



What Are Small Scale Technology Certificates (STCs)?

Small-scale technology certificates, or STCs, are a Federally Funded tradable commodity attached to eligible installations of renewable energy systems such as solar power systems and solar panels and can be redeemed for a dollar value that is commonly deducted from the cost of purchasing a solar system. The value of an STC at any one time depends on market conditions.

When you purchase a solar power system from DT Electrical, we have already discounted this value for you in your solar quote. That's because we take over the hassle of registering and selling the STCs on the market from you. We give you a point of sale discount based on your STCs giving you an up front deduction in cost.

On the day of installation, you assign the STCs over to us, then we complete the registration of these certificates with the Renewable Energy Regulator on your behalf and eventually recoup their value. You don't have to wait for this to happen, we do.

STC Value

The number of certificates that can be created per system is based on its geographical location, installation date, and the amount of electricity in megawatt hours (MWh) that is generated by the small-scale solar panel system over one or five years, or a single maximum deeming period. The deeming period for solar PV systems decreases by one year, every year until 2030. This will reduce the number of certificates that can be created for an eligible system.

To check how many certificates your system can create please click on the following link:
<https://www.rec-registry.gov.au/rec-registry/app/calculators/sgu-stc-calculator>

Once STCs have been successfully created, validated and registered through the REC Registry, they may be bought and sold through the open STC market or the STC clearing house.

The price of small-scale technology certificates is driven by supply and demand of the renewable energy certificate market and fluctuates daily. To determine an approximate price for small-scale technology certificates, you can conduct an internet search for small-scale technology certificate traders.

You have the option to pay the full price for your system and personally sell your certificates through the STC clearing house for a fixed price of \$40 per certificate, however the Clean Energy Regulator cannot provide an estimate of how long it will take them to sell—certificates listed for sale through the clearing house will only sell when a buyer is available.

For further information on buying and selling STC's please click on the following link:

<http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/RET/Scheme-participants-and-industry/Agents-and-installers/Small-scale-technology-certificates/Creating-small-scale-technology-certificates>