RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVES
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
Federal Tax Incentive for Clean Energy Equipment

The Government of Canada makes clean energy projects, such as solar energy, wind energy and energy from waste, more fiscally attractive for industry by providing business income tax incentives. Businesses can also use a federal tax incentive to fully expense clean energy generation and energy efficiency equipment. This means a CCA rate of 100% and the replacement of the first-year rule.

The Income Tax Act and Income Tax Regulations include the following measures to encourage Canadian taxpayers to make investments in qualifying clean energy generation and energy conservation projects:

- an accelerated capital cost allowance (CCA) for investments in clean energy generation and energy conservation equipment;

- a first-year enhanced CCA for investments in clean energy generation and energy conservation equipment which allows a taxpayer to fully deduct the capital cost of eligible properties in the first year they are available for use by the taxpayer;

- Canadian renewable and conservation expense (CRCE), which is a category of expenditures relating to the development of eligible clean energy generation and energy conservation projects that may be deducted in full in the year incurred, carried forward indefinitely for use in future tax years or renounced under a flow-through share agreement; and

- Atlantic investment tax credit of 10% of the cost of prescribed energy generation and conservation properties.

For more information: https://bit.ly/37acH3N
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For more information: https://bit.ly/371LgsQ

2. Green Investment Fund

Ontario is committing $325 million to the Green Investment Fund for projects that will fight climate change, grow the economy and create jobs. These investments are part of our plan to secure a healthy, clean, and prosperous low-carbon future. Funding will go towards electric vehicles, retrofitting social housing, helping businesses reduce emissions, help fund local environmental organizations and supporting indigenous communities.

For more information: https://bit.ly/33ziwaj

3. Ontario Net-Metering

Electricity consumers in Ontario may take advantage of the net-metering initiative with renewable energy generators up to 500kW or less. Net metering allows Ontarians to send excess electricity to the distribution system for a credit toward energy costs. Once you’re connected to the distribution system, your local distribution company will continue to read your meter just as they do now and then subtract the value of electricity you supply to the grid from the value of what you take from the grid. What you’ll see on your bill is the “net” difference between these two amounts. Credits can be used up within one year. Any remaining credits after that are reset to zero.

For more information: https://bit.ly/33fJLWU
1. Novoclimat

Large Multi-Unit Buildings: This program applies to buildings of over 600 m² with up to 10 storeys. The buildings must be newly built or undergoing major renovation in order to obtain financial assistance. Take advantage of the 10% rebate offered by the CMHC on your insurance for more energy-efficient dwelling units, which will reduce your energy costs.

For more information: https://bit.ly/39cXodv

2. ÉcoPerformance

This program seeks to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions of businesses by funding projects or measures linked to the improvement of processes related to the consumption and production of energy. It is available to businesses, institutions and municipalities that consume fossil fuels or use processes that generate fugitive GHG emissions to enable them to make the transition to reducing emissions.


3. Energy-Efficient Renovations Grant

This program is aimed at encouraging renovations that will improve the thermal envelope of buildings to make them more energy-efficient. It offers financial assistance for energy-efficient work on the building envelope, such as: replacing the windows, insulating the walls, insulating the roof, sealing the building, installing thermal screens for greenhouses, etc.

For more information: https://bit.ly/2JcE9pN

4. New Efficient Construction Grant

This program is aimed at encouraging the construction of energy-efficient buildings that will reduce their operating expenses and increase their resale value.

For more information: https://bit.ly/3o37Kkp
1. Better Buildings BC Program

The Net-Zero Energy-Ready Challenge is a provincial incentive program and juried competition that aims to celebrate and support the design and construction of complex buildings that achieve the top step of the BC Energy Step Code. **This program is designed to support, promote and celebrate the design and construction of net-zero energy-ready buildings.** Successful Applicants will receive the Net-Zero Energy-Ready Incentive, which are: Low-Rise multi-family = $60/m² to a maximum of $100,000, High-Rise multi-family= $80/m² to a maximum of $350,000 Office, $10/m² to a maximum of $250,000, Retail= $40/m² to a maximum of $175,000, Institutional= $25/m² to a maximum of $350,000. For more information: https://bit.ly/2V2fLJJ

2. PST Tax Exemption

There is a 7% PST exemption for **alternative energy generation and energy conservation equipment in BC.** This includes insulation, weather stripping, solar PV, micro-hydro, and more. There is also the 0.4% tax incentive on energy products to raise revenue for the Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund (ICE Fund tax). For more information: https://bit.ly/37cSham

3. Transmission project incentives

Program funding covers design, equipment, installation, disposal and taxes. The maximum incentive is calculated based on the amount of electricity that a project will save over its projected lifetime (to a maximum 10-year lifespan), at a base rate of $45/MWh. BC Hydro will pay up to 90% of the incentive during the implementation process, with the rest paid after verification of energy savings. This is for you if your project or group of projects will save at least **300 megawatt-hours per year** and your project is a hard-wired facility upgrade with an expected lifespan of five years or more, you are eligible for this incentive. For more information: https://bit.ly/37cgPR1
4. BC Hydro-Distribution Project Incentive

This program provides funding, to a maximum of $500,000, for energy efficiency upgrade projects, including design, equipment, installation, disposal and taxes. Get up to 75% funding (to a maximum of $500,000) for your energy efficiency upgrade projects and improve the payback on your investment to as little as one year. The funding covers all aspects of your project, including design, equipment, installation, disposal and tax. Your incentive rate is determined after we perform a financial evaluation. The incentive rate ranges from $0.015 to $0.029 per kilowatt hour.

For more information: https://bit.ly/3l4EM1C

5. Commercial New Construction Program

This program offers financial incentives to owners of medium to large buildings to study different energy-saving systems to owners of small to large buildings (including multi-unit residential buildings) for energy-efficient lighting design to owners of large buildings in the early stage of the design process that have potential electricity savings with at least 50,000 kWh per year.

For more information: https://bit.ly/2V1FYs1
1. Solar for Schools Program

Receive funding to install solar PV on schools to generate power, teach students about renewable energy, and reduce your environmental impact. Receive a rebate of $1.5/watts for a system with a total installed capacity up to 10 kW.

For more information: https://bit.ly/39eDG0K

2. Alberta Municipal Solar Program

This program provides up to $1.5 million in funding to municipalities to install solar PV on municipal facilities or land to save money on municipal energy costs. Receive a rebate per watt of total installed capacity ($/W), up to 30% of eligible expenses, as per the table below.

For more information: https://bit.ly/3o0cAyu
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1. Affordable Housing

This program offers rebates of up to 80% on cost-effective energy-saving upgrades for eligible rental properties and up to 100% for providers of rent-free housing such as shelters and transition houses.

A no-cost energy audit will identify energy-saving upgrades and determine your rebates. Help will be provided to cover the expense of the recommended upgrades, which may include improvements to lighting, heating, water heating, window and door replacement, insulation and more.

For more information: https://bit.ly/3I8R0WK