# Water Corporation Rainwater Tank Rebate Program 2024-25 Terms and Conditions – revised August 2024

The Rainwater Tank Rebate Program is offered to customers in selected towns to save water by reducing demand on scheme water. Water Corporation offers the following rebates for eligible customers connecting a rainwater tank to their toilet and/or laundry. Customers can apply for a rebate from 1 October 2024 to 31 May 2025.

#### What the rebate offers

1. A rebate of \$1000 or the cost of the tank and plumbing work (whichever is lesser) is available for a new rainwater tank with a capacity of 2000L or more.

#### OR

2. A rebate of up to \$500 or the cost of the plumbing work (whichever is the lesser) is available for an existing tank with a capacity of 2000L or more (e.g. if the plumbing work costs \$200, you will receive an equivalent amount).

### OR

3. A rebate of up to \$500 or the cost of the rainwater tank (whichever is the lesser) for the replacement of an existing Plumbed In rainwater tank with a new rainwater tank with a capacity of 2000L or more. (e.g. If the tank costs \$200, you will receive an equivalent amount).

#### **Definitions**

The following are applied for the purpose of the rebate program.

- a) **Scheme water:** water supplied by the Water Corporation through its drinking water supply network.
- b) **Plumbed In:** a permanent connection, installed by a licensed plumber, between a rainwater tank to the internal plumbing of the house (specifically toilet and/or washing machine).
- c) **Proof of Purchase:** for example, a receipt or paid tax invoice for the rainwater tank and/or plumbing services. The receipt or paid tax invoice must include the customer's name, address and rainwater tank capacity in litres.

## Applicant and property eligibility

- 1. To claim the rebate, the applicant must:
  - a) read the Terms and Conditions
  - b) complete sections 1 to 4 of the Application Form
  - c) attach copies of itemised receipt for the tank and proof of installation costs completed by a licensed plumber. Please DO NOT send original tax invoices or receipts
  - d) ensure that section 5 of the Application Form is completed by the licensed plumber who connected the rainwater tank with the following information:
    - i. the size (capacity) of the rainwater tank;
    - ii. certify that the rainwater tank meets all relevant standards and government requirements;
    - iii. certify that the rainwater tank is Plumbed In and fully operational.



- 2. Applicants are required to provide evidence to support claims made on the Application Form if requested. The Corporation may conduct audits of tanks to verify program compliance.
- 3. The applicant should allow four (4) weeks for the application to be processed. Applications that are incomplete may take longer than four (4) weeks to process.
- 4. Water Corporation will review the Application and contact the customer directly if more information is required/when and if the Application is approved.
- 5. Refer to eligible towns on website <a href="https://www.watercorporation.com.au/Waterwise/Waterwise/Waterwise-offers/Rainwater-tank-rebate">https://www.watercorporation.com.au/Waterwise/Waterwise-offers/Rainwater-tank-rebate</a>
- 6. To be eligible to receive a rebate, the applicant must:
  - a) be the owner of the property where the rainwater tank has been installed
  - b) ensure the property where the rainwater tank has been installed is connected to Water Corporation Scheme Water
  - c) live in one of the eligible towns for 2024-25 (check website for list)
  - d) ensure the property where the rainwater tank has been installed is habitable or will be habitable upon the completion of the building prior to program closure
  - e) declare that the installation and connection of the rainwater tank meets relevant standards and government requirements, such as local building restrictions and regulations
  - f) have not claimed a rebate through this program before
  - g) be the purchaser of the rainwater tank and the payee of the plumbing expenses
  - h) submit the completed Application Form and a copy of the Proof of Purchase and installation costs by 31 May 2025
- 7. The property where the rainwater tank has been installed will only be eligible for one (1) rebate over the life of the program, and must be one of the following:
  - I. residential property;
  - II. non-residential property:
  - III. corporate-owned property;
  - IV. charity-owned property;
  - V. school;
  - VI. not-for-profit property (such as a sporting club); or
  - VII. government (Federal and State) owned property.
- 8. The rainwater tank must:
  - a) Be purchased and Plumbed In on or after 1 October 2024 for customers (new and existing tanks) in
    - a. Great Southern (Grass Patch, Rocky Gully)
    - b. South West (Augusta, Dalyellup, Deanmill, Dunsborough, Peppermint Grove Beach, Yallingup)
  - b) be purchased and Plumbed In on or after 1 October 2023 for customers (new and existing tanks) in
    - a. Great Southern (Albany, Bremer Bay, Cranbrook, Denmark, Esperance, Hopetoun, Kendenup, Mount Barker, Munglinup, Narrikup, Porongurup, Ravensthorpe, Salmon Gums, Walpole, Wellstead)
    - b. South West (Balingup, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Donnybrook, Greenbushes, Hester, Kirup, Manjimup, Mullalyup, Nannup, Northcliffe, Pemberton, Quinninup)
  - c) meet relevant standards and government requirements, such as local building restrictions and regulations, according to AS/NZS 3500.1:2003. A link to the standard can be found here https://www.saiglobal.com/PDFTemp/Previews/OSH/as/as3000/3500/3500.1-2003(+A1).pdf



- d) be fully operational;
- e) have adequate mosquito controls; for more information refer to https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/U\_Z/Water-tanks-on-your-property
- f) have a minimum capacity of 2000 litres.

Rebates will cease on 31 May 2025 or when the program funds have been expended. Final decisions regarding rebate eligibility will be made by the Water Corporation.



<sup>\*</sup> The total value of rebates offered is limited and must be claimed over the period of 1 October 2024 to 31 May 2025. Repeat Waterwise Towns are eligible to apply for a rebate from 1 October 2023, terms are stated under point 8.