

Becoming a B-cycle accredited Collector

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.



As a stewardship scheme, we are required to meet high levels of assurance for all aspects of our operations and that of our partners.

A key feature of the B-cycle Scheme is accreditation of Battery Stewards. We are asking participants to make general commitments and specific commitments depending on their role in the chain.

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.



Solving the battery waste problem

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

- 1 Battery importers pay a levy**
 - + Voluntary, self-reported, and independently verified.
 - + 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.
 - + Promote the Scheme.
- 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 associated with 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 that meet B-cycle safety and quality requirements
 - + 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

Join Australia's official network of battery Collectors

- + Earn rebates every time you transport used batteries from a B-cycle accredited Drop off point to an accredited recycler.
- + Tap into B-cycle's growing network of Drop-off points to access increased battery volumes.
- + Access the latest research and support on industry best practices.

How do you become a B-cycle accredited Collector?

Accreditation Steps

1. Review and ensure your organisation can and will meet all B-cycle General and Collector specific obligations.
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2. Submit the completed the B-cycle [Battery Steward Commitment Form](#) to the BSC.
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3. Ensure you are collecting from B-cycle accredited Drop-off points and confirm their accreditation at www.bcycle.com.au
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4. Ensure you are transporting used batteries to B-cycle accredited Sorters and/or Recyclers and confirm their accreditation on the B-cycle website.
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5. Ensure you are operating in accordance with the B-cycle Collection & Recycling Network Accreditation Protocols.
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6. Review, complete and submit the B-cycle Collectors Application.
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7. **Congratulations** - BSC will confirm your status and/or next steps to become a B-cycle accredited Collector.

For more information

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