

Fact Sheet 1

Introduction to the 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.

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.



What to expect during your assessment

Arrange for an accredited assessor to visit your home to conduct a thorough on-site assessment. The assessor collects data in the government supported Scorecard tool, covering room sizes, construction materials, windows, insulation, hot water system, heating, cooling, lighting and any renewable energy sources.

Your assessor will provide your home's star rating and you can view your Scorecard certificate. Your detailed Scorecard certificate will be sent to you later, after quality checks have been completed.

Your assessor will discuss options for upgrading your home. They will also suggest how you can use the appliances and features of your home to further reduce your energy costs and increase your comfort.

How a Scorecard assessment can help you

- Suggests upgrades to reduce energy costs in your home.
- Provides a hot and cold weather rating and upgrade options to protect your comfort and health.
- Your assessor can suggest ways to reduce energy costs in your home and make your home more comfortable.

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



Your Scorecard certificate shows:

- your home's star rating out of 10
- how all the elements of your home, such as the building itself and major appliances, perform against the best available in the market
- the performance of your home in hot and cold weather
- the contribution from your solar system, or the potential contribution if you don't have one
- your home's carbon emissions
- practical options to improve each element
- additional information on any special features of your home

More actions

Many Scorecard assessors offer complementary services. You may be interested in being connected with their trusted suppliers.

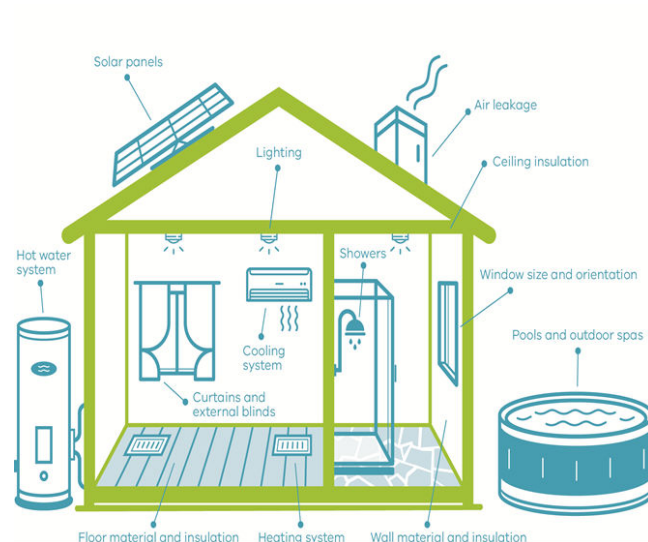
Your assessor can work with your builder to advise on your renovation. You could arrange a blower door test to understand how leaky the house is.

If you have particular requirements just ask when you call them for a quote.

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.victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au/scorecard go to the Book a Scorecard assessment page.

Only accredited assessors can provide Scorecard assessments. Government applies strict quality control standards for assessors to be accredited. You can view these standards on the Scorecard website.



For more information

To find out more about Scorecard, visit: www.victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au/scorecard.

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

What is covered in a Scorecard assessment

For more information about this program, contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. Phone: **136 186**, email: scorecard@delwp.vic.gov.au or visit www.victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au/scorecard