



AIR CONDITIONERS

REGULATION CHANGE



Information for
CONSUMERS

Important changes are coming on 1 July 2023 for some air conditioner types in South Australia.

The changes will help deliver a smarter electricity grid, more flexibility for consumers, and more affordable energy for everyone.

NEW REQUIREMENT FOR AIR CONDITIONERS

From 1 July 2023, if you are having certain air conditioners installed in South Australia, your installer will have a legal obligation to ensure that these air conditioners comply with demand response capabilities in a new Technical Regulator Guideline.

An electronic certificate of compliance (eCoC) confirming compliance with the guideline will be issued by the installer, and will be your evidence that installation of the air conditioner meets the requirements of the guideline.

MORE INFORMATION

Air conditioner installers can meet their legal obligations via any of the following options:

- Install an air conditioning model that has a compliant demand response capability built into the product that is ready to use as supplied, OR
- Install an air conditioning model with a separate part or component that they have added to provide a compliant demand response capability, OR
- Install an air conditioning model that can have a compliant demand response capability with a separate part or component added to it in the future.
- The Technical Regulator Compliance List is a useful reference point for consumers, as it outlines all air conditioners the Technical Regulator has registered as complying with the demand response requirements in the guideline.
- Installers can still legally install air conditioners that are not on the compliance list, if they can demonstrate that the air conditioner meets the demand response requirements in the guideline.



The changes **do not require** consumers to participate in demand response programs.

Consumer participation in these programs is completely voluntary.

Many air conditioners sold and installed in South Australia already have demand response capabilities.

The available range of air conditioners with these capabilities will further increase by 1 July 2023. Comparisons of these air conditioners with similar models that do not have such capability shows there is no clear connection between demand response capability and price.

For more information: www.energymining.sa.gov.au/airconregs

WHAT IS A DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAM?

Demand response programs are completely voluntary. It will be up to your electricity provider and any demand response service provider as to whether they want to offer one of these programs to you. If they do offer one, it is your choice as to whether you want to participate. A demand response program is designed to shift your energy usage away from times of high demand on the electricity grid and to periods of lower demand.

Demand response programs help deliver a smarter and more flexible electricity grid, and better use of our abundant renewable energy. This will help deliver more affordable energy for all South Australians.



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