

# Time of Use Metering

Most businesses pay a flat rate for electricity, known as a 'continuous supply tariff', irrespective of when they use their power. However, with Time of Use (TOU) Metering, electricity rates are broken down into three different time periods – Peak, Shoulder and Off Peak, enabling your business to pay different rates for the electricity you use based on when you use it.

If your business can control its energy consumption to take advantage of lower prices at specific times of the day or night, Time of Use Metering may suit you.

## Using energy at the right time to save

Time of Use Metering charges higher rates during the Peak and Shoulder periods and a cheaper rate during the Off Peak period. To benefit from Time of Use rates you will require a digital Time of Use meter that has the ability to record consumption during different time periods.

**The energyanswers team can help you decide whether Time of Use Metering would be of benefit to your business.**



## Essential Energy's Time of Use periods are:

### **Peak:**

7am - 9am and 5pm - 8pm, Monday to Friday

### **Shoulder:**

9am - 5pm and 8pm - 10pm, Monday to Friday

### **Off Peak:**

10pm - 7am, Monday to Friday, and  
10pm Friday - 7am Monday

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