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Compliance

Welcome to Compliance - ORER

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Introduction to ORER

What does ORER stand for?

ORER - OFFICE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY REGULATOR is a statutory authority established to oversee the implementation of the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme. The Renewable Energy Regulator is appointed by the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water to administer the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000 1. The Act supports the implementation of the Australian Government's LRET and SRES.

What do ORER do?

ORER are the government office body that register STCs / RECs for small generation and solar hot water installations. They manage and maintain the online REC Registry, STC Clearing house, and monitors compliance. With these regulations in place, ORER have the power to approve or fail any submissions uploaded.

ORER are responsible for ensuring each and every application conforms and is compliant to the compliance requirements as specified under the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme. For ORER, the process of auditing is black and white, there is no room for systems which lack any compliance requirement.

ORER are in place to approve or fail applications. They have the power to audit any application regardless of its status, to any degree it so desires. A typical audit will request all documents be sent to them for immediate assessment. They may call the home owner in relation to the creation of the Renewable Energy Certificates.

Contacting ORER

Please keep communications with ORER limited to essential contact, if you have a query, please refer to your procedures manual or speak to your resolutions officer. If you need to contact ORER the best form of contact is via email. Phone calls only take auditors away from doing what we all need them to do. Please be considerate.

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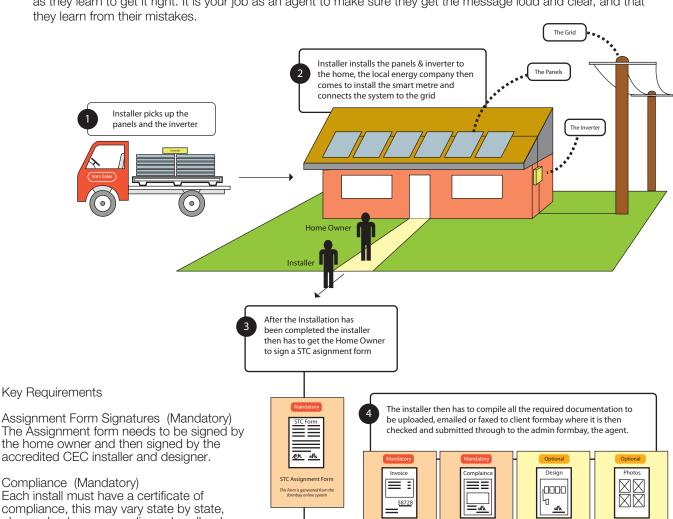
All regulations and ACTS are stated on the ORER website:

http://www.orer.gov.au/index.html

From the Ground Up

We rely on the installer capturing the right information and ensuring it is true and correct. It is vitally important the installer understands that he is ultimately the one who provides the base documentation which we then create STCs from. If the documentation is substandard or incorrect, the installer then runs the risk of being denied payment or having to travel back out onsite to have the document resigned. The agent simply cannot afford the risk that comes with sloppy compliance or half-filled in forms.

The key is making sure the installer is fully aware of the requirements both when they first sign up and continually as they learn to get it right. It is your job as an agent to make sure they get the message loud and clear, and that they learn from their mistakes.



Assignment Form Signatures (Mandatory) The Assignment form needs to be signed by the home owner and then signed by the accredited CEC installer and designer.

Compliance (Mandatory)

Each install must have a certificate of compliance, this may vary state by state, please check your compliance handbook.

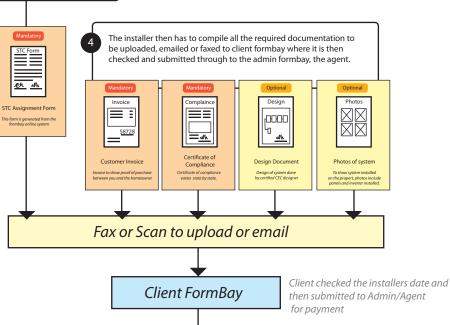
Invoice (Mandatory)

The invoice is needed to show proof of purchase but also the 'Out of Pocket Expense' is derived from this, which is the total cash outlay from the customer for the system.

