

## ENERGY-EFFICIENT PROGRAM

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To support initiatives that promote environmental consciousness and its ongoing protection, we are pleased to offer a 25% premium refund on the Canada Guaranty mortgage insurance premium paid for qualified borrowers purchasing an energy-efficient home or making energy-efficient upgrades.

### Program Overview

Qualified borrowers who purchase an energy-efficient home or make energy-efficient home improvements may be eligible to receive a 25% premium refund.

### Transaction Types

- Applicable to all Canada Guaranty mortgage insurance products.
- Purchase: New Construction or Existing Home.
- Purchase Advantage Plus™ eligible.

### Borrower Qualifications

- Mortgage financing must be insured through Canada Guaranty.
- Canada Guaranty must receive all original mortgage insurance premiums and applicable fees prior to issuing the partial premium refund.
- Partial premium refund applications must be submitted within 24 months of the mortgage closing date.

### Premium Refund Process

- Once all required criteria are met, Canada Guaranty will refund the borrower the approved percentage of the standard mortgage insurance premium (including applicable provincial sales tax).
- Refunds are processed and issued directly to the homeowner within 8-12 weeks of receiving the partial premium refund application.



### Mortgage Insurance Premium Refund Example (25%)

\$475,000 Mortgage at 95% LTV	Premium Payable*
Standard Premium Amount (95% LTV = Premium rate of 4.00%)	\$19,000.00
Energy-Efficient Premium Refund (25% of premium amount)	(\$4,750.00)
Total New Premium (minus refunded amount)	\$14,250.00

\*For the purpose of this example, the mortgage insurance premium does not include any applicable provincial sales tax.

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## PREMIUM REFUND ELIGIBILITY

All applicable and required documentation must be submitted together with the completed premium [refund application form](#). In addition to satisfying all borrower qualifications, to be eligible for a 25% premium refund, **the insured property must meet one of the following three energy-efficient and/or greenhouse gas emissions verification requirements.**

1. **Property meets eligible certification criteria:** Please see the “Eligible Certifications” listed below.
2. **Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions:** Properties that fall within the top 15% of the housing inventory with the lowest tonnes/year GHG emissions rating. Please see the GHG thresholds outlined below.
3. **Energy Consumption:** Properties with at least 20% lower energy consumption (gigajoules/year) than “A Typical New House”.

Note: Eligibility for the Greenhouse Gas Emissions or Energy Consumption requirements will need to be assessed using the Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) or EnerGuide Rating System.

### (1) Eligible Certifications:

A new construction, existing home, or condominium property that has received a certification from one of the following programs is eligible for the 25% premium refund.

Organization	Version	Level(s)	Certification Name
BC Energy Step Code	N/A	Step 2 Step 3 Step 4	Part 3
BC Energy Step Code	N/A	Step 3 Step 4 Step 5	Part 9 – Detached Homes
Built Green Canada	2019-2021	Gold Platinum	Built Green High Density
Built Green Canada	2019-2021	Gold Platinum	Built Green Single Family
Canada Green Building Council (CGBC)	2009	Gold Platinum	LEED Canada for Homes
CGBC	v.4	Gold Platinum	LEED Building Design and Construction: Homes and Multi-Family Low-Rise
CGBC	v.4.1	Gold Platinum	LEED Building Design and Construction: Residential Single Family

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CGBC	v1 Design	N/A	Zero Carbon Building Standard
CGBC	v2 Design	Flexible Passive Renewable	Zero Carbon Building Standard
Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA)	N/A	Certified	Qualified CHBA Net Zero Energy
CHBA	N/A	Certified	Qualified CHBA Net Zero Energy Ready
Efficiency Manitoba	N/A	20% to 90% + improvement	New Homes Standard
Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)	2012	N/A	R-2000
NRCan	New Homes Standard version 12.6	N/A	ENERGY STAR
NRCan	Pilot	Certified	ENERGY STAR Multi-Family High-Rise (New Construction)
Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs	N/A	Certified	Novoclimat for Homes
Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs	N/A	Certified	Novoclimat for Small Multiple Unit Buildings
Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs	N/A	Certified	Novoclimat for Big Multiple Unit Buildings
Passive House Canada	9	Classic Plus Premium	Certified Passive House
Passive House Canada	9	Classic Plus Premium	EnerPHit Certified Retrofit

