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Key Messages:

- ▶ Public or Community residential premises owned by the Government of South Australia are only eligible to receive REES activities that are not a standard service provided by the manager of the property.
- ▶ REES activities in rental premises are subject to any necessary landlord permission.

This Bulletin provides clarification of Retailer Energy Efficiency Scheme (REES) activities that can be delivered in Public and Community residential premises owned by the Government of South Australia (Government).

The specifications for approved Energy Efficiency Activities under REES, as set by the Minister include various requirements that must be complied with to enable an energy efficiency activity to be counted in fulfilment of a REES target. The REES Energy Efficiency Activity General Specifications (General Specifications) also apply to all of these REES energy efficiency activities.¹

The General Specifications state:

“Activities undertaken in buildings or relating to assets owned by the South Australian Government are not eligible activities under the REES unless:

- ▶ *the recipient is a residential tenant, and*
- ▶ *the activity is not a standard service provided by the manager of the property.”*

For Government-owned Public or Community residential premises, the following REES activities are not considered a standard service and **can be delivered**, subject to any necessary landlord permission:

- ▶ Building sealing activities
- ▶ Replacement of inefficient lamps with more efficient lamps
- ▶ Replacement of inefficient showerheads with more efficient units
- ▶ Installation of standby power controllers
- ▶ Installation of an energy efficient gas heater or air conditioner (tenant alteration only²)
- ▶ Fridge and freezer retirement
- ▶ Installation of pool pumps
- ▶ Installation and replacement of ductwork (tenant alteration only)
- ▶ Aggregate metered baseline method

In addition, REES activities relating to the purchase of energy efficient appliances are also available to tenants.

Other REES energy efficiency activities are not eligible to be delivered in Government-owned Public or Community residential premises.

For community housing that is not Government-owned, any REES activity is eligible to be delivered, subject to REES eligibility rules and necessary landlord or landlord agent's permission.

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¹ <http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/water-energy-and-environment/energy/rebates-concessions-and-incentives/retailer-energy-efficiency-scheme-rees>.

² Tenant alterations refer to alterations, additions or any other improvements to the property organised by the tenant at the tenant's expense subject to any necessary landlord permission.