

FY2019 Notice of Changes

Residential New Construction Program

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, at its June 22, 2018 Board Agenda meeting, approved *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program's [Fiscal Year 2019 compliance filing](#)*, which runs from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Changes to Program Guidelines:

Effective July 1, 2018:

- Legacy projects: During FY17, it was discovered that several "legacy" (i.e. prior to the current Program Administrator Contract) Multi-single, multifamily (MF), and Multifamily High Rise (MFHR) projects had commitments, but no clear expiration date. The subject projects were assigned an enrollment date of July 1, 2016 with a two-year commitment that expires on June 30, 2018. These projects may also be eligible for a one-time extension period equivalent to the length of their original commitment, but only if they demonstrate that their Pre-Drywall Inspections have been successfully completed by the time of their commitment expiration date. If this condition is not met, the projects will need to be re-enrolled.
- The program's administrative processes are revised to better align with participant's construction schedules and to be generally more efficient. A summary follows, please refer to the FY19 compliance filing for details.
 - Registered Status: When an applicant creates an application in the portal and uploads all documents that are necessary for Enrollment, the applicant obtains a registration number (i.e. an RBT number) from the portal and the project achieves a Registered status. Projects at a Registered status may proceed with pre-drywall inspections.
 - Technical review: Once Registered, the project is subject to a full technical review, which may require additional or corrected information be submitted by the applicant.
 - Enrolled Status: When the Program Manager confirms that all documents and information required for Enrollment have been submitted in a manner that meets Program Requirements, and that the Program has sufficient funds to commit to the application, the project will be Enrolled and issued an Enrollment Letter. The Enrollment Letter will commit Program funds for the project's incentive.
- Incentives for all projects registered prior to August 1, 2018 remain eligible for the incentives at the time of their enrollment as set forth in the FY19 compliance filing in the tables found in Appendix A, Residential New Construction and labeled "Legacy Financial Incentives".

Effective August 1, 2018:

- The overall program incentives are reduced and restructured eliminating the incremental incentive based on HERS Index . Please refer to the table below.



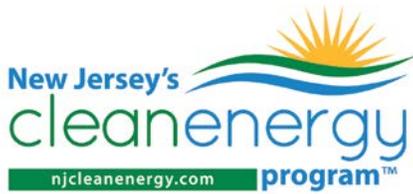
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- A base incentive is provided for each type of structure and level of participation plus a performance incentive based on incremental MMBtu savings above the NJ RNC 2015 IECC User Defined Reference Home (UDRH).
- The incentive for the ERI code compliance pathway is eliminated as it provides no incremental savings.
- Multi-single participation level is redefined as townhouse structures only as defined by code (i.e., a single-family dwelling unit constructed in groups of three or more attached units in which each unit extends from foundation to roof and with open space on at least two sides), garden style apartments that previously were included under multi-single now fall under the multifamily participation level.
- The program's Registration, enrollment and funding commitment expiration timelines are revised as follows:
 - Registrations will expire according to building type as listed below, with the time measured from the issuance of the Registration (i.e. RBT number) as applicable. Among other consequences of expiration, the project's commitment amount, if any, will be terminated, freeing the previously committed amount for other NJCEP purposes.
 - a. Single Family and Multi-single (townhouse) projects expire in one (1) year.
 - b. Low-Rise multifamily and multifamily high-rise projects registered on or after August 1, 2018 will expire in three (3) years and shall not be eligible for any extensions.
 - c. Single family and Multi-single (i.e. townhouse) projects must complete a pre-drywall inspection within 120 days of their Registered date or else they will expire and be canceled.
 - d. An applicant for a Single Family or Multi-single project may apply to the Program Manager for an extension of its expiration date.
 - e. Expired projects may reapply, in which case they will be governed by the technical requirements applicable at the time the project's then-current building permit issued and will be eligible for the incentives, if any, available at the time of reapplication.

New Incentives Effective August 1, 2018

	Single Home	Multi-Single (Townhouse)	Multifamily	MFHR
ENERGY STAR	\$1,000 + \$30/ MMBtu	\$500 + \$30/ MMBtu	\$500 + \$30/ MMBtu	\$500 + \$30/MMBtu
ZERH	\$4,000 + \$30/MMBtu	\$2,500 + \$30/MMBtu	\$1,500 + \$30/MMBtu	N/A
ZERH + RE \$4,000 +	\$4,000 + \$30/MMBtu+ \$2,000	\$2,500 + \$30/MMBtu +\$1,500	\$1,500 + \$30/MMBtu +\$750	N/A

Note: The above \$30/MMBTU is based on savings before any savings from Renewable Energy. RE represents 100% renewable energy.



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Other Program News:

The program will be distributing the NJ RNC IECC 2015 (UDRH) along with a step-by-step guide to run the REM/Rate Performance report against the UDRH to obtain the incremental MMBtu savings. A webinar demonstrating this procedure will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 24th. Please be on the lookout for the invitation to this webinar.

While the incentive amounts have not changed, the cooperative advertising guidelines have been revised providing longer timelines to submit reimbursement submissions and granting one-time campaign approvals. Minor updates were made to enforce proper program messaging.

If you have questions regarding program changes or effective dates, contact us at 866-NJSMART (657-6278) or email RNCNJCEP@NJCleanEnergy.com.

