

Scheme Information Sheet

Australia's official product stewardship scheme for batteries

The battery industry is changing

Future-proof your business with B-cycle – Australia's government-backed battery recycling scheme.

Despite being a source of valuable and finite resources, battery recycling has been small-scale in Australia – until now. The Battery Stewardship Council (BSC) launched B-cycle to consumers in February 2022.



B-cycling is more than re-cycling

Stewardship is about preventing harm and creating opportunities along a product's whole value chain. B-cycle is more than just recycling service.

Unlike battery collection services, B-cycle provides robust traceability and assurance that collected batteries are recycled in a safe and environmentally sound way, to create something new.

B-cycle means we can:

- + conserve Earth's resources
- + future-proof Australia's energy security
- + protect ecosystems
- + promote battery safety
- + generate new markets for valuable resources.

Which batteries are B-cyclable?

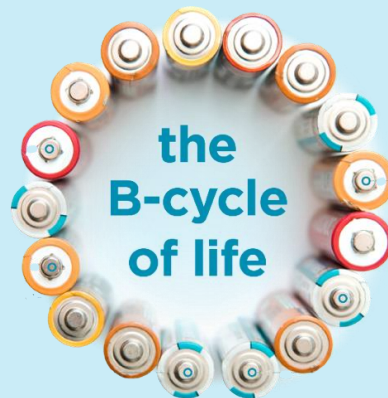
B-cycle covers all battery chemistries, and will launch with:

- + household batteries: AA & other sizes, including rechargeables
- + easily removable proprietary
- + batteries from products like cameras & power tools
- + button batteries from products like watches, remote controls & car keys.

Over time, B-cycle will recycle more batteries, including from electric vehicles and energy storage systems. The Scheme doesn't cover batteries that already have a viable recycling market or those included in other schemes (e.g. lead acid, laptop and phone batteries).

How it works: the B-cycle of life

- 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.
 - + Rebate payments are intended to offset the costs associated with collection containers and transport of batteries to an accredited sorter and/or recycler.
 - + Drop off points are not eligible for rebate payments.



- 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.**

* Batteries must be sorted to recycler specifications
- 6 **B-cycle reports publicly to the ACCC and industry on recycling outcomes and performance.**

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Industry benefits

BSC developed B-cycle in collaboration with industry, to deliver the best outcomes for businesses and the environment. We're building both sides of the market, with a national campaign to get every Australian to drop off their used batteries. B-cycle is authorised by the ACCC and implements robust traceability and verification processes.

B-cycle accreditation of Scheme participants helps consumers, including major business and government procurement teams, to choose participating brands. Together with recycling rebates, this rewards industry for doing the right thing.

The levy and rebates will be adjusted as the industry becomes increasingly self-sufficient.

Become an accredited Battery Steward to:

- + Bring smarter, safer, more sustainable batteries to every Australian.
- + Demonstrate leadership to your stakeholders and customers.
- + Be promoted to the B-cycle network and broader industry as an accredited sustainable choice.
- + Access B-cycle branding and free promotional materials.
- + Leverage commercial relationships with other Accredited Battery Stewards.
- + Collaboration promotes Scheme participation and ensures stewardship across the supply chain.

As an accredited battery user:

- + Mitigate supply chain and reputational risks.
- + Ensure that your batteries are being responsibly recycled.
- + Meet your sustainability targets.

As an accredited importer:

- + Stay ahead of upcoming regulation and industry changes.
- + Give confidence to the Government that they don't need to regulate battery stewardship.
- + Future-proof your business in Australia.
- + Tap into consumer demand for more sustainable batteries.

As an accredited retailer:

- + Attract eco-conscious customers by selling B-cycle accredited brands.
- + Meet your waste reduction targets.
- + Increase foot traffic with a Drop-off point.

As an accredited Drop-off point:

- + Give back to your community.
- + Be a sustainability leader & create real, measurable impact.
- + Tap into a new stream of community recycling.



As an accredited recycler:

- + Earn rebates every time you transport, sort, or recycle used batteries.
- + Tap into B-cycle's growing drop-off network to access increased material volumes.
- + Access the latest research and support on industry best practice.

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Step 1

As an importer, retailer, drop-off point, or recycler, you can become an accredited B-cycle Participant and get involved in the scheme.

There is no accreditation fee, however importers must pay the levy.

Step 2 (Optional)

Become a member of the Battery Stewardship Council.

Associate Member	Demonstrate support & stay informed.	No fee.
Full Member	Access voting rights & be eligible for nomination to the BSC board.	Free for importers. \$1,000 per annum for non-importer participants.

To find out more go to bcycle.com.au or contact us at contact@bcycle.com.au.

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