



# Government Programs and Regulations

## Home Energy Retrofit Grants

### Program

Under the ecoEnergy Retrofit – Homes Program, the federal government provides grants, up to \$5,000, to homeowners who undertake renovations that improve the energy efficiency of their homes. To be eligible, renovations and a post-retrofit evaluation must be conducted between June 6, 2011 and March 31, 2012. The provincial government no longer provides grants for energy efficiency renovations but it does pay 50 per cent of the cost of a home energy audit, up to \$150.

### Details

- Before undertaking any renovations, homeowners must first have an energy audit of their home performed by a licensed service organization (list of auditors provided at government web site address provided below). The evaluation report provides customized recommendations for renovations to improve the energy efficiency of the home. Once the homeowner has completed the renovations, a second audit must be undertaken by March 31, 2012 to determine the change in the home's energy efficiency.
- Homeowners participating in the program must register directly with the program BEFORE booking their pre-retrofit evaluation.
- Homeowners are required to provide receipts, for products and services purchased for the retrofits, to their energy advisor at the time of the post-retrofit evaluation.
- Homeowners who participated in earlier versions of the program before April 1, 2011, and who did not receive the maximum amount of \$5,000 can submit another application for improvements purchased and installed AFTER June 6, 2011.
- For more information on the federal government's ecoEnergy Program visit:
  - o <http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/ecoenergy-ecoenergie/retrofitihomes-renovationmaisons-eng.cfm>
- For more information on the provincial government's Home Energy Audit grant visit:
  - o <http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/en/energy/conservation/ohesp/>

*Natural Resources Canada provides a grant to homeowners who undertake renovations that improve the energy efficiency rating of their home.*