

Wood Pellet Rebate Program FAQ

1. What is the origin of the Wood Pellet Rebate Program?

This program was made possible with funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and made available by the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning, to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Authorization for the Commission to administer the program was approved by the Governor and Executive Council on April 14, 2010.

2. What kind of wood pellet-fueled systems are eligible for a rebate?

Bulk-fuel fed wood pellet central boilers and furnaces that meet certain storage, automation, emissions, and other technical specifications are eligible for a rebate under this program. All technical requirements for eligible systems are detailed in Step 1 of the application form. Click [here](#) for the full application.

3. What is the amount of the rebate?

The rebate amount is 30% of the system cost and installation, up to a maximum of \$6,000, whichever is less.

4. How do I apply for a rebate?

To apply for a rebate, you must first complete the Step 1 application form, which can be found [here](#). A hard copy of the application, signed and notarized, must be submitted to the Commission. It is recommended that you work with a qualified installer in completing your application.

After you receive Step 1 pre-approval from the Commission, you will need to document that your installation is complete, meets the specifications outlined in the Terms and Conditions in Step 1, and is operational. The Step 2 application form, found [here](#), outlines the information required in order for you to claim your rebate.

5. If I receive a rebate from this program, am I eligible to also receive other rebates?

You may be eligible for other rebates that apply to wood pellet heating systems. The New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning provides additional information on federal, state, and local renewable energy resources [here](#). You may also visit www.dsireusa.org and click on the state of New Hampshire for a full list of other available incentive and rebate programs.

There is pending federal legislation known as the HOME STAR Energy Retrofit Act of 2010, which would also provide incentives for wood-fired heating systems. This legislation has passed the House of Representatives and also needs to pass in the Senate. Click [here](#) for more information on this legislation.

6. If I receive a rebate, are there any tax implications?

If you receive a rebate from the Commission, you will receive an IRS Form 1099. The rebate may or may not be treated as taxable income by the IRS. **This does not constitute tax advice, however, and you will need to consult your tax preparer for advice on federal tax treatment.**

7. How long will it take the Commission to process my rebate application?

Depending on the initial amount of applications that the Commission receives, and the completeness of the application, it should take approximately two to four weeks for staff to process your applications.

8. I have installed a central heating system that utilizes wood pellets, but I don't have a bulk-fed system. Will the rebate cover the costs to upgrade my system?

No, the rebate will only cover systems installed after April 14, 2010. Modifications to existing systems are not eligible to receive funding under this program.

9. How can I determine if a wood pellet heating system is right for me?

New Hampshire residents have the benefit of living in a heavily forested state, thus providing a local resource option for the production of wood pellet fuel. Wood pellet fuel is produced locally, and with established forest management, can provide a long-term solution to home heating needs without using fossil fuel-fired systems. There are many factors to consider, however, in making the decision to install a bulk-fuel fed capable wood pellet central heating system. These factors may include, naming only a few, upfront costs, ongoing fuel costs, maintenance requirements, or fuel delivery features. To learn more about wood pellet heating, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory [website](#) and the Department of Energy's Energy Savers [website](#) both provide a good starting place to better inform your energy investment decision.