

Introducing My Power Planner

My Power Planner is an easy-to-use interactive price comparison tool that is available on the Victorian Government's Switch On website (www.switchon.vic.gov.au).

My Power Planner can help you to understand how the new flexible electricity pricing options could work for you, and allow you to make an informed decision regarding the choice between flexible pricing and flat rates.

Spend 15 minutes or so with My Power Planner and you'll be able to:

- create your own personal power profile to understand how you use electricity
- compare your current retail plan with other retail offers, including new flexible prices
- explore how shifting the time of day you use electrical appliances can lead to savings under flexible pricing.

Flexible pricing

Victorians are now able to choose between flat rates and new flexible electricity pricing. Flexible pricing means different rates for electricity at different times of the day. You don't have to switch to flexible pricing – the choice is yours.

When considering flexible pricing:

It's important to get an understanding of whether flexible pricing is appropriate for you before deciding to move from your current electricity plan.

Easy to follow information and helpful online tools that explain how flexible pricing works are available at the Switch On website (switchon.vic.gov.au).

- Flexible pricing is optional – you can stay on your current rate. You can only move to a flexible pricing plan if you give your written or verbal consent to an electricity retailer.
- Make sure you are informed about the new flexible pricing options before agreeing to change to a new offer.
- If you change to a flexible pricing offer and stay with the same electricity retailer, you can change back to your old plan as long as you decide to move back before March 2015. Some fees may apply – visit switchon.vic.gov.au for more details.
- If you have solar power, are already on a time-of-use plan, or have a dedicated appliance tariff, visit switchon.vic.gov.au to see how flexible pricing would affect you.
- If you are currently on an electricity concession or retailer hardship program, talk to your retailer to ensure you understand if these concessions will still apply with a flexible pricing plan.

Welcome to My Power Planner



How does My Power Planner work?

By visiting the Switch On website (www.switchon.vic.gov.au) and following the instructions about the tool, you can see and understand your personalised electricity consumption. You can then compare retail pricing offers to determine the plan that best suits your needs.

If you have a remotely-read Smart Meter, you can obtain a file containing your energy consumption data from your electricity provider, and upload this data into My Power Planner. Clear instructions about how to obtain and upload your data are available on the tool.

The tool will then convert this data into a visual graph so you can see where exactly you are using the most electricity during a day or week. In order to create this graph, you will need to provide Smart Meter data for at least a one-year (12 month) period.

If you do not have access to one year of Smart Meter data, or you choose not to use your own data, My Power Planner will help you to develop a personalised consumption profile that matches your actual consumption as closely as possible.

My Power Planner will do this by asking you a few questions about your household and your typical electricity appliance usage. It will then generate a personalised profile, based on your responses.

Flexible pricing plans are optional – they will not be right for everyone – so it is important to understand your electricity usage and the plans available to you before choosing a flexible pricing offer.

1. Create your 'Power Profile'



Use your electricity bill, or your electricity bill and your Smart Meter data, to create your own Power Profile.

2. Explore your electricity usage



View your electricity usage by kilowatt hours (and cost) across days, weeks, months and seasons.

3. Compare offers

Retailer	Offer name	Annual estimate	Annual estimate less non-conditioned discounts	Annual estimate less all discounts	Rebate/Incentive	Other type	Terms	Pick up to 3
Retailer 1	Flow - CHE 1 and 26 Jemena (2024/2025)	\$990	\$990	\$990	No	Flexible Pricing	12 year fixed term	1
Retailer 2	V&E Flow - Flow 1 and 26 Jemena (2024/2025)	\$970	\$970	\$970	No	Flexible Pricing	12 year fixed term	1
Retailer 3	Stream 100 - Other - Other Jemena (2024/2025)	\$910	\$910	\$910	No	Flexible Pricing	12 year fixed term	1

Compare your current electricity rate against other offers relevant to you.

4. Shift your time of use



See if you could save on a flexible pricing plan by shifting the time you use your major appliances.

Where to use My Power Planner

You can access My Power Planner via your own computer or tablet device, or those of a friend or family member. Alternatively, you can view the website at your local library or neighbourhood house.

Important information

To create your 'Power Profile' within My Power Planner you'll need to input information from your recent electricity bill, so have one handy when you visit the [switchon.vic.gov.au](http://www.switchon.vic.gov.au) website to use the tool.



Flexible Pricing Profiler

The Flexible Pricing Profiler is another tool located on the Switch On website that will help you understand how flexible pricing works, and how it could help you save.