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## (2) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions:

A new construction or existing home that falls within the top 15% of the housing inventory with the lowest NRCan EnerGuide tonnes/year GHG emissions rating for the Heating Degree Day (HDD) zone is eligible for the 25% premium refund.

To determine this, the Heating Degree Day (HDD) zone in which the building is located, is required. The HDD zone can be determined using [NRCan's HOT2000 Climate Map](#) as follows:

1. Enter the property's full civic address to obtain the "Annual Heating Degree Days" value (in number of degree days).
2. Based on the HDD number (the HDD RANGE), determine the corresponding HDD zone number (Zones 4 – 8) using the table below.
3. To be within the top 15th percentile threshold, the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions rating (tonnes/year) on the EnerGuide Label must be equal to or less than the corresponding threshold, as outlined in the table below.

### GHG (tonnes/year) Top 15th Percentile Thresholds

HDD ZONE	ZONE 4	ZONE 5	ZONE 6	ZONE 7A	ZONE 7B	ZONE 8
HDD RANGE	< 3000	3000 – 3999	4000 – 4999	5000 – 5999	6000 – 6999	>= 7000
AB			<= 11.2	<= 11.4	<= 12.1	
BC	<= 0.6	<= 0.3	<= 0.4	<= 3.2	<= 3.8	
MB				<= 3.5	<= 0.1	<= 0.1
NB			<= 5.9			
NL			<= 0.9	<= 0.5	<= 0.5	<= 1.7
NS		<= 13.7	<= 13.7			
NT					<= 8.2	<= 8.2
NU						<= 17.3
ON		<= 4	<= 3.8	<= 2.6	<= 3	<= 7
PE			<= 7.9			
QC		<= 0.1	<= 0.1	<= 0.1	<= 0.1	<= 0.1
SK			<= 11.2	<= 11.2	<= 11.5	
YT					<= 2.1	<= 1.7

#### Please Note:

- Quebec's low GHG thresholds are rounded up to 0.1 tonnes / year.
- No EnerGuide Label issued yet for NS zone 5, NT zone 7B, SK zone 6. For those zones, the threshold is assumed to be same as that of next highest HDD zone.
- Where no HDD zone exists for that province, no thresholds are provided.
- For EnerGuide labels issued before Nov 2020 that apply to AB zone 8, BC zone 8 and NB zone 5, please use thresholds 14.4, 2.8 and 5.8 respectively.

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### (3) Energy Consumption:

A new construction or existing home property with an NRCan EnerGuide gigajoules/year rating that is at least 20% lower than “A Typical New House” is eligible for the 25% premium refund.

## DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

### Purchasing a new or existing home

- Documentation confirming your home was built under a certified program.

OR

- A copy of your EnerGuide Label or EnerGuide Renovation Upgrade report confirming the energy consumption rating or greenhouse gas emissions level meets the Energy Efficient Housing Program requirements.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE PARTIAL PREMIUM REFUND

To apply for a partial premium refund, the homeowner must download, complete, and mail, e-mail or fax the [refund application form](#), together with all required documentation, to the appropriate address/fax number listed below:

Mailing Address	Fax Number (Toll Free)	E-mail Address
Canada Guaranty 1 Toronto Street, Suite 400 Toronto, ON M5C 2V6	1.855.318.8946	<a href="mailto:energyefficient@canadaguaranty.ca">energyefficient@canadaguaranty.ca</a>
Attention / Subject Line: Finance Department – Energy-Efficient Advantage Program		

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