

An MND Statutory Board

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Dear Sir/ Madam

ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT (EEG) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

Objective

1 The circular is to inform the industry that the Energy Efficiency Grant (EEG) for the construction sector is now open for application.

Overview of EEG

- 2 During Budget 2024, the Government announced that the Energy Efficiency Grant (EEG) will be expanded to the construction sector. EEG aims to support construction firms in their sustainability journey by co-funding investments in energy-efficient (EE) equipment.
- The EEG for the construction sector represents an extension of the ongoing initiatives outlined in the Singapore Green Building Masterplan (SGBMP). The grant was developed alongside key industry stakeholders, notably the Singapore Contractors Association Limited (SCAL) and the Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC), whose contributions have been instrumental in addressing the needs of the construction industry. Through the EEG, we hope to drive the adoption of energy-efficient construction equipment among construction firms.

Funding Support

The EEG will provide two tiers of support: (i) a Base Tier where eligible local construction firms will be able to receive up to 70% of funding support for pre-approved energy-efficient construction equipment, up to \$30,000; and (ii) an Advanced Tier to support firms that wish to make larger investments to drive greater energy efficiency, up to \$350,000. Please see *Table 1* below for the support rate for eligible companies as well as *Annex A* for an illustration of how the support rate is determined.

Table 1: Support rate for eligible companies

Tier	Qualifying Equipment	Support Rate (until 31 Mar 2026)
Base Tier	Pre-approved EE equipment	 Up to 70% and 30% of pre-approved EE equipment costs for SMEs and non-SMEs respectively Up to S\$30,000 per firm
Advanced Tier	EE equipment need not be pre-approved, but must demonstrate energy	Grant quantum computed based on the lower of:



savings above 350 ton lifetime carbon abatem (tCO2e)	
	carbon abatementUp to \$\$350,000 per firm

Who can apply

- Only construction firms registered and operating in Singapore under SSIC $^{[1]}$ 41 43 and are using energy-efficient construction equipment for their site works may apply for the EEG for the construction industry. Applicants must also meet all the following eligibility criteria at the point of application for the respective tiers of support:
 - Has a minimum of 30% local shareholding, with at least 1 local employee at the firmlevel
 - Has a group annual sales turnover of no more than S\$500mil
 - The equipment purchased must be used in Singapore

[1] The Singapore Standard Industrial Classification (SSIC) is the national standard for classifying economic activities undertaken by economic units and is used in censuses of population, household and establishment surveys and in administrative databases. For details on the SSIC classification structure and the business activities under SSIC 41 - 43, please refer to https://www.singstat.gov.sg/standards/standards-and-classifications/ssic.

We now invite interested applicants to submit applications through the Business Grants Portal (BGP) (https://www.businessgrants.gov.sg/). The full eligibility criteria, supportable energy-efficient equipment and FAQs can also be found on the GoBusiness webpage (https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/energy-efficiency-grant/).

Clarifications

7 If you have further queries and/or clarifications on this circular, you may contact us at BCA_EEG_admin@bca.gov.sq. For information on other support schemes managed by BCA under BuildSG Transformation Fund, please visit go.gov.sg/btf.

Thank you.

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Annex A: Illustration of funding support under EEG (Base) and EEG (Advanced)

Consider Company X, an SME, as an example. The following table illustrates the support quantum Company X would receive under both EEG (Base) and EEG (Advanced). The table considers various equipment costs and expected lifetime carbon abatement to demonstrate how the grant is calculated in different scenarios.

	EEG Base	EEG Advanced
Equipment A costing \$20k	\$20k x 70% support level for SMEs = \$14k, Company X receives \$14k.	Applications for EEG Advanced will not be accepted if the equipment's lifetime carbon abatement yields a support quantum of less than \$30k.
Equipment B costing \$100k	While \$100k x 70% support level for SMEs = \$70k, Company X receives \$30k because of the cap on EEG Base.	If the equipment's lifetime carbon abatement yields a support quantum of \$50k, Company X receives \$50k. However, if the equipment's lifetime carbon abatement yields a support quantum of \$80k, this amount exceeds 70% of the equipment costs. Hence, Company X receives \$100k x 70% support level for SMEs = \$70k instead.
Equipment C costing \$1m	While \$1m x 70% support level for SMEs = \$700k, Company X receives \$30k because of the cap on EEG Base.	If the equipment's lifetime carbon abatement yields a support quantum of \$500k, this amount exceeds the \$350k cap on EEG Advanced. Hence, Company X will receive \$350k (which does not exceed 70% of equipment costs) instead.

<u>Note</u>: If a firm applies for both the Base and Advanced Tier, the combined grant cap across both tiers is \$350,000. For instance, if a firm has already utilised \$30,000 under the Base Tier, the grant cap for their subsequent Advanced Tier applications will be \$320,000.

