

Fact Sheet 1

Introduction to Scorecard



What is a Scorecard assessment?

The Residential Efficiency Scorecard (the Scorecard) is a unique program that provides an energy star rating for your home. In the same way as a fridge or washing machine has a star rating, a Scorecard rating shows how much energy is used throughout your home.

The Scorecard star rating program is the first of its kind in Australia. Assessments and information are tailored specifically for your home and are delivered by government-approved assessors.

The star rating provides an easy-to-understand snapshot of how your home copes with hot and cold weather. This allows you to compare your home's energy use with similar homes and quickly see how to save money on your bills.

means your home will use less energy, and cost less to run, than one with a lower star rating.

Homes that achieve a high star rating can expect a lower energy bill than the average home.

Currently, the average home is three-star rated so there are opportunities to increase your home's rating and spend less on your energy bills.



How a Scorecard assessment can help you

- It suggests upgrades to reduce energy costs in your home.
- It provides a hot weather rating and upgrade options to protect your comfort and health in summer.
- It provides a cold weather rating and upgrade options to protect your comfort and health in winter.
- Your assessor can suggest ways to use energy more efficiently to reduce energy costs in your home.

What to expect during your assessment

An accredited assessor will visit your home to conduct a thorough on-site assessment. They collect data covering room sizes, construction materials, window type, placement and furnishings, insulation, your hot water system, heating, cooling, lighting and any renewable energy sources.

At the end of the assessment the assessor will provide your home's star rating and you can view your Scorecard certificate. The certificate will also be sent to you later, after quality checks have been completed.

An energy star rating for your home

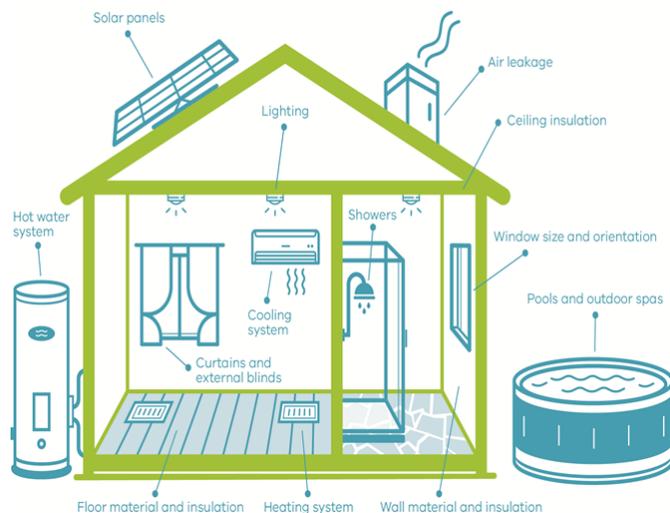
The Scorecard provides an energy star rating for your home on a scale from one to ten. A high star rating

Your certificate:

- shows your home's star rating out of 10
- shows where your energy is being used
- rates the efficiency of various elements of your home, such as the building itself and major appliances
- rates the performance of your home in hot and cold weather
- provides practical options to improve your home's energy efficiency.

There is also an opportunity to discuss how you can use the appliances and features of your home to further improve their efficiency.

Many assessors offer complementary services, such as blower door testing to understand how leaky the house is, putting you in touch with trusted suppliers, performing upgrades or working with your builder to improve results. If you have a particular requirement just ask when you call for a quote.



What is covered in a Scorecard assessment

Energy advice you can trust

The Scorecard program is available across Australia. Contact an assessor to get a quote for assessing your home – find their contact details and the areas they serve at www.scorecardwebsite.gov.au and go to the Getting an assessment page.

Only accredited assessors can provide Scorecard assessments. The Scorecard Program Manager has applied strict quality control standards which assessors must meet to be accredited. You can view these standards on the Scorecard website.



More information

To find out more about Scorecard, visit: www.scorecardwebsite.gov.au.

You can also call **136 186** or email scorecard@delwp.vic.gov.au.