

Ontario Ministry of Energy

Home Energy Audit Program

Purpose

The Home Energy Audit Program is a \$24 million four-year energy conservation initiative that will subsidize home energy audits in Ontario. An audit will evaluate the energy efficiency of a home and outline improvements to the heating, cooling, hot water heating and other uses of energy in the house that could result in energy savings.

Eligibility

Anyone who lives in Ontario and owns a single family home is eligible for the program. A single family home is defined as a detached or semi-detached home or low-rise multi-unit residential building. Low-rise residential buildings must be three stories or less with a building footprint of less than 600 square meters.

Rebate

The Home Energy Audit Program will provide a rebate of 50% of the cost of the pre-retrofit audit up to a limit of \$150. A pre-retrofit audit is an audit conducted before any renovations are undertaken to improve energy conservation in the home.

Program Details

The Ontario Home Energy Audit Program is linked to the federal ecoENERGY retrofit grant program. To be eligible for the provincial Home Energy Audit Program rebate a homeowner is required to use an auditor licensed by Natural Resources Canada. The audit must have occurred after the March 22nd date of the Ontario budget announcement about the program.

Step 1:

Homeowner hires an auditor licensed by Natural Resources Canada for a first or pre-retrofit audit. The first or pre-retrofit audit typically costs about \$300. Natural Resources Canada licenses home energy auditors and updates the list as auditors are licensed. There are currently several companies operating in Ontario.

Visit the Natural Resources site and enter your postal code to locate an energy advisor.

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/new-home-improvement/contact-advisors.cfm?attr=4>

Or call the toll-free line 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232) or 1 800 926-9105 for the hearing impaired.

More information on the Energy Audit program is available at <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/>.

For general information about grants for Residential Property Owners

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/home-improvement.cfm?attr=0>

To find out the dollar amount of grants available:

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/retrofit-homes/retrofit-qualify-grant.cfm?attr=4>

Step 2:

The auditor carries out the pre-retrofit audit and provides the homeowner with a report that contains recommendations on energy efficiency improvements.

Step 3:

Once the pre-audit is complete the auditor notifies the federal ecoEnergy program and the federal government notifies the provincial Home Energy Audit Program.

Step 4:

The provincial Home Energy Audit Program will issue a \$150 rebate cheque to the homeowner for the pre-audit.

A homeowner is not required to carry out a retrofit to receive the rebate.

Accessing The Federal ecoENERGYRetrofit Grant Program

If the homeowner chooses to pursue the recommendations in the audit, they could be eligible for the federal government's ecoENERGY retrofit grant program.

For more information on the federal program, go to

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/home-improvement.cfm> or call toll-free line 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232) or 1 800 926-9105 for the hearing impaired.