

# Evidence for LGCs on electricity bills

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<b>Applies to</b>	NABERS Energy ratings – all building types
<b>Related Rules</b>	Metering and Consumption v2.6
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## 1 Ruling coverage

This Ruling can be applied to all premises with voluntary surrender of Large-scale Generation Certificates (LGCs) appearing on electricity bills. It can be used instead of the requirements of Sections 10.4.3.2.3 and 11.8.6 of *NABERS The Rules — Metering and Consumption version 2.6* (MAC v2.6), but it is not mandatory. Assessors can continue to follow Sections 10.4.3.2.3 and 11.8.6 of MAC v2.6.

This Ruling does not apply retrospectively; i.e. ratings lodged prior to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 must comply with Sections 10.4.3.2.3 and 11.8.6 of MAC v2.6 unless granted a site-specific exemption.

This Ruling will be superseded by *NABERS The Rules — Metering and Consumption version 3.0*.

## 2 Purpose

The requirements given in Sections 10.4.3.2.3 and 11.8.6 of MAC v2.6 were written in 2022 based on information from industry on standard LGC auditing processes at that time. NABERS has received feedback that industry processes have changed significantly in the last few years, and these sections no longer reflect standard practice.

This Ruling is being issued to temporarily allow alternative documentation for voluntary surrender of LGCs appearing on electricity bills. Insights from this Ruling, along with broader stakeholder consultation, will be used to guide the revision of LGC documentation requirements in version 3.0 of *NABERS The Rules — Metering and Consumption*. Please contact [nabers@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nabers@environment.nsw.gov.au) with any feedback on the suitability or application of this Ruling.

## 3 Ruling

### 3.1 Eligibility

Assessors may choose to use this Ruling where all the following criteria are met:

- a) The rating is lodged on or after 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- b) LGCs have been voluntarily surrendered by a retailer and these are appearing on the electricity utility bill/s included in the rating.
- c) The Assessor is able to obtain the evidence in Sections 3.2 and 3.3.

If this Ruling is used, Section 3.2 of this Ruling replaces Section 10.4.3.2.3 of MAC v2.6, and Section 3.3 of this Ruling replaces Section 11.8.6 of MAC v2.6.

### 3.2 LGCs appearing on electricity bills

If LGCs have been voluntarily surrendered by an energy retailer and these are appearing on the electricity bill, the Assessor must obtain evidence from the retailer of the surrendered certificates and confirm this matches the claims made on the bill.

### 3.3 Documentation requirements for voluntary surrender of LGCs appearing on electricity bills

The Assessor must only accept LGCs on electricity bills as voluntarily surrendered if the term “voluntary surrender” is clearly marked.

If LGCs have been voluntarily surrendered by a retailer, and these are appearing on the electricity bill, the Assessor must obtain a letter or report from the energy retailer that contains all the following information:

- a) The NMIs or premises address.
- b) The number of LGCs surrendered for each NMI or premises address.
- c) The period of electricity consumption for which the LGCs have been surrendered.
- d) Confirmation that the LGCs have been surrendered, with either—
  - 1) certificate serial numbers or serial number ranges; or
  - 2) surrender IDs.

**Note:** This Ruling is not applicable in cases where the LGCs have not yet been surrendered by the retailer.

The Assessor must confirm that the certificates have been effectively surrendered using the REC Registry. They must also compare and confirm that the number of LGCs surrendered for the NMI or premises as specified by the retailer corresponds to the electricity consumption of the NMI or premises for the specified period as shown in the electricity bill/s.

Assessors do not need specific approval from the National Administrator to use this Ruling if the rating meets the eligibility requirements in Section 3.1, but they should retain a copy of this Ruling in case of audit.

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