

## Information about

# purchasing an induction cooktop

Victorian Energy Upgrades Program



Are you thinking of purchasing an induction cooktop?

### Benefits of induction cooktops

Induction cooktops:

- Can cut your gas bills and enable you to avoid annual gas network connection charges if replacing your last gas appliance
- Don't produce air pollutants
- Can reduce your greenhouse gas emissions
- Heat cookware quickly and responsively
- Are easier to clean

As part of its efforts to reduce gas consumption across the economy, the Victorian Government is offering discounts on new induction cooktops through the Victorian Energy Upgrades program (VEU). VEU also offers discounts for households to a range of other energy efficiency upgrades, including:

- Reverse-cycle air conditioners
- Hot water systems
- Weather sealing
- Appliances

If you wish to find out more about the VEU program, please scan the QR code or go to the Victorian Energy Upgrades webpage:



[energy.vic.gov.au/  
victorian-energy-  
upgrades](https://energy.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades)

### Installation of induction cooktop

In-bench induction cooktops come in a range of sizes to fit within existing bench cut-outs. You will need to measure the size of your cut-out before installing one.

We suggest you speak with a qualified electrician to understand the requirements, costs and feasibility of installation of an induction cooktop.

Many approved induction cooktops need to be hardwired by an electrician. You'll likely need a new dedicated circuit to be installed, and possibly even a switchboard upgrade. The cost of connecting a hardwired cooktop to a dedicated circuit could be between \$600 and \$1200, and capping the gas line could be between \$250 and \$500. Complex installations may cost more.

Some approved induction cooktops can be plugged into a standard power socket. However, you should check what other appliances are drawing power to that socket's circuit. If the addition of an induction cooktop results in too much power being drawn, the circuit may trip.

When replacing a gas cooktop with an induction cooktop, the gas line to your old cooktop will need to be disconnected and capped. You will need a licenced gas fitter to ensure this is done safely and reliably.

There may be other considerations depending on your circumstances, such as altering your kitchen bench. Speak to a qualified tradesperson to check what will suit your home and whether there are any hazards that need to be considered (i.e. engineered stone benchtops).

Once you have upgraded to an induction cooktop, you may wish to completely disconnect your home from the gas network and avoid annual connection fees. Please speak to your utility provider to arrange this.

### Operation of induction cooktops

Check your existing cookware will work with an induction cooktop. If it is not written somewhere, you can perform a simple check by seeing if a magnet will stick to the base. If it doesn't stick, it likely will not work.

Please read the owner's manual before operating your induction cooktop. Every model is unique. The owner's manual provides invaluable guidance for how to best operate and care for your induction cooktop.



## Seek advice

If you have a pacemaker or other medical implant, we strongly recommend you speak to a doctor before operating your cooktop. There is a small risk that the electromagnetic field generated by the cooktop may interfere with certain devices. Your doctor is the best person to speak to in order to understand how to operate your induction cooktop safely.

## Incentive amount

# \$140\*

\*At an assumed Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificate (VEEC) price of \$70. The final rebate provided is up to the accredited provider and will depend on several factors including the certificate price (which fluctuates).

Minimum co-payment requirements mean you will still be required to pay at least \$200 (inc. GST) for an induction cooktop after all discounts have been applied.

## Eligibility

A house can only receive one incentive on the purchase of a new induction cooktop. Most induction cooktops on the market are eligible but not all products have the same features, power, or are of the same quality.

To be eligible for an incentive you must:

- purchase a specified product between 25 October 2024 and 25 October 2025.
- have an existing gas cooktop
- have not already claimed an incentive

You can find a list of eligible products on the Victorian Energy Upgrades website.

## How do I access a discounted induction cooktop?

If you have already purchased an induction cooktop through a VEU accredited provider, you will be able to access a discount. The accredited provider is responsible for providing this, either at the point of sale or through a cash-back later. Please work with them to access your discount.

If you have not yet purchased an induction cooktop, please note only VEU accredited providers can facilitate incentives. Providers can offer products and even installation services, or they may just offer the incentive.

### To access a discounted induction cooktop:

#### 1. Find an approved product on the VEU website.

Check the VEU website to see what models are eligible.



#### 2. Reach out to an accredited provider to arrange the incentive.

Check the VEU website for a list of accredited providers. They offer different products, services, and costs, so get a few quotes.

#### 3. Choose an accredited provider and work with them to receive your incentive.

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