## **Provincial & Utility Rebates Overview**

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# What rebates are available for customers in BC?

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# **Rebates in BC**

#### There are multiple ways for customers to save on their retrofit projects

APPLICATION #1	APPLICATION #2	APPLICATION #3
<ol> <li>Provincial rebates offered through BC Hydro, FortisBC and CleanBC</li> <li>Municipal rebates funded by participating cities</li> </ol>	3 Rebates for income qualified customers	<text></text>





# How do I know if my customer is eligible?

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# **Rebate Eligibility Requirements**

In order to qualify for the provincial and municipal top-up rebates, customers must:

- Be a FortisBC or BC Hydro residential customer
- Live in a home that is a year-round primary residence, that is at least 12 months old
- $\circ$   $\,$  Live in an eligible home type
  - Single family detached dwelling, including legal individually metered secondary suites
  - o Mobile home on permanent foundation
  - o Row/townhouse, duplex
- Install a product that meets the program requirements (QPL for heat pumps)
- o Install the product according to the best practice installation guides
- o Invoice must include all required information.
- Meet all additional upgrade requirements as per rebate requirements document



# What are the best practice installation guides?

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### **Installation Best Practices**

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- Developed in partnership with industry experts
- Outline the best practices for installation of heat pumps and insulation
- Contractors must review the guide prior to installing any rebate eligible products for customers.
- It is a program requirement that heat pumps and insulation are being installed following the best practice guides.

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- o If not, customers will not qualify for rebates.
- The best practice guides can be found at homeperformance.ca/resources/

# What if program requirements aren't met?

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### **Exception process**

- When an exception is identified it should always be asked before the upgrade is completed
- Ask for permission, not forgiveness
- We will not provide exceptions for program required details
  - Coil only dual fuel heat pumps
  - Boiler decommissioning Must meet requirements
  - Heat pumps not on the QPL
- Risk putting the homeowner in a situation where a rebate will not be granted
- Risk your company's registration in programs (IQP)

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# What installation verification is done?

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## **Installation site visits**

- A site visit may be conducted before a customer's application is processed.
- Site visits check to ensure:
  - The installation was done according to the best practice guidelines
  - The equipment installed meets program requirements
  - The equipment installed matches what is shown on the invoice
- Customers will be contacted directly by a program representative to arrange an appointment for the site visit.
- Contractors do not need to be present during the site visit.

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## **Installation issues**

- Contractors will be contacted directly by a program representative if the site visit has uncovered installation best practice issues.
- Contractors are given 30 days to remediate the issue and provide picture proof of completion.
- Any issues not resolved will result in a declined application and reporting of the contractor to the Home Performance Stakeholder Council.





Is there training available to learn more about the rebate program and requirements?

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## **Rebate Training**

- Rebate training has been delivered historically through online webinars twice a year. Contractors are invited via email.
- Later this year, we will be launching an online module for rebate training.
- It will be a requirement for contractors to complete the rebate training yearly.
- Contractors will be notified when it is ready.

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## **Contractor support**

You can contact any of the following rebate providers:

BC Hydro alliance@bchydro.com bchydro.com/homerebates

#### CleanBC

betterhomes@gov.bc.ca

betterhomesbc.ca

### **FortisBC**

<u>qualityinstalls@fortisbc.com</u> fortisbc.com/rebates

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