



# Notice

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## Benchmark Reserve Capacity Prices 2027/28

### Final determination

The Economic Regulation Authority has determined both the Peak Benchmark Reserve Capacity Price and Flexible Benchmark Reserve Capacity Price to be \$360,700 per Megawatt (MW) per year, to apply in 2027/28.

The Australian Energy Market Operator will use these Benchmark Reserve Capacity Prices (BRCPs) to determine the price paid to capacity providers for making electricity capacity available to the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM).

The WEM Rules require the ERA to annually determine the BRCPs by following a set [Market Procedure](#).

The ERA's 2025 BRCPs final determination is 57 per cent higher than the 2024 BRCP of \$230,000 per MW per year. The increase is mostly from the change in the required reference technology from a 160 MW open cycle gas turbine peaking generator to a 200 MW / 800 Megawatt-hour lithium-ion battery, which is more expensive to build and install.

As required by WEM Rule 4.16.8, the 2025 BRCPs values are effective from 8am 1 January 2025 and will apply to the 2027/28 capacity year only. To be clear, all other BRCP amounts determined prior to this determination are still in effect for their relevant capacity year.

The final determination, along with consultants' reports informing the decision, are available on the [ERA's website](#).

### Further information

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