

YOUR GUIDE TO ENERGY STAR® 7.0 PROGRAM CHANGES

ENERGY STAR VERSION 7.0 FOR WINDOWS AND DOORS has new U-Factor and SHGC certification requirements starting **Oct. 23, 2023**. The charts below make it easy to see the program changes, with Version 7.0's new increased performance requirements data in green.

VERSION 6.0

(Effective through Oct. 22, 2023)

WINDOWS

Climate Zone	U-Factor	SHGC	
Northern	≤0.27	Any	Prescriptive
	=0.28	≥0.32	Equivalent Energy Performance
	=0.29	≥0.37	
	=0.30	≥0.42	
North-Central	≤0.30	≤0.40	
South-Central	≤0.30	≤0.25	
Southern	≤0.40	≤0.25	

VERSION 7.0

(Effective starting Oct. 23, 2023)

WINDOWS

Climate Zone	U-Factor	SHGC	
Northern	≤0.22	≥0.17	Prescriptive
	=0.23	≥0.35	Equivalent Energy Performance
	=0.24		
	=0.25		
	=0.26	≥0.40	
North-Central	≤0.25	≤0.40	
South-Central	≤0.28	≤0.23	
Southern	≤0.32	≤0.23	



WINDOWS

SLIDING PATIO DOORS

Glazing Level	U-Factor	SHGC	
Opaque	≤0.17	No Rating	
≤1/2 Lite	≤0.25	≤0.25	
>1/2 Lite	≤0.30	Northern North-Central	≤0.40
		South-Central Southern	≤0.25

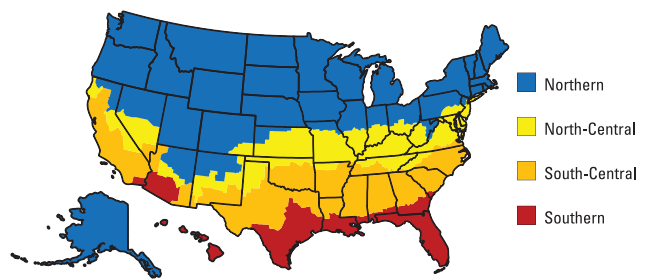
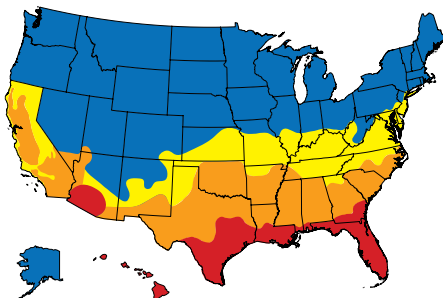
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		South-Central Southern	≤0.23



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CLIMATE ZONE MAP



Map is segmented at the county level with the exception of California which is segmented by zip code.

PLEASE NOTE: Effective Jan. 1, 2023, windows must meet ENERGY STAR Most Efficient requirements to be eligible for the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 tax credit. Those that meet ENERGY STAR 6.0 or ENERGY STAR 7.0 are not eligible. Sliding patio doors are currently eligible for the IRA22 tax credit under ENERGY STAR Version 6.0 criteria. Effective Oct. 23, 2023, sliding patio doors will need to meet ENERGY STAR 7.0 criteria to qualify for the IRA22 tax credit. See the reverse side of this sheet for a guide on the IRA22 tax credit.*



ENERGY STAR® MOST EFFICIENT TAX CREDIT FOR WINDOWS AND SLIDING PATIO DOORS

THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OF 2022 provides opportunities for federal tax credits and deductions that empower Americans to make homes and buildings more energy efficient to help reduce energy costs as part of the transition to cleaner energy sources.

Under the Act, federal income tax credits for energy-efficiency home improvements will be available through 2032. A broad selection of ENERGY STAR-certified products is eligible for the tax credits, including qualifying Associated Materials windows and sliding patio doors.

QUALIFICATION



- Tax credit is available for windows and sliding glass doors purchased and installed between Jan. 1, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2032.*
 - Eligible product(s) must meet performance requirements to qualify.
- Must be an existing principal residence owned by the taxpayer in the United States.
- New construction and rentals do not apply.
- The taxpayer may not include labor/ installation costs.



CREDIT AMOUNT



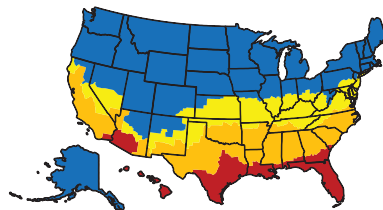
Qualifying energy-efficient home improvement products can earn up to \$1,200 in yearly tax credits for all building envelope components (i.e., windows/doors), home energy audits and energy property (i.e., central air conditioner). Homeowners can combine qualifying items each year to take advantage of the \$1,200 tax credit during this 10-year program.

- **Windows** – Must meet **ENERGY STAR Most Efficient requirements**. Claim 30% of product costs **up to \$600** per year.
- **Sliding Patio Doors** – Must meet applicable **ENERGY STAR requirements**. Claim 30% of product costs **up to \$250 per door** for a maximum of \$500 per year.

Certain AM windows and sliding patio doors with select glass packages do meet requirements for **ENERGY STAR Most Efficient** (windows) and **ENERGY STAR** (sliding patio doors) to qualify for tax credits.

Eligible window products must meet the requirements shown in the table below:

Climate Zone	U-Factor	SHGC†
Northern	≤0.20	≥0.20
North-Central	≤0.20	≤0.40
South-Central	≤0.20	≤0.25
Southern	≤0.20	≤0.25



†SHGC = Solar Heat Gain Coefficient

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COMING SOON!

A new argon glass package will be available soon with more options that meet ENERGY STAR Most Efficient requirements for windows. **Stay tuned!**

PLEASE NOTE: The ENERGY STAR program will change from Version 6.0 to Version 7.0 effective Oct. 23, 2023. It's essential to check the current ENERGY STAR performance requirements specific to your customer's home and climate zone to determine the tax credit eligibility. See the reverse side of this sheet for a simple guide to ENERGY STAR 7.0 changes.



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