

Export Tariff

Fact Sheet



Introduction

South Australia's energy landscape is changing. More customers are generating their own electricity with rooftop solar and they want a way to share this energy with each other. This shift means our electricity grid, which was initially designed for one-way power flow, now needs to handle a two-way flow.

To ensure all South Australians can export solar, we need to invest in the grid. The investment will be funded by those who benefit from energy exports the most, with a new export tariff to be applied to certain energy exports from 1 July 2025.

What is the Export Tariff?

The Export Tariff is a fee for the extra energy you send to the electricity grid. This fee helps pay for network upgrades needed to handle more energy flowing back into the grid. These upgrades are important to ensure that everyone in South Australia can keep sharing energy with each other.

Key details

- Implementation Date: 1 July 2025
- Who is charged: energy retailers (who may pass the cost on to customers)
- Applies to: residential and small business customers with inverters up to 30kW AC
- Applies to: excess energy exported to the grid above a free daily threshold (eg. energy from solar and batteries)
- When it applies: only during times when solar energy is most abundant 10am–4pm.

Free thresholds apply



Residential customers with interval meter:
9kWh per day free
(between 10am–4pm)



Residential customers with accumulation meter:
First 11kWh per day free



Small business customers with interval meter:
9kWh per day free
(between 10am–4pm)



Small business customers with accumulation meter:
First 11kWh per day free

Export tariff charges

(for exports above the free threshold)

- Interval meter: 1c per kWh
- Accumulation meter: 0.75c per kWh

Different export tariff rates and thresholds apply for customers with interval meters and legacy accumulation meters. These rates and thresholds help ensure equitable outcomes between customers with different meter types based on a sample of export profiles.

Estimated bill impact

(if a retailer passes on the export tariff in full)

- Typical residential customer: Approximately \$1.50 per month (based on a 5kW inverter with medium self-usage and medium exports)
- Typical small business customer: Approximately \$6.00 per month (based on a 15 kW inverter with medium self-consumption and medium exports)

Minimising the export tariff

- The best way to minimise or avoid the export tariff altogether is to maximise your self-consumption of generated energy.
- This can be achieved by shifting electricity usage to between 10am–4pm (e.g., running appliances, pre-cooling/heating, charging EVs).

Why is the export tariff necessary?

- To fund essential network upgrades that support the increasing two-way flow of energy.
- To ensure a fairer system where those who benefit most from exporting energy contribute to the cost of these upgrades.

Where to find more information

- Contact your energy retailer to find out which tariff you are on and how the export tariff may affect your bill.
- Visit the SA Power Networks website for more detailed information.

