

Becoming a B-cycle accredited Drop off point

What is B-cycle?

B-cycle is Australia's national, Government-backed battery Stewardship Scheme. It has been created with our industry partners to deliver the best outcomes for both businesses and the environment.

B-cycle is funded by industry, authorised by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, and accredited by the Federal Government as a Voluntary Stewardship Scheme.

We are required to meet high levels of assurance for all aspects of our operations and that of our partners. B-cycle does not provide battery related collection or recycling services ourselves.

How does B-cycle work?

B-cycle is operated by the Battery Stewardship Council, who designed and implemented the Scheme in partnership with the battery industry and recyclers.



Everyone in the Battery Life Cycle has a role to play in ensuring the battery waste problem is solved.

For Drop off points, the B-cycle Drop off point Commitment form establishes the basis for accreditation. This information sheet provides a summary of the process.

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Each part of the battery life cycle has a role to play.

- 1 Battery importers pay a levy**
 - + Voluntary, self-reported, and independently verified.
 - + Levy capped at 4c/24g Equivalent Battery Unit (EBU).
- 2 Retailers sell B-cycle accredited battery brands**
 - + The import levy is communicated and included in the battery price.
- 3 Used batteries are taken to accredited Drop off points**
 - + Drop off points operate according to the B-cycle Code of Practice.
 - + Drop off points are not eligible for direct rebate payments.
 - + Rebate payments are intended to offset the costs of collection containers and transport of batteries to an accredited sorter and/or recycler.
- 4 Accredited Collectors provide Drop off point bins and transport services**
 - + Accredited Collectors earn rebates currently set at:
 - + 2:50/kg Metropolitan collections
 - + 3:50/kg Regional collections.
 - + Collectors are not Drop off points.
 - + Collectors provide services to Drop off points including providing bins, assisting with completing risk assessments, transporting batteries to accredited Sorters and Recyclers.
- 5 Accredited Sorters and Recyclers sort* and recycle material so it can be used to make new batteries and other products.**
- 6 B-cycle reports publicly to the ACCC and industry on recycling outcomes and performance.**

* Sorters must meet B-cycle recycler specifications

What does it mean to be a B-cycle Drop off point?

As a Drop off point, you provide a collection bin for your organisation, school, or broader community to safely drop off their used batteries. You then work with an accredited B-cycle accredited Collector, who will give you advice on your bin, and collect and transport the batteries to an accredited recycling facility.

Why do we accredit Drop off points?

Drop off point accreditation is required so that we can:

- + ensure that those hosting Drop off points understand:
 - + the risks and importance of safe management practices
 - + what it means to be part of the B-cycle community
- + verify that battery collections are tracked and in fact recycled.

If you are a battery importer or retailer also seeking to be a Drop off point, you must complete accreditation for those roles prior to becoming an accredited Drop off point.

Join Australia's official network of Drop off points

Accreditation Steps

1. Find a B-Cycle accredited Collector to arrange your battery Collection service.



2. Work with your B-cycle Collector to select an appropriate bin.



3. Sign the combined Drop off Point Commitment and Code of Practice and submit to BSC.

NOTE: If you are a retailer or importer, a separate Battery Steward Commitment and Drop of Point Code of Practice must be signed and submitted to BSC.



4. Complete a Site Risk Assessment. You may use B-cycle's template or your own and undertake a short online training.



5. Submit your documents to B-cycle at contact@bcycle.com.au.



6. Once you're set up, B-cycle will request some site-specific information.

For more information

Go to bcycle.com.au or contact us at contact@bcycle.com.au.