Photos (Optional)

Photos are not required, however it is strongly suggested that the following photos are captured:

- Photos of the panels on the roof
- Photos of the inverter
- Photos of the DC isolator
- Photos of the switch board open
- Photo of the CEC installer onsite, preferably in front of the house.



Admin FormBay

ORER

Admin then check the documents and

Once the information has been submitted to ORER it can not be changed, only failed. ORER

will audit this information.

the data and decide if to pay and upload

Checking Compliance

The most important job in the processing of STCs is making sure all information that has been received or uploaded to ORER is 100% true and correct. This is vital for ensuring that payment can be made to the installer and the agent receives their STCs successfully.

For every agent, compliance represents an element of risk that could potentially impact their business, both financially and legally. From paying installers, meeting trade commitments, through to being able to pay wages, it all comes down to having the correct compliance that is true and correct.

The checking compliance helps to reduce this risk, and provides surety to the agent and the installer that the STCs from those systems will be created for trade.

Compliance is put in place to strengthen the industry from the ground up. ORER do not create the compliance requirements, but rather enforce them.

You have to be 110% sure that the system you check has all the compliance requirements.

How to Check:

Firstly, you need to make sure you are aware of the compliance requirements, to do this it is advised that you read through the compliance hand book and also ask your Resoultion officer (ResBay officer) about any doubts you may have.

After you feel confident in knowing the basics, simply login to admin Form Bay and start viewing the doc icons. Here you will find a series of checks that are required. Each time you tick a check, your user profile will be logged as having completed that check. So once it has been uploaded to ORER you will be the person responsible for saying that doc was true and correct.

If you find incorrect information:

People make mistakes all the time, especially when it comes to data entry and documentation. If you find an discrepancy with the information that is on the documentation when compared with the data submitted, please notify your resolution officer and they will direct you.

If the system has not been uploaded to ORER, you will need to change the data to be true and correct before it can be uploaded. If the system has already been uploaded to ORER then your resolution officer will need to fail the system to recreate with the correct information.

Key Compliance Checks:

1. Assignment Form

- Home Owners details are correct
- Install date is correct
- Installers & designers ACC number is correct
- Correct Australian regulations are in place
- Correct Inverter & Panel brand and model entered
- On site declarations is present for installs after 1st February 2011

2. INVOICE

- Home Owners details are correct
- OOPE Out of pocket expense figures match
- Metering Cost included in OOPE

3. Certificate of Compliance - Mandatory

- Home Owners details are correct
- Date on CPP not prior to installation date

4. PHOTO's - Optional

- Number of panels are correct
- Photographic evidence matches data inputted

5. DESIGN - Optional

- Matches the installation data

All these checks are available online with FormBay and are mandatory before and upload to ORER.

Please Note:

If you have noticed a mistake with a piece of compliance after it has been uploaded to ORER, don't panic it can be resolved. Please tell your Resolution Officer about the mistake and he/she will request that system be failed so it can be recreated with the corrected information, or he / she will notify ORER of the mistake.

Some common issues to flag:

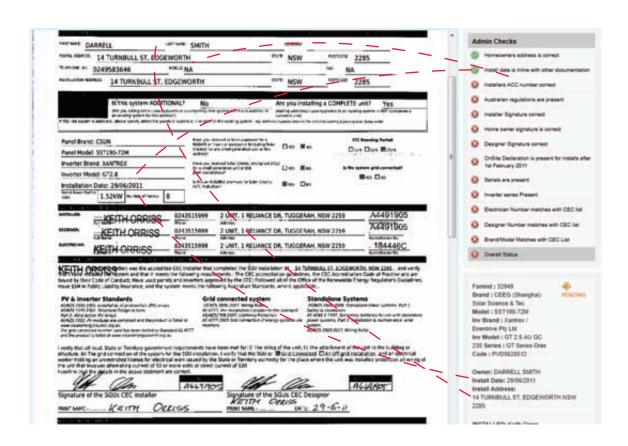
Incorrect OOPE figures which don't match the invoice supplied, any signatures that are missing, old assignment form, certificate of compliance is not sufficient, superman installers doing 50 jobs a day, dates on CCP not matching etc.

