

**“ZERO ENERGY NOW”
ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS
for
CHECKLIST APPROACH**

Prescriptive "Checklist" Standard			
Component	Requirement	"X" All Installed Features:	Incentive Available:
Envelope efficiency	Select one of the following: Max Incentive is \$1,000		
Maximum Energy Intensity	30 kBtu/sq.ft. Calculated using the average fuel consumption over the previous two (2) years for space heating and the intentionally conditioned square footage of the building.		Maximum \$3,000 Incentive
Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program Participation & Air Leakage Reduction	The building has completed a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (or Building Performance) Program project and also achieved at least a 20% air leakage reduction level, and all cost-effective attic & basement measures have been addressed.		
RBES or CBES Certificate	The building has achieved a 2011 Residential Building Energy Standards (2011 RBES) (or Commercial Building Energy Standard, 2011 CBES) or later certificate.		
HERS Index	The building has scored a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index of 76 or less by a certified Energy Rater. A score of 76 represents the HERS compliance score required in the 2011 RBES.		
ACH50	The building has a maximum measured Air Changes per Hour of 4 or less at 50 Pascals (ACH50), following BPI standards.		
DOE Home Energy Score	The building scores at least 6 or higher on the U.S. Department of Energy's Home Energy Score, on the scale of 1-10 with 5 being an "average" home and 10 the best.		
Renewable/Efficient Heating	Select one of the following: Max Incentive is \$1,000		
Cold-Climate Ductless Heat Pump	>10 Btu/hr/sq. ft. of Conditioned Floor Area (CFA) (Size based on "nominal capacity" as listed in outdoor unit model number) or sized to meet at least 50% of the projected space heating load		
Cold-Climate Central Ducted Heat Pump	https://ashp.neep.org/#!/product_list/veic_ductless		
Cold-Climate Air-to-Water Central Heat Pump	Including "compact-ducted". 1:1 units preferred.		
Ground-Source Heat Pump (GSHP)	https://ashp.neep.org/#!/product_list/veic_ducted		
Advanced Wood Heating- Central Boiler	https://www.efficiencyvermont.com/Media/Default/docs/rebates/qpls/efficiency-vermont-awhp-qpl.pdf		
Wood or pellet stove	https://www.efficiencyvermont.com/products-technologies/renewable-energy/advanced-wood-heating		
Renewable Electric Generation	Select one of the following: Max Incentive is \$1,000		
Solar PV System	>2.5 W/sq. ft. of CFA or sized to meet at least 50% of the projected electrical load of the house (exclusive of electric vehicle charging)		
Renewable Domestic Water Heating	Optional: Max Incentive is \$500		
Heat Pump Water Heater	CEE Tier III. Meets Efficiency Vermont highest water heater incentive. Grid control ready.		
Solar Thermal Water System	Solar thermal with electric back-up		
GSHP Desuperheater Water Heater	Integrated with GSHP		
Integrated with Central Wood Boiler	Integrated with Central Wood Boiler		
Electric Vehicle Charging Capacity	Optional: Max Incentive is \$1,000		
EV Charger	Level II outlet or charger installed. Grid control ready.		
Income Eligibility	Optional Max Incentive is \$3,000		
Income Eligible Customer	Household income for a family of 4 of approximately \$90,000 or less. Up to 10 incentive available.		
Total Incentive:			
<p>All incentives are first come, first served. Incentives are only available if all requirements are met. If a requirement was met within one year prior to enrollment, then an incentive can be paid for that measure. If a requirement was met (e.g. installing a heat pump) more than a year before enrollment, then no incentive is received. For example, if enrollment occurs on November 1, 2021, any work done between November 2, 2020 through project completion may receive an incentive. Work completed prior to November 2, 2020 cannot receive an incentive, but the measure can count towards meeting the overall program requirements. The overall program requirements are the "10-50-50" standards for the modeled approach and at least three of the following components (envelope efficiency, renewable/efficient space heating, renewable electric generation) for the checklist approach.</p>			