

DOE Memo on RESNET Software Validation Procedures

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DOE has amended its Submission Instructions for software to be considered for the DOE Approved Software List for the 45L tax credit. Effective 1/1/2020, in order to be considered for listing on the DOE Approved Software List, software must be validated against either the 2013 or 2016 versions of RESNET's "Procedures for Certifying Residential Energy Efficiency Tax Credits," subject to the transition policy described below.

Through April 30, 2020, DOE will continue to accept and review software submissions that have been validated against RESNET Publication No.13-001, "Procedures for Certifying Residential Energy Efficiency Tax Credits." After April 30, 2020 DOE will no longer accept for review software validated against RESNET Publication No. 13-001. DOE will continue to accept and review software submissions that have been validated against RESNET Publication No. 16-001 until further notice.

DOE approved software validated against RESNET Publication No.13-001 may be used to certify homes with building permits dated on/before July 31, 2020. DOE listed software that was validated against RESNET Publication No.13-001 may not be used for 45L certifications of homes with building permits dated on/after August 1, 2020.

This phase-out policy is reflected in the updated DOE List of Approved Software. DOE may update these software requirements in the future to accommodate future revisions to the RESNET publication or changes to the 45L requirements.

Additional details may be found at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/list-approved-software-calculating-energy-efficient-home-credit>