Compliance Centre Checks-STC Form

The Compliance Centre holds all forms that have been submitted. It checks for all the correct requirements before the submission is uploaded to ORER. Forms that do not have the required regulations are advised to collect relevant information and re-upload to FormBay. The FormBay Compliance team checks every form and approves them if they are up to standard.

The following checks are in place to ensure that the STC assignment Form is compliant. We match the information that has been inputted into the system to the paperwork supplied. The client is not allowed to submit their online form unless the required paperwork has been uploaded.

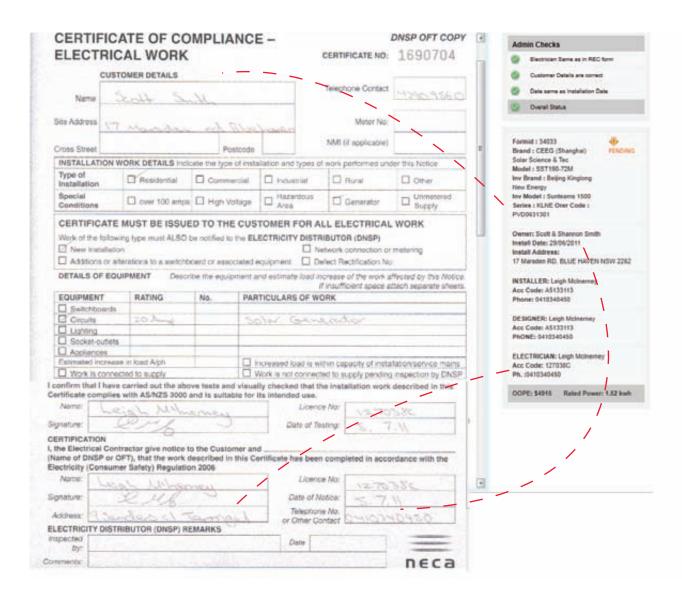
If the client has submitted documentation not up to standard, we contact the client accordingly allowing them to re-upload documentation and confirm the correct details.



STC Assignment form checks

Compliance Centre Checks-Saftey Certificate

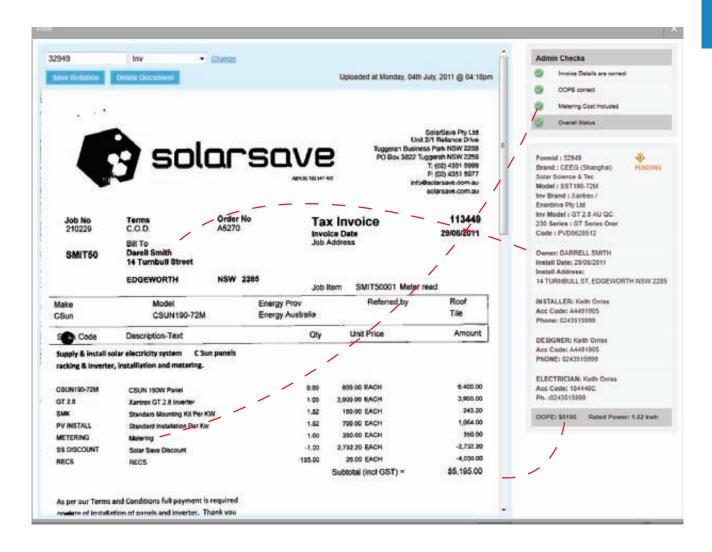
The CCP compliance checks involve making sure the Electrician and the customer details are correct and that the date on the CCP date is not before the installation.



CCP - Safety Certificate checks

Compliance Centre Checks-Invoice

The Invoice compliance checks involve making sure the invoice details are correct, the OOPE number is accurate and the metering cost has been included to the invoice.



