Australian Capital Territory

Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement (Priority Households) Determination 2024

**Disallowable instrument DI2024–268**

made under the

Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement Act 2012, s7A (Priority households)

**1 Name of instrument**

This instrument is the *Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement (Priority Households) Determination 2024.*

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on 1 January 2025.

**3 Determination of priority households**

I determine that priority households be prescribed as set out in Schedule 1 of this instrument.

**4 Revocation**

This instrument revokes *Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement (Priority Households) Determination 2020* (DI2020-255).

Shane Rattenbury MLA

Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction

25 August 2024

**Schedule 1**

1. An eligible priority household is defined as a residential premise where at least one person who lives there meets one or more of the following criteria:
2. is a recipient of an ACT Government utilities concession; or
3. holds an Australian Government pensioner concession card or health care card; or
4. holds a Department of Veterans’ Affairs pensioner concession card, TPI gold repatriation health care card, war widows repatriation health care card, or gold repatriation health care card; or
5. holders of a Commonwealth seniors health card; or
6. holders of an Australian Government low income health care card; or
7. recipients of an Australian Government disability support pension; or
8. people accessing an energy retailer’s hardship program (however described); or

*Note: Energy is defined in the Act, dictionary, to include electricity and*

*gas.*

1. people referred to a NERL retailer by a referring organisation for access to eligible activities carried out by the retailer; or

*Note: Eligible activity—see the Act, dictionary.*

*NERL retailer—see the Act, dictionary.*

1. people living in a priority dwelling; or
2. is actively participating in an energy retailer’s payment plan (offered and applied as per section 50 of the *National Energy Retail Law (ACT)*); or
3. has a residential tenancy agreement with the landlord of the premises and the rent for the premises is $660 or less per week.
4. Dictionary:

**priority dwelling** means the following:

1. a public housing property managed by Housing ACT;
2. a property provided by a registered community housing

provider;

1. a property used for providing accommodation or tenancy

support by a registered provider of supports under the *National*

*Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (Cwlth);*

1. a property used for providing residential care under the *Aged*

*Care Act 1997 (Cwlth)* if both of the following apply:

(i) the residential care is provided by an approved provider

under that Act;

(ii) the approved provider is a registered entity under the

*Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission*

*Act 2012 (Cwlth).*

**referring organisation** includes the following:

1. ACAT;
2. Care Inc.;
3. St Vincent de Paul Society;
4. The Salvation Army.

*Note: ACAT—see the Legislation Act, dictionary, pt 1.*

*registered community housing provider—see the Community Housing Providers National Law (ACT), section 4.*

*registered provider of supports—see the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (Cwlth), section 9*.