


SOLAR SHARER OFFER (SSO) FACT SHEET





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i What is the Solar Sharer Offer (SSO)?

The SSO is a regulated, opt-in electricity tariff designed under the Australian Energy Regulator's Default Market Offer. It allows households to access the bill-slashing benefits of abundant daytime solar energy without needing physical solar panels. 3 hours of free electricity will be provided to all households that opt-in to a retail plan that takes advantage of the offer. The offer will commence from **1 July 2026**.

 Capped at **24 kWh** of free electricity usage per day during the window.

 An active, operational **smart meter** is mandatory to participate.

 Available to **all households** including renters, apartments and solar-free homes.

Structured Time Windows

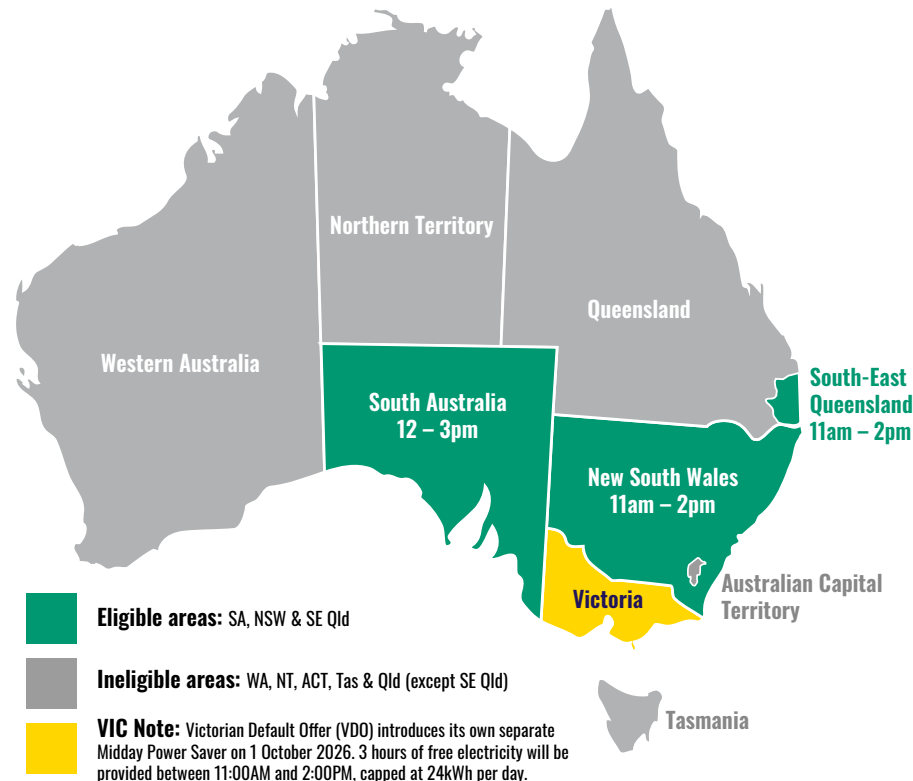
Free periods are fixed local times year-round, accommodating daylight savings natively. Retailers have zero discretion to change these times.

NSW & SE QLD 11AM – 2PM

South Australia 12PM – 3PM





SSO Geographical Breakdown

Coverage is strictly linked to regions under the AER's Default Market Offer (DMO). This covers New South Wales, South Australia and South East Queensland.



Smart CER Integration

The SSO presents an opportunity to deploy automated consumer energy resources:

-  **Smart Hot Water:** Systems can be programmed to strictly heat within the free window.
-  **EV charging:** Chargers or vehicles can be configured to soak up the 24 kWh available daily.
-  **Home batteries:** Battery charging during the free window can reduce the cost of shifting the electrical load of a household to the evening peak.
-  **Energy intensive appliances:** Appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines or clothes dryers can be set to run during the free window.

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