



An Australian Government Initiative

AusIndustry

BUILDING BUSINESS · POWERING PRODUCTIVITY

Clean Technology Investment Program



Grant ratio for carbon liable businesses

The Clean Technology Investment Program offers grants to Australian manufacturing businesses for investment in energy efficient capital equipment and low emission technologies, processes and products. Grants are offered on a co-investment basis, with tiered grant funding ratios that vary according to project size and applicant turnover.

On 31 July 2012, the Government announced an additional grant ratio category for some companies with manufacturing facilities that are likely to face a direct carbon price liability.

What is the new grant ratio category?

The Clean Technology Investment Program currently has funding ratios of 1:3, 1:2 and 1:1 for government to private co-investment. Successful grantees may receive 1:1 funding if their annual turnover is less than \$100 million and the grant requested is less than \$500,000.

The Government has now introduced a new dollar-for-dollar (1:1) funding category for manufacturing **facilities** with **covered emissions** of 25,000 tonnes CO₂-e or greater, but less than 100,000 tonnes CO₂-e. These facilities do not need to meet any turnover or maximum grant amount threshold to be eligible for the new grant funding ratio.

Dollar-for-dollar grant funding means that applicants can receive grant funding of up to half of their eligible project expenditure.

Why is there a new grant ratio category?

Manufacturing facilities with **covered emissions** of 25,000 tonnes CO₂-e or more will face a direct liability under the Carbon Pricing Mechanism.

This new grant ratio category increases the support for some of these facilities to invest in energy efficient capital and low emissions technologies and reduce the carbon price impact on their operations.

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible for the new grant ratio category if your proposed Clean Technology Investment Program project is situated solely at a **facility** which emitted 25,000 tonnes or greater but less than 100,000 tonnes of **covered emissions** in the last full financial year prior to application lodgement.

Only Australia's biggest polluters are expected to face a direct liability under the Carbon Pricing Mechanism. The vast majority of Australian businesses will not have any direct liabilities.

If you do not meet the eligibility requirement for this new grant ratio category, the Program's existing grant ratio categories will apply. You may still be able to receive dollar-for-dollar grant funding if your requested funding amount is less than \$500,000 and your annual turnover is less than \$100 million.

What are 'covered emissions'?

Covered emissions are a subset of direct scope 1 emissions. Scope 1 emissions are greenhouse gas

emissions that are released into the atmosphere as a direct result of activities undertaken on your facility (e.g. fuel combustion, various industrial processes).

Emissions which are not defined as **covered emissions** include emissions from purchased electricity or steam, agriculture and most transport fuels, amongst others.

For further guidance on what emissions are defined as **covered emissions**, please see the [Clean Energy Regulator](#).

What is a 'facility'?

A **facility** is an activity, or a series of activities, that involve the production of greenhouse gas emissions, the production of energy or the consumption of energy, as defined by the [National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting \(NGER\) Scheme](#).

This could be an individual manufacturing site or other definition approved by the NGER Scheme.

If your business is reporting under the NGER Scheme, you can only claim **covered emissions** for a manufacturing operation that has been approved by the NGER Scheme as meeting the definition of a **facility**.

If your business does not report under the NGER Scheme, please contact the AusIndustry hotline (13 28 46) for guidance.

How do I apply?

Step 1: Look at your NGER reports

You should first confirm that your Clean Technology Investment Program project is solely located at a site which is defined as a **facility** for your business's NGER reporting. It may be useful to consult with the person responsible for environmental reporting in your business.

To determine the level of **covered emissions** from this **facility**, use the [Carbon Pricing Mechanism Threshold Estimator](#) and enter the values for scope 1 emissions from your business's most recent NGER report. This online tool is available for businesses to determine whether they may be

liable under the Carbon Pricing Mechanism, and can calculate the level of **covered emissions** at a **facility**. A [user guide](#) is also available.

Step 2: Apply

All applicants use the standard Clean Technology Investment Program [Application Form](#).

In your application, you will need to provide a copy of the signed and submitted NGER Report (Parts A and B) that relates to reporting this **facility's** emissions for the latest full financial year prior to application lodgement.

Between 1 July and 31 October each year, businesses may not have yet submitted a signed NGER report for the most recent financial year. If you apply during this period, you must provide:

- A copy of the signed NGER report for the previous financial year; and
- A document summarising the scope 1 emissions of the project **facility** in the last full financial year. This should contain the same information presented in Part B of the NGER report.

You will need to provide AusIndustry with a signed NGER report for the latest full financial year as soon as it becomes available.

To receive a grant, your application will need to meet the Program's other eligibility criteria and rate highly against Program merit criteria.

What happens if I have already applied?

If you meet the criteria for this new grant ratio category and you lodged an application for an alternative funding ratio (1:2 or 1:3) before this new category was introduced you may still be able to access the new grant ratio. By contacting the AusIndustry Hotline, you can withdraw your application and submit a new application seeking a grant at the 1:1 ratio.

Alternatively, you can allow your current application to continue through the assessment

and decision process. If your application is successful and you enter into a funding agreement with the Commonwealth, you may apply for a variation to your funding agreement to increase the grant amount to the higher rate of assistance. This variation request will be considered by Innovation Australia.

Please contact your AusIndustry Customer Service Manager for further information.

Overlap with the Jobs and Competitiveness Program

Receiving assistance under both the Jobs and Competitiveness Program (JCP) and the Clean Technology Investment Programs for the same manufacturing activities is not permitted. More information is provided at [the JCP Fact Sheet](#).

Further Information?

For further information on the Clean Technology Investment Programs, please phone the AusIndustry hotline on 13 28 46 or email hotline@ausindustry.gov.au.

For further information on the Carbon Pricing Mechanism or the NGER Scheme, please phone the Clean Energy Regulator on 1300 553 542 or email enquiries@cleanenergyregulator.gov.au.