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ICC-SRCC Solar Product Certification Qualifies Systems for Federal, State Financial Incentives

Federal energy homeowner tax credits, ENERGY STAR listings, solar programs in New York and Minnesota require Solar Rating & Certification Corporation product certification

There is great news for manufacturers that already have solar products certified by the [Solar Rating & Certification Corporation](#) (ICC-SRCC) to qualify for federal tax credits and ENERGY STAR program listings. New and expanded financial incentives in New York and Minnesota also require products to be certified by ICC-SRCC.

“The new programs demonstrate the value of Solar Rating & Certification Corporation certification for states and municipalities seeking to promote the use of solar technology,” said International Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. “Programs requiring ICC-SRCC certification increase the value of our current certification holders’ products. We encourage manufacturers that do not have ICC-SRCC certification to consider it to ensure their products qualify for financial incentives and to expand their markets.”

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) broadened its [Solar Hot Water Program](#). The changes are expected to increase the number of households and businesses that choose to install solar hot water systems. In announcing new funding guidelines for the program NYSERDA specified: To qualify, equipment must be certified by the Solar Rating & Certification Corporation.

The state of Minnesota Department of Commerce offers [solar thermal rebates](#) for the installation of Made in Minnesota solar thermal if components of the system are manufactured in Minnesota and the solar thermal system is certified by the Solar Rating & Certification Corporation.

These latest state incentives join dozens of existing programs that specify equipment certified by ICC-SRCC. At the federal level, the IRS indicates that federal [residential tax credits](#) for solar energy systems require ICC-SRCC product certification: The system must be certified by the Solar Rating & Certification Corporation or a comparable entity endorsed by the government of the state in which the property is installed.

The federal [ENERGY STAR Program](#) Requirements for Residential Water Heaters references and requires the use of solar type units which have received an OG-300 rating from the Solar Rating & Certification Corporation.

Solar hot water systems can provide approximately 50 to 80 percent of a homeowner's hot water. They can also be a good choice for commercial installations, especially for businesses that heat large amounts of water such as hospitals, dialysis centers, farms, hotels, motels, inns, restaurants, laundries and car washes.

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