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Greener Homes: Webinar for Service Organizations and Energy Advisors

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Webinar Objectives



NRCan is committed to supporting service organizations and energy advisors as partners in delivering the Greener Homes initiative



While many details have yet to be announced, we are committed to hearing your perspectives and questions, and working with you to help this initiative be a success for all Canadians

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Greener Homes Overview

Funding Announcement

Fall Economic Statement commitment:

- Provide \$2.6 billion over 7 years, starting in 2020-21, to Natural Resources Canada to help homeowners improve their home energy efficiency by providing:
 - Up to 700,000 grants of up to \$5,000 to help homeowners make energy-efficient improvements to their homes, supported by an EnerGuide evaluation
 - Support for the recruitment and training of EnerGuide energy advisors to meet increased demand
 - This initiative will complement existing provincial, territorial and municipal energy efficiency programs



canada.ca/fall-economic-statement

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Context: Government of Canada Priorities

The Greener Homes initiative will support the Government of Canada's broader measures to reduce emissions in the residential built environment, including through:



Introduction of Codes for Existing Buildings (to be published by 2025)



More ambitious equipment standards
(Via Energy Efficiency Regulations + Market Transformation Roadmap)



Green, domestic building materials supply chain



Labelling and disclosure of home energy information
(Pan-Canadian Framework, 2016)



Skills training to support a transition to a low carbon economy

Objectives

*Exceed 2030
emission targets
and achieve NZ by
2050*

*Construct and
retrofit high-
performance homes
and buildings*

*Create skilled jobs
and build a resilient
economy*

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Initiative Information



Provide grants up to \$5,000 for a range of energy efficiency upgrades, including improving the building envelope through insulation measures, heat pumps for heating and cooling, and renewable energy



EnerGuide pre- and post-retrofit evaluations a requirement for grant eligibility



Ongoing updates to support awareness of grant opportunities and unique considerations for delivery of the initiative in rural, remote, northern and Indigenous communities

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Eligibility



Grant eligibility is retroactive to December 1, 2020



For homeowners looking to be eligible for a retroactive payment, they must document their “retrofit journey.” This journey must begin with an EnerGuide evaluation



Homeowners must keep all copies of invoices for the EnerGuide evaluation, and dated estimates and invoices for subsequent work completed



Further details on eligibility to be shared soon

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Information Technology



As part of the Greener Homes initiative, NRCan will be releasing a new portal for the submission of files from home energy evaluations



Through various releases in 2021, functionality to automatically link files and reports to homeowners will be enabled to make the process seamless from the homeowner's perspective



Updates to HOT2000 are expected, with a new version to accommodate changes in building codes as well as the new incentives related to the Greener Homes initiative

Federal Support



When the initiative launches, information will be provided to upskill current service organizations and energy advisors on how to deliver the initiative, including:

- Objectives and requirements
- Guidance on how the initiative will complement provincial, territorial and municipal incentive programs
- Information and advice to homeowners
- Delivery of the initiative in diverse communities

Energy Advisor Recruitment and Training



Over the coming weeks and months, NRCan will work with organizations across the country to support recruitment, mentoring and training for a new wave of energy advisors. This includes gathering information through our survey sent to energy advisors on March 5th and a survey to be sent to service organizations shortly.



NRCan is aware of considerations regarding energy advisor capacity, particularly in underserved areas such as rural and remote regions, and Indigenous communities



While we do not yet have detailed information to share at this time, more information on recruitment and training support will be provided in the coming months

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Q & A

What we've heard...

Since announcing the initiative, we have received a number of questions...

When will the initiative launch?

How will evaluations be reimbursed?

How will COVID-19 restrictions impact EnerGuide evaluations and energy advisor exam access?

How will the initiative complement existing programs?

What training opportunities will be available?

Will there be any changes to processes or procedures for delivering EnerGuide evaluations?

... Many of which will be answered closer to the initiative's launch.



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Questions for NRCan



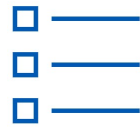


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Next Steps



Follow-up webinar to be held in the coming months



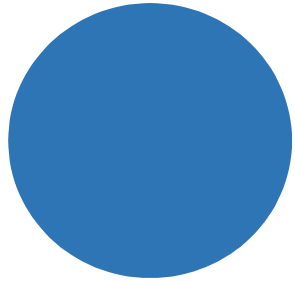
Further details and information on energy advisor recruitment and training to be shared at that time



Fill out the Energy Advisor survey to provide us with more information on what barriers you anticipate in delivering this initiative, your training and recruitment needs and any other recommendations or advice you have

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/RCLXCWK>

French: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/RCTTM6H?lang=fr>



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