reporting against performance metrics appropriate to each category of rebate

The BSC will work with industry to develop clear operational procedures and tools to support the recycling chain to understand, implement and verify these obligations.

Monitoring and reporting

The board of the BSC will closely monitor rebate implementation to ensure it is meeting the objective of addressing the market failure. Each year an annual report will be published on the BSC website to provide transparency and learnings.

This information will provide an important element in the annual reviews to ensure the Scheme is operating in a cost-effective manner and meeting its objectives. It will also indicate whether adjustments are required for the levy.

When the rebate will become available

The rebate will become available when the Scheme launches. It is anticipated that this will be Q4 2021.

The rebate will not be available for battery stockpiles

The rebate will not be available for stockpiled batteries as stockpiling is in most cases illegal and may increase the risk of fires and other incidents. By becoming accredited, participants will make a commitment that they will not access the rebate for stockpiled batteries. The Tracking App will be used to reduce the opportunity for stockpiled batteries to enter the system.

How the rebate is funded

The rebate is funded by a voluntary Levy paid by battery importers to the BSC with the cost being passed on through product pricing to the consumer.

Related documents

Related documents can be downloaded from the BSC Website 'Resources' menu including the Scheme Design Document and Fact Sheets to be released on topics such as:

- BSC Fact Sheet: What Batteries are in Scope
- BSC Fact Sheet: The Levy
- BSC Fact Sheet: The Rebate

Still have questions or need more information

If you still have questions or would like further information, contact us via email at:

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