Energy Efficiency Grant for the Data Centre sector



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What is the Energy Efficiency Grant?

The Energy Efficiency Grant (EEG) helps businesses transition towards being more energy efficient by co-funding investments in energy-efficient equipment.

The **EEG for the Data Centre (DC) sector** supports **enterprise end-users in DCs** to optimise their IT energy efficiency by **co-funding** their investments in **pre-approved** energy-efficient (EE) **IT equipment**. This supports the Green DC Roadmap effort to help enhance the energy efficiency of compute/IT equipment used in DCs.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the EEG for the DC sector, your business must:

- Be registered and operating in Singapore
- Have a Group Annual Sales Turnover of no more than S$500mil

Your business need **not** have a minimum of 30% local shareholding criteria.

The equipment purchased must be hosted at a commercial data centre in Singapore.

Grant Support

Support levels for the EEG

- 70% of equipment costs for SMEs*
- 30% of equipment costs for non-SMEs

Grant support is capped at $30,000 across all of a company's EEG applications.

**SME is defined as having:*

- ***Group Annual Sales Turnover** of no more than S$100 million; **or***
- ***Group Employment Size** of not more than 200 employees*

Equipment Supported

Currently, the EEG supports Data Centre Storage & Enterprise Servers that are:

- Energy Star certified for energy efficiency
- Complies to Class A2 of ASHRAE's Environmental Class to operate at up to 35^{o}C

The current list of supported equipment is available on the GoBusiness website.

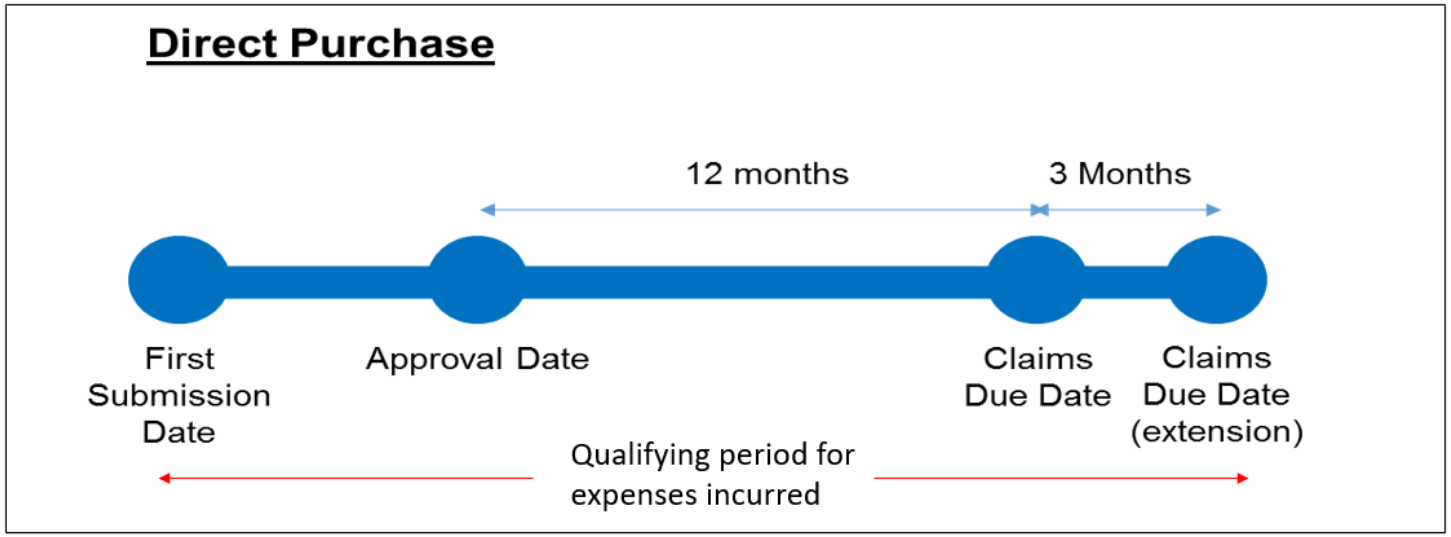
Equipment manufacturers can submit their equipment models through IMDA's RFI for Energy Efficient IT Equipment for Data Centres to be included in the list.