Customer Invoice Checks

Documents Required - STC Form

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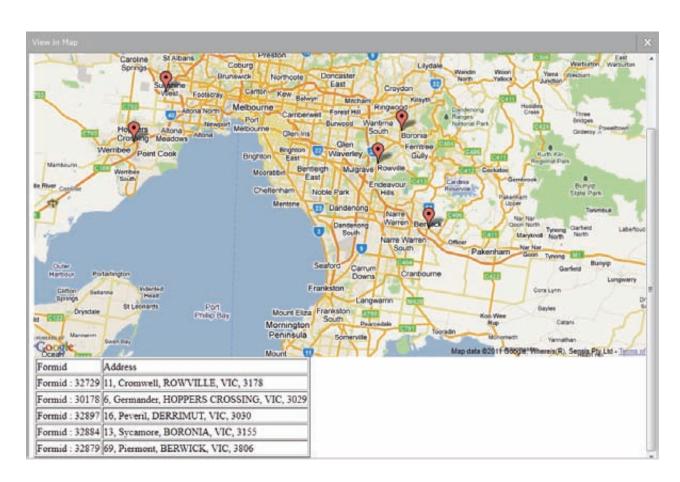
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Superman Installers

When a form has been submitted into FormBay for a compliance check, the administration team has a clear overview of the clients information and location. FormBay has a number of technology checks that highlight any issues with the form. This could be an incorrect postcode or duplicated serial numbers. However one major advantage is the ability to pick up the number of installs an installer does on one day. For example you can see below how FormBay has highlighted and warned that Installer 'James' has done five installs in one day.



By clicking on 'View map' you are able to view all the places that the Installer would have visited along with the relevant form Id's below this could be an administration error so therefore best to contact the client to discuss



Example of an ORER Audit

Below is an example of an ORER audit, these come through via E-mail and FormBays aim is to respond the requested document as soon as possible. This involves downloading the required documents off FormBay and attaching them to an email to send to ORER.

I am writing to you about the documentation (Written Statements) t hat must be created and retained by "Agents" or "Persons" when Small Generation Units are installed to be eligible for Certificates.

Regulation 20AC of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001 sets out the circumstances in which Certificates may be created for Small Generation Units. Amongs other things, Regulation 20AC requires you to obtain certain information and documentation before creating Certificates.

The requested documentation is listed below, please keep in mind you may need one, or all of the following documents depending on what type of technology you are creating RECs for, when the system was installed and whether it is grid connect or of f-grid.

Systems installed between the 20th August and 31st October 2010 must have statements signed by the Photovoltaic Installer which includes:

- Electrical compliance documentation for the relevant jurisdiction
- Off Grid Electrical compliance documentation (where applicable), Site and Grid connected written statement, and Unit design and installation statement.

- Systems installed from 1"November 2010 must have, (in addition to the above) statements signed by the Photovoltaic Installer that he or she:

 Has current Public Liability insurance of not less than SSM,

 Is bound by the Clean Energy Council's (CEC) Code of Conduct and, compiled with that code for the installation of the unit.

All applications for certificates from 1st February 2011 must have, (in addition to the above) an:

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An example of the Written Statements can be found on our website at

http://www.orer.gov.au/publications/writter your own statements based on this example. itten-statement.html and you are encouraged to develop

For further information on out of pocket expenses visit the ORER website at http://www.orer.gov.au/publications/oope-calcs.htm

Accreditation code	Install Date	Owners Name
PVD0629920	30/06/2011	John Semple
PVD0629918	30/06/2011	edward King
PVD0642274	30/06/2011	Colin & Jill Brown

Please email the documents, including the STC Assignment Form to ______@orer.gov.au and deemedunits@orer.gov.au . Please ensure you reference the appropriate accreditation codes in the subject of your emails or faxes and the files that you attach.

SGUs installed on or after the below dates require additional compliance documentation before you can create STCs in the REC Registry.

- PV Solar installations between 20 August 2010 and 1 Novem
 Hydro and wind installations on or after 20 December 2010
 All installations after January 1

- Statement of CEC accreditation and holding SSmillion in liability insurance Installer's electricaln's licence. The electrical wining associated with grid-connected installation of the unit must be undertaken by an electrical worker holding an unrestricted licence for electrical work issued by the State or Territory authority for the place where the unit was installed.

