

Efficiency Nova Scotia Commercial Solar Heating Rebate Pre-Approval Application Form



Efficiency Nova Scotia offers a rebate of for both solar air heating and solar water heating for commercial buildings. Efficiency Nova Scotia provides a 15% rebate off the installed cost of a solar air heating systems and solar water heating systems for institutional, industrial or commercial use.

Pre-approval required

Participants must be pre-approved for a rebate before buying and installing equipment. Rebates are not available for replacing functioning exiting equipment or for purchasing used equipment. Rebates are limited and pre-approval applications will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

How to take part:

- Step 1 – Complete this application and send to Efficiency Nova Scotia
- Step 2 – You will be contacted by Efficiency Nova Scotia to confirm details, and if applicable, will be approved
- Step 3 – Following approval you may purchase and install the equipment
- Step 4 – Following installation, complete the Rebate Application form and submit to Efficiency Nova Scotia with the required documents. These must be received within 12 months of your pre-approval date. For large projects expected to take longer than 12 months to complete, a project timeline must be submitted with your pre-approval application form
- Step 5 – Your rebate cheque will be sent by mail (allow 8 weeks for processing)

Business Information (please print)

Electrical Utility (if not NS Power): _____ Account number: _____ Rate Code: _____
Business Name: _____ Contact Name: _____
Type of Business: _____
Address where system will be installed: _____ City or Town: _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____ Postal Code: _____
Primary Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Check this box if you are interested in being contacted by email; this will speed up the approval process.

1. Please select the primary and secondary heating system that you have in your business:

Primary heating System

- Electric
- Heat pump
- Natural Gas/Propane
- Oil
- Wood/Pellets
- Other:

Secondary Heating System

- Electric
- Heat pump
- Natural Gas/Propane
- Oil
- Wood/Pellets
- Other:

2. How do you heat your hot water?

- | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Electric | <input type="radio"/> Oil |
| <input type="radio"/> Heat pump | <input type="radio"/> Wood/Pellets |
| <input type="radio"/> Natural Gas/Propane | <input type="radio"/> Other: |

3. Please indicate which solar heating equipment you plan to install:

Make: _____ Model: _____ Don't know: _____ N/A: _____

Number of Solar Collectors: _____

Project Description (Intended Use, System Design, Estimated GHGs Offset)
RETScreen Clean Energy Project Analysis (available at http://www.etscreen.net/ang/home.php)
The RETScreen Software Suite is a unique decision support tool developed in consultation with numerous experts from government, industry and academia. The software, provided free-of-charge, can be used to evaluate the energy production and savings, costs, emission reductions, financial viability and risk for various types of Renewable-energy and Energy-efficient Technologies (RETs). To be eligible for commercial solar rebates, energy savings estimates must be provided to Efficiency Nova Scotia in advance. Please attach.
Project Budget
Please attach in table format
Project Timeline (for large projects expected to take longer than 12 months to complete)
Please attach in table format

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how likely were you to have purchased this equipment if this rebate were not available? (circle one)

(not likely at all) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (very likely)

Consent: I hereby consent and acknowledge that:

- I am the owner of the business indicated above
- I have read and agree to all program eligibility criteria listed on the 3 pages that make up this application
- The above-information is true to the best of my knowledge. Any willful misstatement may be cause for the rejection of my application and cancellation of the rebate
- Efficiency Nova Scotia, its agents or auditors may contact me for the purposes of program administration, implementation and evaluation and/or provide me with further information on this or other conservation-related programs
- My current electrical utility is hereby authorized to release the following information to Efficiency Nova Scotia: billing account information, including such details as the name of the account and the number of kilowatt hours of electrical consumption pertaining to the residence of the above-noted homeowner

X _____
Signature

_____/_____/_____
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Send completed form to:

Residential Solar Heating Rebate Program, 230 Brownlow Ave, Suite 300, Dartmouth, NS, B3B 0G5
Or fax to 902-470-3599

Overall Program Eligibility:

- Applicant must own the business / institution where the system is installed.
- Limit of one solar water and one solar air heating rebate per eligible Nova Scotia facility
- System must be designed for year-round operation with the exception commercial / community pool heating system
- All rebates must be pre-approved. If a system is purchased and/or installed before pre-approval is given, a rebate will not be provided
- System was installed according to industry best practice and manufacturer's instructions
- Solar collector make and model must be CSA approved. Visit www.energycyns.ca for more details
- Please note that all electrical components that are used with the overall system must be properly approved for use in Nova Scotia (ie. a CE or CCC marking is not acceptable - approval must be equivalent to CSA)
- Efficiency Nova Scotia reserves the right to decline installations where it is determined that the system will not meet performance potential.
- For solar water heating systems - minimum R3 pipe insulation must be installed on:
 - All accessible hot water pipes and the first 3 metres (10 feet) of the cold water pipes connected to the conventional water heater.
 - All water pipes connecting the solar storage tank to the conventional water heater.
 - All water pipes connecting the solar panels to the solar storage tank.
- Pipe insulation must be included on all pipe types, and all accessible hot water pipes if the solar system is tied into a space heating system
- Legible copies of receipts and interior and exterior photos of the solar thermal system (including pipes) must be included with the application form.
- Equipment must be new, installed and in service, and all rebate documents received, within 12 months of pre-approval. For large projects expected to take longer than 12 months to complete Efficiency Nova Scotia may grant an extension following review of the pre-approval process
- Applicant agrees to a random inspection / audit by staff or agents of Efficiency Nova Scotia
- This rebate may be available for a limited time

Efficiency Nova Scotia recommends that you:

- Obtain 3 quotes before deciding on a system and installer
- Consider installing a:
 - drain water heat recovery system;
 - heat trap on the hot and cold connections of your domestic water heater; and
 - low flow showerheads to maximize your hot water savings.

For more details visit energycyns.ca or call: 1-877-999-6035