

## Taking Advantage of the ecoENERGY and Energy Efficiency Programs

Taking advantage of the Government of Canada's ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program and the Province of PEI's ecoENERGY Audit Assistance Program and Energy Efficiency Loan/Grant programs can be done in four easy steps. If you have any questions on these steps, please give the PEI Office of Energy Efficiency a call or visit our office.

### *Step One: Getting an Energy Efficiency Evaluation Report (Audit) on Your Home*

*Low-income Households:* To qualify as a low-income household you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- have a total household income of \$35,000 or less,
- receive the National Child Tax Benefit, or
- receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

With any one of these, you would qualify for your pre and post-retrofit energy evaluations to be completely paid for. You must first fill out an application for the PEI ecoENERGY Audit Assistance Program for Low-income Households (PEI Program) before you contact the energy advisor to set up your Pre-Retrofit Energy Evaluation. [http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/oe\\_e\\_form2.pdf](http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/oe_e_form2.pdf)

Those with household incomes above \$35,000, can contact an NRCan licensed energy advisor (Government of Canada Program) directly, and set up an appointment for your pre-retrofit residential energy evaluation. This evaluation report will be charged to you at a reduced rate starting at \$100\* through the PEI ecoENERGY Audit Assistance Program (PEI Program). No application for this reduced rate is necessary.

After the pre-retrofit energy evaluation, you will receive a report from the auditor that shows you where your energy dollars are being spent and what you can do to improve your home's efficiency. This evaluation report will also indicate what Federal ecoENERGY grants are available for each item listed in the evaluation report.

### *Step Two: Loan Applications*

You can apply for a loan:

- 0% interest for low income households, and 25% of the loan is forgivable for household incomes from \$15,000 to \$35,000, and 50% of the loan is forgivable for household incomes \$15,000 and less; or
- 6% interest for households with incomes over \$35,000.

(Applicable Federal grants are shown in the Energy Efficiency Evaluation Report.)

You can apply for a loan and the PEI Energy Efficient Windows and Doors Grant but not the Loan and the PEI Energy Efficiency Grant.

Based on the recommendations in the energy evaluation report, choose the upgrades you wish to complete and submit an application with the original quote(s) for this work to the PEI Office of Energy Efficiency. [http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/oee\\_form12.pdf](http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/oee_form12.pdf)

### ***Step Three: Grant Applications***

There are two grants available, The PEI Energy Efficiency Grant (if you do not apply for the loan) and the PEI Energy Efficiency Windows and Doors Grant Program. You can apply for either or both PEI grants, regardless of income level.

Applicable Federal grants shown in the energy evaluation report will be applied for, on your behalf, in Step 4 and these grants do not impact the Provincial Grant Program.

Based on the recommendations in the energy evaluation report, choose and complete the upgrades of your choice, complete the grant application and submit with the original paid receipts for all the labour and materials attached.

The PEI Office of Energy Efficiency Windows and Doors Grant can be applied for with the loan (a separate application form is required), the Energy Efficiency Grant or on its own. [http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/oee\\_form12.pdf](http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/oee_form12.pdf)

### ***Step Four: Post Retrofit Energy Evaluation Report***

After completing the upgrades you want to do, (you have 18 months from the date of the pre-retrofit energy evaluation report) contact the same energy evaluation service company that did your pre-retrofit energy evaluation, and have a post-retrofit energy evaluation done. Low income households will have this post-retrofit audit covered under the PEI ecoENERGY Audit Assistance Program for Low-Income Households (PEI Program). For other income levels, this audit will be charged to you at the same reduced rate starting at \$100\* through the PEI ecoENERGY Audit Assistance Program (PEI program). No application for this reduced rate energy evaluation is required. The energy advisor will prepare the paperwork for you to sign and forward your application to NRCAN for the applicable ecoENERGY grant money (Government of Canada Program).

#### ***Notes:***

\* The PEI ecoENERGY Audit Assistance Program rates apply to households up to three stories and a total floor area (including basement area) of less than 2,000 sq. ft. For homes exceeding these limitations an additional \$50 will be charged per each additional 1,000 sq. ft. for the pre-retrofit audit and an additional \$25 will be charged per each additional 1,000 sq. ft. for the post-retrofit energy evaluation.

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