

FACT SHEET 4 – GARAGE DOOR UPGRADES

CYCLONE SEROJA RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GRANTS PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR INSURED PROPERTY OWNERS

The Resilience Grant, of up to \$20,000, helps residents impacted by Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja to improve the resilience of their insured residential property for future cyclonic events.

This fact sheet provides information to help you understand the benefits of upgrading to a wind rated garage door. Installing a wind rated garage door is an eligible reimbursement activity through the Resilience Grant.

What is the Resilience Grant?

The Resilience Grant reimburses eligible homeowners for specific building works that improve the resilience of their residential property against future cyclones. These works include the replacement of existing garage doors with wind rated garage doors undertaken by a registered business.

Why is it a good idea to upgrade my garage door?

Building investigations following cyclonic events have shown the failure of garage doors can result in further damage to the building. In part due to rain and wind entering the house, but also due to increased wind pressure on the roof which can result in roof failure.

Resisting the wind pressure requires strong connections in the roof and walls and stronger doors and windows. Installing wind rated garage doors is one activity you can undertake to help resist these pressures and increase the resilience of your property against future cyclones.

How do I upgrade my garage door?

Under the Recovery and Resilience Grant Program you can upgrade your garage door by installing one that is certified to withstand cyclonic winds in accordance with AS/NZS4505 – 2012 Garage Doors. You will need to refer to *Technical Specification 3 – Exterior Doors, Roller Doors and Window Protection* to determine if your garage door requires a C1 or C2 wind classification. The builder or installer will need to inspect the building structure around the garage door and may need to do some works to strengthen it.

Who can organise the work?

Works can be undertaken by your insurer, or you can arrange them yourself.

Works through insurers

Insurers are aware of the Resilience Grant and can arrange the works using their contractors. The property owner must discuss this with their insurer. Insurers will need to provide a breakdown of the additional cost involved and evidence of the work.



Works arranged by the owner

Property owners can organise the works through a registered business. Property owners will need to request the following documents from the business:

- itemised quote for the works stating the labour and material cost breakdown.

The business will need to read the relevant *Technical Specifications* prior to quoting the works.

How do I apply?

- Go to dfes.wa.gov.au/recoveryandresiliencegrants and click on apply now.
- Start your application which requires information about you and your damaged property.
- Submit the application and receive a confirmation email it has been received.
- A grants officer will contact you to discuss your application and confirm your eligibility.
- A grants officer will liaise with you while your works are under way and the required evidence is collected.

If you need help submitting your application or are unable to complete it online, please contact the Recovery and Resilience Grants Team on 1800 490 678 or visit your Community Recovery Hub.

What evidence is required?

As your application progresses, you will be asked to provide evidence of the garage door upgrade. This includes:

- Testing certificate or equivalent evidence to prove the garage door was tested to the relevant standard (AS/NZS4505 – 2012).
- Evidence of the existing wind classification determined by a qualified engineer.
- Quote from a registered business outlining the works to be undertaken.
- Completed *Resilience Works Completion Form* signed by the installer.
- Photos of the installed wind rated garage door and wall connections.
- Evidence of full payment, tax invoice and receipt.

A member of the Recovery and Resilience Grants Team may also inspect the work.

Grants Closing Date

The Recovery and Resilience Grants Program closes on 31 March 2023.

Further information

Read about the Recovery and Resilience Grants Program at dfes.wa.gov.au/recoveryandresiliencegrants

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