

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:

- (a) is a recipient of an ACT Government utilities concession; or
- (b) holds an Australian Government pensioner concession card or health care card; or
- (c) 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
- (d) holders of a Commonwealth seniors health card; or
- (e) holders of an Australian Government low income health care card; or
- (f) recipients of an Australian Government disability support pension; or
- (g) people accessing an energy retailer's hardship program (however described); or
Note: Energy is defined in the Act, dictionary, to include electricity and gas.
- (h) 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.*
- (i) people living in a priority dwelling; or
- (j) 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
- (k) has a residential tenancy agreement with the landlord of the premises and the rent for the premises is \$660 or less per week.

(2) Dictionary:

priority dwelling means the following:

- (a) a public housing property managed by Housing ACT;
- (b) a property provided by a registered community housing provider;
- (c) a property used for providing accommodation or tenancy support by a registered provider of supports under the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (Cwlth)*;
- (d) 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:

- (a) ACAT;
- (b) Care Inc.;
- (c) St Vincent de Paul Society;
- (d) 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.*