

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the minimum loan amount?

There is no minimum loan amount.

2. What is the maximum loan amount?

The maximum loan amount is the equivalent of 50Kw in rupee amount. (According to the pricing of the suppliers)

3. Is there a limit on number of loans per person?

No, multiple loans can be obtained.

4. Is there an expiry on the offer?

This offer will remain active until the allocated funding to the bank is utilised.

5. Do we give this loan to any vendor or are there selected vendors?

There are more than 200 registered vendors in the industry. Vendor who have a business registered as a limited liability company and registered at the SLSEA in the current period will qualify to provide a comprehensive technical proposal to the eligible borrowers.

Process to apply for the loan

There are 16 steps to be followed, in addition to the initial screening process to qualify for the credit facility.

Step 1: Potential solar photovoltaic sub-borrower approaches a solar photovoltaic system supplier who is registered under the SLA and gets a financial proposal (quotation).

Step 2: The supplier provides a technical proposal in compliance with utility and ADB loan guidelines.

Step 3: The supplier (or sub-borrower at its preference) applies for individual connection approval from CEB or LECO by submitting the technical proposal. The sub-borrower may obtain technical backstopping from the ADB consultants through Project Implementation Unit (PIU) under Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA) if required.

Step 4: CEB and LECO give an approval (in principal) based on network absorption capacity and compliance with its technical and commercial guidelines.

Step 5: The sub-borrower apply for the sub-loan through the Bank, submitting the loan application, the technical proposal along with the confirmation for connection by CEB or LECO provided by the supplier.

Step 6: Upon sub-loan evaluation, PFI submits the sub-loan application, technical proposal, confirmation of CEB or LECO connection approval, and any other related backup documents, if any, to Ministry of Finance and Mass Media (MOFMM) to seek reimbursement approval (as per the format given in Appendix II & III).

Step 7: MOFMM confirms the subproject eligibility by reviewing the submitted documents and issue a no objection letter to Participating Financial Institution (PFI).

Step 8: The sub-borrower pays agreed portion of the loan cleared and provided by the PFI to the equipment supplier and/or installer, if not already paid.

Step 9: The equipment supplier and/or installer install the system in accordance with the specifications in the approved technical proposal.

Step 10: A chartered engineer registered with CEB and/or LECO inspects the installed rooftop solar system for compliance with project and utility guidelines and original technical proposal specification. The chartered engineer issues a compliance certificate.

Step 11: The sub-borrower requests for system connection from CEB or LECO by submitting the compliance certificate issued by the chartered engineer.

Step 12: CEB or LECO checks and connects the system and issues a connection confirmation or certificate.

Step 13: The sub-borrower submits the compliance certificate (issued by the registered chartered engineer) and the connection certificate (issued by CEB or LECO) to PFI for release of balance loan funds.

Step 14: PFI checks the compliance and connection certificates and issues the remaining loan, funds to the sub-borrower.

Step 15: The sub-borrower makes the balance payment or request the PFI to make a direct payment to the supplier, and the PFI submits the reimbursement application (Appendix I together with covering letter) to the PMU.

Step 16: PMU will reimburse the eligible cost of the solar project within 03 working days.

Documentation Requirement

Similar documents required to evaluate a credit facility under banks' credit policy and there are few other specific documents to be submitted by the vender pertaining to the subject facility as stated above.

Monthly installment for each 100,000

LKR 1,213.28 for 10 years.

LKR 2,027.64 for 5 years.