
NORTH COWICHAN ENERGY STEP CODE REBATE POLICY

1. PURPOSE

To encourage voluntary participation in the BC Energy Step Code in advance of mandatory requirements.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to property owners or authorised agents applying for a building permit for a new “Part 9” buildings intended for use as a residential dwelling.

3. DEFINITIONS

“BC ENERGY STEP CODE” means the system of energy performance requirements set out in Subsections 9.36 of the BC Building Code.

“BUILDING CODE” means the current version of British Columbia Building Code

4. POLICY

All building permit applicants who submit an application for a BC Energy Step Code Rebate after July 16, 2020 that complies with the eligibility requirements set-out in Section 5 of this Policy may receive a rebate as shown in Table 1.

Notwithstanding the above, rebates will only be issued while the BC Energy Step Code Rebate Program is in effect and funding is available.

Table 1

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| Step 2 | \$500 | 10% higher efficiency |
| Step 3 | \$750 | 20% higher efficiency |
| Step 4 | \$1000 | 40% higher efficiency |
| Step 5 | \$1250 | 80% and Net 0 Ready |

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Projects must be within the Municipality of North Cowichan.
2. Rebate applications must be submitted prior to issuance of the building permit.
3. No more than one rebate will be issued per building permit application.
4. The following documents are to be provided to confirm compliance with the BC Energy Step Code:

- Energy modeling report as described in Part 9.36.6.4 BC Building Code
 - BC Energy pre-construction report
 - Mid-construction report
 - As-built compliance report
5. Rebates are not redeemable for expired building permits, (2 years from building permit issuance date).
 6. Rebate applications will not be accepted for Steps in Table 1 that are made mandatory by the BC Building Code or North Cowichan’s Building Bylaw.

6. ADMINISTRATION

1. Rebates will not be issued until building occupancy has been issued and all Step Code confirmation documentation in Section 5.4 is submitted and accepted.
2. Rebates will only be issued to the property owner or authorized agent specified on the application form.

APPROVAL HISTORY

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