 Electrical compliance documentation for the relevant jurisdiction. Obtain from the installer a copy of any documentation required, by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the unit was installed, certifying that the electrical installation of the unit compliance with laws relating to safely and technical standards. This could be in the form of a Certificate of Compliance, installation Report and Electrical installation face the relevant state ("remotive) is end in the control is certificated to compliance documentation. A written is tatement is required from the installer of an off-grid installation if the writing for the unit in molves an all terrating current of 50 or more wolts and/or a direct current of 120 or more wolts.

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 Site and grid connected written statement. Either the installer or the owner must sign a statement that all required local and state/ment yapprovals have been met for:

 The siting of the unit;
 The statement of the unit to the building or structure (if the unit is attached); and
 The grid connection of the system (if it is grid connected).

 Unit design and installation statement. A signed and written statement that includes the name of the designer and the installer of the unit, and their CEC das sification and accrediation number.

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 Goods received listing
 Any other statements contained in the sample written compliance statements as they are updated from time to time.

PV Solar installations on or after **1 November 2010**, and hydro and wind installations on or after **20 December 2010**, require all the above documentation PUUS documents certifying that spedific Australian/New Zealand Standards relating to installation of Solts have been adhered to.

- AS/NZS 3000 Wiring Rules
 AS/NZS 1768 Lightning Protection
 AS/NZS 5033 installation of photovoltaic (PV) arrays
 AS/NZS 5033 installation of photovoltaic (PV) arrays
 AS/NZS 1703 Zentrular design actions, Part 2: Wind actions
 AS/NZS 5033 Compliant PV modules
 Tested and Approved Grid Connected Inverters
 AS/NZS -4509.1 Stand-alone power systems, Part 1: Safety and Installation
 AS 4086.2 Secondary batteries for use with standard-alone power systems, Part 2: Installation and Mainter

Emails larger than 9MB exceed the capacity our server can manage and may not be received, so please keep emails below this size. Documentation may be forwarded in several parts. Alternatively, you may send the documentation via facsimile (02) 61597780. If you do send via facsimile please also send an email notifying this office of such, so that we will know when to expect to receive it.

 ${\sf ORER\,will\,not\,confirm\,receipt\,of\,your\,response\,so\,it\,is\,suggested\,you\,set\,your\,emails\,to\,"Readledgested$

Please be aware that some of the pending certificates in this audit batch may have been installed over 12 months ago. If these certificates are failed due to non-compliance with paperwork documentation you will not be able to recreate them. If you have pending certificates that are past the 12 months time frame you must inform the ORER of this fact when you send in your compliance paperwork documentation.

You are required to produce the documentation by close of business 25 July 2011. Failure to provide the requested paperwork by the specified date may result in Certificate applications being failed. If you are unable to comply within this timeframe or you have any questions regarding our requirements please contact the ORER immediately.

Creating Certificates without first obtaining the above paperwork is an improper creation of Certificates and an offence and contravention of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000 (the Act). It is also an offence to supply the OREs information or documents that are false or misleading. The maximum penalty for providing false or misleading information can include imprisonment for up to 12 months.

ORER endeavours to process applications for registration of Certificates within 4 weeks of receiving an application. To assist us in achieving this, please provide the compliance paperwork referred to above as soon as possible, and in any event by the date mentioned above. If there is a good reason why you cannot provide the compliance paperwork by this date you must contact the ORER on 02 6159 7700 immediately.

For a full description of the required documents please see below.

Regards,

Office of the Renewabl GPO Box 621 Canberra ACT 2601 P: 02 6159 7701 F: 02 6159 7780 E: W: www.orer.gov.au the Renewable Energy Regulator



Example of a failed audit via Email

Below is an example of a failed audit. View Page 13 on how to resolve the failed audit.

REC Creation Not Approved by ORER

The following Small Scale Technology Certificates have been NOT approved by ORER:

Number of STCs: 140

Registered Person Name: Solarfund Pty Ltd

Registered Person Number: 12179 Accreditation Code: PVD0607157 Your Reference: 31889_1159

The bottomof this email contains an Audit Note entered by the ORER Officer when the above STCs were not approved.

If you have any questions related to your eligibility to create STCs or the details of your Solar Water Heater or Small Generation Unit please contact ORER directly on (02) 6159 7700 or send an email to orer@orer.gov.au.

