

DIY GUIDE

DIY Roller Shutters in Australia: Honest Guide

There are two reasons most people look at DIY roller shutters: the price gap versus a pro install, and the satisfaction of doing the job yourself. Both are legitimate. The honest answer on whether DIY is worth it depends on the window, the shutter type and your tolerance for measuring twice and drilling once. This hub links to every DIY page on the site. Start with the one that matches what you're trying to work out.

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QUICK ANSWER

DIY roller shutters can save **30-45% off a professional install** on the right windows, but only if you measure accurately, choose a real kit (not the cheapest no-brand option), and accept that **electric models require a licensed electrician** for the mains-power side of the work.

This guide covers what DIY kits actually cost in Australia, how to measure, the install process, the most common mistakes, and how to decide honestly between DIY and getting installer quotes.

Bottom line: DIY works for small, single-storey manual shutters. For electric, multi-storey, or large openings, the professional quote is almost always better value.

Who this is for: Confident DIYers in Australia comparing self-install kits vs hiring a roller shutter installer.

Typical price ranges

Indicative supplied-and-installed pricing across Australia in 2026. Final pricing depends on installer assessment.

ITEM	TYPICAL RANGE	NOTES
Small DIY manual kit	\$220-\$360	kit only, you supply tools and time
Standard DIY manual kit	\$330-\$520	1500 × 1500 mm window
DIY electric kit (motor incl.)	\$520-\$850	plus licensed electrician for mains
Tools you'll likely need to buy	\$80-\$250	drill bits, level, ladder, etc.
Equivalent pro-installed price	\$550-\$1,400	see /roller-shutter-cost for full breakdown

What changes the price

Window size

DIY kits are easiest on standard bedroom and living-room windows up to ~2100 × 1500 mm. Larger or sliding-door sized shutters are heavy, awkward and usually need two people minimum.

Single vs double storey

Ground-floor DIY is reasonable for most handy homeowners. Anything above ground floor needs scaffolding or extension ladders and the risk profile changes sharply.

Manual vs electric

Manual kits are fully DIY. Electric kits need a licensed electrician for the mains-power side in Australia. That part is non-negotiable. You can still save on labour by doing the mechanical install yourself and only paying the sparkie for the wiring.

Wall type

Brick veneer and timber-frame walls are DIY-friendly. Solid double-brick or stone walls need a hammer drill, masonry bits and patience. Render adds patch-up work after install.

Warranty implications

Most major brands void the product warranty if installation is performed by a non-accredited person. Some DIY-marketed kits include "owner-installer" warranties. Read the fine print.

When DIY genuinely makes sense

DIY roller shutters work well when all of these are true: the window is single-storey, the shutter is manual (strap or winder), you have an angle grinder / hammer drill / spirit level already, and you're comfortable taking a full Saturday per shutter. On the right window, the saving versus a pro quote can be \$200-\$400. Multiply that by 6+ windows and the project starts to compete with mid-range installers.

When you should just get installer quotes

Get professional quotes for: anything above ground floor, electric shutters (the electrician's time alone can erase most of your DIY saving), large openings 2400 mm wide or wider, properties with rendered or stone walls, and any situation where a warranty claim 5 years from now matters to you. Use [our quote-comparison tool](#) to see three or more written installer quotes side by side before committing.

What this guide does NOT replace

The manufacturer's installation manual for your specific kit. Every brand has slightly different bracket spacing, side-channel fixings and end-stop mechanisms. Read the manual cover-to-cover before drilling anything.

Checklist before you accept a quote



Measure twice, order once

Kits are cut-to-size and almost never returnable.



Confirm warranty terms before buying

Some warranties require installer accreditation.

☐ **Budget tools into the kit price**

A real DIY job often needs \$100-\$250 in tooling.

☐ **Plan electrical work in advance**

Book the electrician for the same day you finish the mechanical install.

☐ **Compare against installer quotes**

Sometimes professional pricing surprises you. Get 3 quotes before committing.

Frequently asked questions

Can I install roller shutters myself in Australia?

Yes. Manual roller shutters can legally be installed by the homeowner in every Australian state. Electric roller shutters can also be mechanically installed by the homeowner, but the mains-power wiring must be performed by a licensed electrician under AS/NZS 3000.

How much can DIY roller shutters save me?

Typically 30-45% off the equivalent professionally installed price, before tools and your time. On a \$900 standard window, expect \$300-\$400 of saving on the kit cost. Electric shutters save less because you still have to pay the electrician.

Will DIY install void my roller shutter warranty?

Sometimes. Some major brands void the warranty entirely; others have a separate "owner-installer" warranty with shorter coverage. Always read the warranty document for your specific kit before buying.

Is DIY worth it for electric roller shutters?

Often not. The licensed electrician's call-out and wiring labour usually consumes most of the DIY saving, and you take on all the risk of a future fault. Most homeowners come out close to even versus a pro quote for electric. See [/diy-vs-installer-roller-shutters](#).

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Installation, repair and maintenance work carries real risk. In Australia, mains electrical work must be carried out by a licensed electrician under AS/NZS 3000. Roller shutter tension springs are under high load and can cause serious injury. Do not attempt electrical work, spring work or work at heights unless you are qualified and equipped to do so safely. If you are in any doubt, stop and engage a qualified professional.

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