

BC Step Code Program Rebates New Construction - Part 9 Residential Buildings

Are you thinking about, in the process of or have just completed building a new home?

There are lots of rebates available to aid our transition towards cleaner, more comfortable and healthier homes.

Review the information in these charts to help show what rebates you may be eligible for.

More details on eligibility and requirements can be found:

- Online at betterhomesbc.ca
- Online at fortisbc.com/newhome
- Speak to an Energy Coach at **1-844-881-9790**

1. What electrical utility service area do you live in?

FortisBC & Nelson Hydro Electricity Regions

FortisBC New Home Program
betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/fortisbc-new-home-program

BC Hydro Electricity & Non-Grid Regions

CleanBC Better Homes New Construction Program
betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/cleanbc-new-construction

2. What level of Step Code are you planning to building to? Have you considered using high efficiency systems in your project? Select the pathway you are following below and discover the rebates you may be eligible for.

Option A – Step 3+

Build a home to BC Energy Step Code 3 or higher using natural gas space and water heating (or electricity space and water heating in FortisBC's electricity service area)

Option B – Step 3

Build a Home to BC Energy Step Code 3 and select from the following rebates

Apply through FortisBC for buildings completed before December 31, 2023.

Step	Rebate Amount	Eligible Rebates	Amount
Step 3	\$4,000	ENERGY STAR storage tank*	\$500
		ENERGY STAR condensing tankless*	\$1,000
Step 4	\$6,000	ENERGY STAR condensing storage tank*	\$1,000
		ENERGY STAR natural gas combination heating and hot water system*	\$1,200
Step 5 <i>pre-approval required</i>	\$10,000	P9 combination heating and hot water system*	\$1,200
		Heat Pump Water Heater*	\$2,000



Program is currently oversubscribed.
You can add your name to the waitlist.



Energy Step Code Pathway

Build a home to BC Energy Step Code using electric space and water heating systems

Heat Pump Pathway

Build a home that uses an electric heat pump for space heating or water heating.

Apply through CleanBC.

Step	Rebate Amount	Eligible Rebates	Amount
Step 3	\$8,000	Air source heat pump*	\$3,000
		Air-to-water hydronic heat pump*	\$3,000
		Combined space and water heat pump*	\$4,000
Step 4	\$10,000		
Step 5	\$14,000	Heat pump water heater*	\$1,000

3. In addition to the above, you may also be eligible for more bonus upgrades. Check out these additional rebates.

Energy Advisor Support Rebate

\$1,000 per modelled home
(\$200 paid to the Energy Advisor / \$800 paid to the builder)

Design Incentive Offer - Step 3, 4 & 5

Builders can receive up to \$7,000 for Integrated Design Process (IDP) consultants, building science consultants and/or mechanical design specialists fees on individual homes. Multi-family projects can receive up to \$50,000.

Bonus Additional Rebates

ENERGY STAR natural gas dryer*	\$100
EnerChoice® natural gas fireplace*	\$500
Drain water heat recovery system*	\$250
Connected Thermostats*	\$100
ENERGY STAR electric dryer*	\$100
ENERGY STAR washer*	\$100
ENERGY STAR fridge*	\$50
	-\$100

Energy Advisor Support Rebate

\$1,000 per individually modelled home or unit
(\$200 to the Energy Advisor / \$800 to the builder)

All-Electric Bonus

Build a home with no fossil fuel connection
\$4,000 per home or unit

*Must be on the Qualifying Product List



New Housing Rebates

Tax Rebate Program

1. Is your new home your primary residence and valued under \$450,000?



GST/HST New Housing Rebate Program

Through the Federal and Provincial Government GST/HST New Housing Rebate Program, you may be eligible to receive a new housing rebate for some of the GST/HST paid for new constructed or substantially renovated residential homes **for use as your primary place of residence and the fair market value of the home when construction is complete is less than \$450,000.**

Other provincial new housing rebates may also be available for the provincial part of the HST.

For details on which rebates are available visit:
canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/gst-hst-businesses/charge-collect-home-construction/new-housing-rebate.html

Mortgage Insurance Rebate Program

1. Who did you purchase your mortgage insurance through?



Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Eco Plus Program provides up to a 25% premium refund on your mortgage loan insurance when you purchase or construct a new home or renovate for energy efficiency that meets or exceeds eligible building standards.

betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/cmhc-eco-plus-program



Sagen (mortgage insurance provider)

The Sagen Energy Efficient Housing Program provides up to a 25% mortgage insurance premium refund when you make energy-efficient improvements to your home.

betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/sagen-energy-efficient-housing-program

2. Which pathway are you building to?



Building Standard Pathway

Build a home to a recognized building standard accreditation

Apply through CMHC within 24 months of mortgage closing date with documentation not older than 5 years



Building Standard Pathway

Build a home to a recognized building standard accreditation

Apply through Sagen within 24 months of mortgage closing date with documentation not older than 5 years



Eligible Certificates	Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) *	Energy Consumption *
Properties awarded an eligible certificate	Properties with tonnes / year GHG rating that fall within the top 15% of the housing stock in lowest GHG emissions rating	Properties with a gigajoules/year rating of at least 20% lower than "A Typical New Home"

*Eligibility is assessed using the Natural Resource Canada EnerGuide Rating System



Your EnerGuide Rating before upgrades	Rebate	Your EnerGuide Rating before upgrades	Rebate
Less than 200 GJ/year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must decrease your EnerGuide Rating by at least 20 GJ/year. 	15% refund	Less than 200 GJ/year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must decrease your EnerGuide Rating by at least 45 GJ/year. 	25% refund
Greater or equal to 200 GJ/year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must decrease EnerGuide Rating by at least 45 GJ/year. The EnerGuide Rating after upgrades must be less than 250 GJ/year. 	15% refund	Greater or equal to 200 GJ/year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must decrease your EnerGuide Rating by at least 90 GJ/year. The EnerGuide Rating after upgrades must be less than 250 GJ/year. 	25% refund