All equipment submissions must meet the above technical requirements to be eligible for inclusion

Grant Process - Parameters

Reimbursement: EEG adopts the principle of reimbursement and co-payment

Qualifying Period: Only expenses incurred within the qualifying period can be claimed



Supportable Costs: Actual purchase cost of the equipment. This excludes admin fees/charges, e.g. delivery fees, installation. GST is not supportable.

Grant Process - Application

To apply, companies will have to:

1. Visit GoBusiness to view the list of supportable equipment and identify relevant equipment that they may want to procure.
2. Obtain quotations from the vendor.
3. Avoid signing any contract or making any payment before submitting the EEG application.
4. Submit an application on the Business Grants Portal (BGP).
5. CorpPass account is needed for BGP transactions.

*Applications can be submitted until **31 March 2028**.*

Grant Process – Claims

Claims will be submitted through the Business Grants Portal (BGP).

Disbursement Milestones:

1. Claimant has purchased the equipment
2. Claimant has had used the equipment
3. Claimant has paid for all expense claimed
4. Claimant has submitted all claim documentation

Claims Due Date is typically 12 months after Grant Approval date.

Holding Period: 1 year from date of final claim approved. Random onsite asset verification may be carried out.

Frequent Asked Questions

Q: What is the grant cap and how many EEG grants can a company apply for?

A: Each company is subjected to a grant cap of S$30,000 for EEG equipment supported under the EEG.

Companies can put in more than one EEG application depending on business needs. Concurrent EEG applications are also possible. Please note that companies with multiple EEG applications are still subject to the grant cap of S$30,000.

Q: What happens when the grant cap is fully utilised?

A: Companies that have fully utilised their grant cap will not be eligible for further support within the validity period of the grant cap. Companies are encouraged to plan the use of the EEG for their purchases.

Frequent Asked Questions

Q: Can others (e.g. family members, non-employees) apply on behalf of applicants?

A: Applicants should submit their own applications. Vendors are strictly not allowed to apply on behalf of applicants.

Q: Can a company engage a related associate as third-party vendor?

A: The applicant shall ensure that the vendors selected do not have any relationship, connection, association or dealings with the applicant or its related companies or their directors and common shareholders. Applicant will be required to declare any relationship with vendors.

Frequent Asked Questions

Q: Does my company need to be from a specific industry sector (SSIC code) to qualify for the EEG for the Data Center sector?

A: No, the Data Centre EEG is open to companies from any industry sector. The key requirements are that:

- Your business is registered and operating in Singapore
- Your group annual sales turnover is no more than S$500 million
- The EEG equipment will be hosted in a commercial data centre

Frequent Asked Questions

Q: Where can companies find information on the supportable equipment?

A: The list of EEG (Base) equipment supported can be found on GoBusiness.

Q: What costs are supported under the EEG?

A: Only the actual purchase of the equipment is supportable. This excludes other related administrative fees/charges, e.g. delivery fees, installation, hosting charges.

In addition, companies are not allowed to receive, agree to receive or cause to receive any incentive (e.g. complimentary items) or assistance (from the vendor or otherwise) in connection with the acquisition of equipment as part of the EEG application. Companies shall reject and return any such incentive at first instance.

Frequent Asked Questions

Q: How long must the purchased equipment be held for?

A: For both the EEG equipment supported, the holding period is minimally one year from the date of approval of the final claim.

Q: Can the Energy Efficiency Grant fund equipment located in my office?

A: No, the EEG equipment must be hosted in a commercial data centre. This requirement ensures consistent sustainability standards across operations.

Q: What if I need the equipment immediately?

A: The qualifying period starts from the first submission date of your EEG application, and claims can from the start of the grant approval date. If you purchase the equipment before getting grant approval, these expenses may not be eligible if the application is not approved.

Frequent Asked Questions

Q: How long does the application/claims process typically take?

A: The typical processing time is approximately 4-6 weeks from the date of complete submission. This timeline may vary depending on application/claims volume.

Q: What are the common reasons for application rejection?

A: Common reasons include: equipment not hosted at a data centre, proposed equipment not in whitelist, equipment costs exceeding market rates.

Q: What if the equipment is out of stock or its price changes during implementation?

A: If equipment becomes unavailable or prices change during implementation, please email us to address equipment substitutions or price variations. We will advise you on the procedure for submitting Change Requests.



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