

ASP General Information

Customer Connections

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Solar and battery installers required to submit information to AEMO's Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Register for small generator applications approved from 18 May 2020

Ausgrid would like to inform all customers, solar companies, solar installers and electricians who receive approval from Ausgrid to install embedded generation on its network, they are required by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) to submit information to AEMO's Distributed Energy Resources Register. This requirement will be effective for embedded generator applications approved by Ausgrid from 18 May 2020. Any changes to this information will be communicated prior to this date.

Why is the AEMO Register being introduced?

As the growth in take up of solar power systems and batteries in homes across Australia is increasing and expected to continue well into the next few decades, Ausgrid and all other Australian Network Service Providers are required by AEMO to gather information on DER systems which are connected to their networks. The data gathered in the DER register aims to increase the visibility of these types of systems across all electricity networks to support a consistent approach of reporting that will enable AEMO to plan, forecast and manage the grid across the National Electricity Markets (NEM) more efficiently.

Important Information for the solar and battery industry

- For connection applications approved by Ausgrid from 18 May 2020, as a condition of your customers' connection contract, you are required to provide details of small generators at your customers' premises according to the [AEMO DER Register Information Guidelines](#).
- This applies to all sizes of generator systems that are not a registered participant with the AEMO.
- Within 20 days of commissioning, altering or decommissioning all EG equipment, you are required to record the installation details directly in the Register using the [AEMO DER Register Installer Portal](#) or a compatible mobile application.
- To record the information on the Register on your customers' behalf, you need to be an AEMO account holder.
- Ausgrid will email relevant details to the connection applicant when an EG connection application is approved and an initial record is created within the Register and ready for update.

What is not changing?

Ausgrid's current connection application and approval process and connection application forms for embedded generation remains the same. There are no extra steps, changes or new charges at the time you apply for an embedded generation connection for your customer.

To request an EG connection, please visit Ausgrid's [connection application](#) page, and go to the blue fold out box called 'Apply to connect solar panels, batteries or an embedded generator'.

What is changing from 18 May 2020?

From the 18 May, after you receive an approval of an embedded generation connection application Ausgrid will create an initial record within the AEMO DER Register. After successful creation of this record, Ausgrid will then issue a second notification letter (via email) to the connection applicant regarding the "Requirement to complete the AEMO DER Register". This notification will provide the unique reference number called a DER Register Job Number and the NMI of the premise which will be required for the installer/ account holder to enable access to update the record within AEMO DER Register.

How do I create an AEMO account?

To sign up for an AEMO account, you will also need the NMI of the premise and the DERR Job Number created by Ausgrid. Instructions on how to create an account and use the Register are available on the [AEMO](#) website.

Both the [Ausgrid](#) and [AEMO](#) DER Register websites have the latest information, including frequently asked questions and guides to support this requirement. If you have further questions, feel free to email us at: datanorth@ausgrid.com.au, or call our Connection Operations team on (02) 4399 8099.

We look forward to working with you to meet this important regulatory requirement.

Regards,

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