This email is automatically generated by the REC Registry. Please do not reply to this message.

If you have any further queries, please contact our support team.

Email: support@rec-registry.gov.au
Phone: 1800 159 724 (Toll Free)

Kind Regards,

REC Registry

www.rec-registry.gov.au

REC Failure Audit Note

John Sankey 05/Jul/2011 11:12

LGC/STC Audit Batch 257 (27 June to 3 July 2011)

Failed because the CEC Installer?s Accreditation Number entered in the REC Registry is either incorrect or incomplete. You may re-create RECs for this installation providing you rectify the above mentioned is sue and make an entry in the special address field of the online form, noting the failed accreditation code and an explanation as to why you are recreating RECs for the installation.

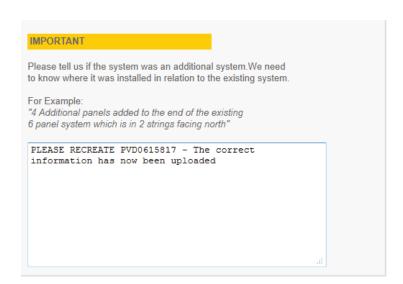
How to respond to a failed audit

Scenario Description:

When an email is received from ORER with a failed submission it is automatically transferred to the ResBay section. The form stays here in order for the correction to be made and the submission to be re-uploaded with the correct information to ORER. In 'ResBay' the form can be recreated with a new Id number and edited accordingly. You are able to view all the failed submissions in 'ResBay'



By clicking on the recreate button this creates a copy of the same submission. From there you are able edit the submission to prevent it from failing again. In order for ORER to recognise the system, a note has to be put in the special comment field with the previous PVD Accreditation number added. This shows ORER that the system is being recreated and the amendments that have been made, making the submission ready to be re-uploaded to ORER.



Common Fail Messages from ORER

Here are some of the common fail messages you are likely to see from ORER via email. This page is intended to help interpret the failure messages and is only a short summary helping to explain the action needed to be taken

Fail Message from ORER	Description	ResBay Process
Failed due to CEC accreditation number does not matching CEC records.	Failed due to CEC accreditation number does not matching CEC records. This usually happens when a CEC code has been entered in with the incorrect digit. Easy to Fix.	 Check the CEC installer details Recreate the Failed Form in ResBay Update the CEC code Enter in a Special comment asking to recreate the original PVD Tell Uploader to Upload to ORER
Failed due to not providing the requested compliance paperwork within the time required	An audit has been issued by ORER and the requested compliance paperwork has not been sent back to ORER by the specified deadline. This is a serious issue, because it means an audit has been failed. Speak to your ResBay Officer	 Check the documents are there Recreate the Failed Form in ResBay with special comment Tell Uploader to Upload to ORER PDF all requested paper work ResBay officer will send compressed PDFs paper work to deemedunits@orer.gov.au
Failed due to STCs having already been created at this address.	Means that another system was uploaded to ORER and has already claimed the solar credits multiplier. This means the system failed was most likely an 'additional' system to an existing system, therefore is entitles to 1 times multiplier.	 Check with customer if the system was additional Recreate the failed form Enter in a special comment stating where the additional system is in relation to the Change the form to be NOT 'eligible for the recs multiplier' Tell Uploader to Upload to ORER
Failed as customer is listed on our records as receiving payment for the Government Rebate in 2005. These customers are not eligible for Solar Credits	Failed due to customer having already received a rebate for their solar system, which then means the system failed is most likely an additional. There used to be an \$8000 rebate given to home owners looking to install solar. This rebate no longer exists.	 Check with customer if the system was additional Recreate the failed form Enter in a special comment stating where the additional system is in relation to the Change the form to be NOT 'eligible for the recs multiplier' Tell Uploader to Upload to ORER
Failed due to the physical address details uploaded in the registry not correct	Failed due to address details we submitted to ORER do not match the documentation. This fail would usually occur after an audit has been completed.	 Check the address details on the document Recreate the Failed Form in ResBay Update the form to the correct address details