



Delivering Natural Resources Canada's EcoEnergy program  
Saving Energy One House at a Time

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## Updated: Eligibility of Air-Source Heat Pumps (ASHP)

ASHPs are commonly matched with furnaces in the marketplace and can reach efficiencies that meet or exceed minimum ASHP ENERGY STAR specifications. NRCan will now accept all ENERGY STAR qualified ASHP/furnace packages. Effective immediately, an incentive will be paid for both measures (a grant for the furnace if it qualifies and an ASHP grant). All D files performed since the beginning of the program that qualify under the new requirement are eligible.

ASHPs must meet all of the following requirements for grant eligibility under the ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program and must be identified as ENERGY STAR in the NRCan database

(<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/business/manufacturers/search/heat-pumps-search.cfm>). ASHPs must

1. be ENERGY STAR qualified as a matched unit of outdoor and indoor coils, where the inside coil can be a fan coil or can **include a furnace match** (ENERGY STAR minimum criteria includes SEER 14.5, HSPF 7.1 and EER 12);
2. be Region V rated
3. have a minimum rated heating capacity of 12,000 Btu/hour\*; and
4. have centrally distributed air delivery (i.e., ducted) or at least one indoor coil/head per floor for ductless systems (basement exempt) to distribute heat within the home.

Refer to the NRCan database to avoid problems with conflicting information found in company specific brochures/websites. This will also allow installers and energy advisors to confirm that a product is registered for sale and installation in Canada. If a product is not listed in the database, NRCan is not obligated to pay a grant for it.

\* There can be multiple heads on the same system as long as the system is at least 12,000 Btu/hour and each floor of the house has its own supply head; there is no minimum requirement for any individual head. If there are separate systems then at



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least one system must meet the 12,000 Btu/hour requirement and the capacity is taken from the manufacturer's ratings shown in the NRCan database.

\*\*The AHRI reference number is an industry numeric reference that identifies AHRI certified matched outdoor and indoor coil numbers (e.g., ARI number 1278951 references outside coil YZE03611 and indoor coil AV\*36+TXV). The AHRI number helps to verify the exact model numbers of specific coils which can be confusing at times due to their mix of numeric, alphabetic and symbol variables.

**Please have the energy advisor ask homeowners to request that the AHRI number and coil model numbers be listed on their invoice and then provide this information to them.**



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## Updated: Eligibility of Central Air Conditioner Systems

Central air conditioner systems (AC) must meet all of the following requirements for grant eligibility under the ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program and must be identified as ENERGY STAR in the NRCAN database

(<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/business/manufacturers/search/central-air-conditioners-search.cfm>).

ACs must

1. be ENERGY STAR qualified as a matched unit of outdoor and indoor coils, where the inside coil can be a fan coil or can **include a furnace match** (ENERGY STAR minimum criteria includes SEER 14.5 and EER 12); and
2. have centrally distributed air delivery (i.e., ducted) or at least one indoor coil/head per floor for ductless systems (basement exempt) to distribute cooling within the home.