



FEDERAL PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR DOE HOME ENERGY REBATES (“RECOGNIZED PROGRAMS”)

Home Efficiency Rebates (Section 50121)

DOE approves the following programs for the purposes of verifying a household’s income to qualify for specific levels of rebates. Note the information in column entitled “Level of Categorical Eligibility” to see what level of eligibility is associated with enrollment in each program. These tables include recognized programs that apply to both single and multifamily buildings.

Table 1. Recognized Programs for Categorical Eligibility of Home Energy Efficiency Rebates

Recognized Program	Program-Specific Income Requirements	Level of Categorical Eligibility for Rebates
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Income cannot exceed 60% State Median Income (SMI) or 150% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Below 80% Area Median Income (AMI)
Medicaid	In most states, income cannot exceed 138% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Gross income cannot exceed 130% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Head Start	Household income below 100% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Lifeline Support for Affordable Communications (Lifeline)	<135% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)	<130% FPL	Below 80% AMI
National School Lunch Program - Free (NSLP)	<130% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Housing Improvement Program (HIP)	<150% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	<80% AMI	Below 80% AMI



Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Limited resources and limited income (details)	Below 80% AMI
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	If 80% AMI > 200% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Other (programs approved by DOE through State application process)	Information to be provided in application.	TBD

Table 2 indicates the Federally recognized housing programs that provide households with rental assistance or owners/developers with a tax credit and that qualify for categorical eligibility for home energy efficiency rebates.

Table 2. Recognized Housing Programs for Categorical Eligibility of Home Energy Efficiency Rebates

Recognized Program	Program-Specific Income Requirements	Level of Categorical Eligibility for Rebates	Whole Building Eligibility for Rebates
Public Housing (housing owned and operated by Public Housing Authorities)	<50% AMI	Below 80% AMI	Single- and multi-family buildings owned and operated by Public Housing Authorities are fully eligible.
Privately owned multifamily buildings receiving project-based assistance (Section 8, Section 202, Section 811)	<50% AMI	Below 80% AMI	If at least 50% of housing units are subsidized through these programs, then the multifamily building is fully eligible.
Privately-owned multifamily buildings that house residents receiving tenant-based assistance	<50% AMI	Below 80% AMI	If at least 50% of building occupants receive tenant-based assistance, then the multifamily building is fully eligible.
Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)	At least 50% of households are below 80% AMI	Below 80% AMI	If at least 50% of housing units are income-restricted, then the multifamily building is fully eligible.

Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (Section 50121)

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Table 3. Recognized Programs for Categorical Eligibility of Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates

Recognized Program	Program-Specific Income Requirements	Level of Categorical Eligibility for Rebates
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Income cannot exceed 60% State Median Income (SMI) or 150% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Below 80% Area Median Income (AMI)
Medicaid	In most states, income cannot exceed 138% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Gross income cannot exceed 130% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Head Start	Household income below 100% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Lifeline Support for Affordable Communications (Lifeline)	<135% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)	<130% FPL	Below 80% AMI
National School Lunch Program - Free (NSLP)	<130% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Housing Improvement Program (HIP)	<150% FPL	Below 80% AMI
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	<80% AMI	Below 80% AMI
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Limited resources and limited income (details)	Below 80% AMI
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	If 80% AMI > 200% FPL	Below 80% AMI
WIC	<185% FPL	Below 150% AMI
Verified government or non-profit program serving Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) persons or households	Above FPL, less than basic cost of living (ALICE methodology)	Below 150% AMI

Other (programs approved by DOE through State application process)	Information to be provided in application.	TBD
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Table 4 indicates the Federally recognized housing programs that provide households with rental assistance or owners/developers with a tax credit and that qualify for categorical eligibility for home electrification and appliance rebates.

Table 4. Recognized Housing Programs for Categorical Eligibility of Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates

Recognized Program	Program-Specific Income Requirements	Level of Categorical Eligibility for Rebates	Whole Building Eligibility for Rebates
Public Housing (housing owned and operated by Public Housing Authorities)	<50% AMI	Below 80% AMI	Single- and multi-family buildings owned and operated by Public Housing Authorities are fully eligible
Privately owned multifamily buildings receiving project-based assistance (Section 8, Section 202, Section 811)	<50% AMI	Below 80% AMI	If at least 50% of housing units are subsidized through these programs, then the multifamily building is fully eligible.
Privately-owned multifamily buildings that house residents receiving tenant-based assistance	<50% AMI	Below 80% AMI	If at least 50% of building occupants receive tenant-based assistance, then the multifamily building is fully eligible.
Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)	At least 50% of households are below 80% AMI	Below 80% AMI	If at least 50% of housing units are income-restricted, then the multifamily building is fully eligible.

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