

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC REBATE SCHEME

Description of the Scheme

The Solar Photovoltaic Rebate Scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities and the Central Electricity Board.

The Scheme comprises the production of electricity by cooperatives using solar photovoltaic (PV) installation and the provision of a grant for PV installation.

The Central Electricity Board (CEB) has a Small Scale Distributed Generation (SSDG) Net Metering Scheme within which the Cooperative Sector is being integrated. This Scheme is based on the net metering principle which allows cooperatives to produce electricity solely for their own consumption.

A cooperative society/federation is entitled for a solar PV installation of an allowed capacity of a maximum of 2 kilowatt peak (kWp) for electricity supply having a declared electrical load less or equal to 20 kVA and a maximum of 5 kWp for electricity supply having a declared electrical load above 20 kVA and accordingly benefit from a one-off grant of Rs25,000 for each kWp of the solar PV installed. All other related costs/expenses

for the project are to be borne by the cooperative society/federation.

The CEB will accept applications from the cooperative sector (on a first come first served basis) until a maximum cumulative capacity of **100 kW** and **25 kW** of solar PV installations is attained for Mauritius and Rodrigues respectively under this scheme and the Green Energy Scheme for Cooperatives which was previously operational.

Objective of the Scheme

The Scheme aims at offering cooperative societies and federations the opportunity to produce electricity using solar photovoltaic technology, and is in line with the Government's Long Term Energy Strategy to increase the share of renewable energy to 35% in the national energy mix by 2025 and maintained at 35% until horizon 2030.

Benefits of the Scheme

- Savings on monthly CEB bills.
- Contributing to the preservation of the environment.

Eligibility Criteria

- Beneficiaries should be duly registered cooperative societies or cooperative federations with the Registrar, Cooperative Societies.

- The cooperative should be active.
- The cooperative should have an active electricity account in its name at the proposed site.
- The cooperative should satisfy other criteria of the SSDG Net Metering Scheme.

Conditions

- The allowed capacity for solar PV shall be a maximum of 2 kWp for electricity supply having a declared electrical load less or equal to 20 kVA and a maximum of 5 kWp for electricity supply having a declared electrical load above 20 kVA.
- The electricity produced should be used for own consumption and any excess energy produced would be exported to the CEB grid and used to reduce energy imported from the CEB; any remaining balance would be carried forward in the next billing periods.
- The grant would be disbursed by the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) to the applicant following installation of the PV by the cooperative and commissioning by the CEB.
- The Scheme will be on a first come first served basis.
- The SSDG installation shall comply with all conditions set out in the applicable CEB SSDG Net-Metering Grid Code.

- Cooperatives shall ensure the operation and maintenance of the PV system.
(Refer to CEB website for other applicable conditions)

Mode of Application

Application forms are available at:
 -Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division), 3rd Floor, LIC Centre, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis
 -Website of the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division): <http://cooperatives.govmu.org>
 -Regional Cooperative Centres
 -Commission for Child Development and Others (Cooperatives Division), Human Resource Centre, Malabar, Rodrigues
 -CEB Customer Service Offices, Mauritius and Rodrigues
 -SSDG Unit, Central Electricity Board, Curepipe
 -Website of the CEB: <http://ceb.intnet.mu>

The duly completed application form, with all required documents, have to be submitted, in person, to the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division), 3rd Floor, LIC Centre, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis for cooperatives in Mauritius and to the Commission for Child Development and Others (Cooperatives Division), Human Resource Centre, Malabar, Rodrigues for cooperatives in Rodrigues.

Applicable processing and connection fees shall be charged by the CEB.

Note: It is recommended that the installer or any other person who can conduct a more in-depth financial analysis be contacted before investing in the scheme. The installer will help fill in the technical part of the Application Form.

Contact Details

SSDG UNIT
 Central Electricity Board, Curepipe
 Tel No.: 601 1100
 Website: <http://ceb.intnet.mu>
 CEB Customer Service Office
 Port Mathurin, Rodrigues
 Tel No.: 832 0210, Fax No.: 831 2405

Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division)
 3rd Floor, LIC Centre
 John Kennedy Street
 Port Louis
 Tel No.: 405 0770
 Fax No.: 2089263/2085318/2111312
 Website: <http://cooperatives.govmu.org>

Commission for Child Development and Others (Cooperatives Division),
 Human Resource Centre,
 Malabar, Rodrigues
 Tel No.: 832 4655, Fax No.:832 4655

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