

US Federal Tax Credits Available for Homeowners Making Energy Efficiency Improvements Available Again in 2009

New Windows, Doors, Skylights, and Metal Roofs Can Qualify!

Homeowners who install energy efficient measures from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009 may once again qualify for a US Federal Tax Credit. This credit covers certain improvements to existing homes, with a **\$500 overall cap** per home (lower caps on some measures) over the two-year period.

“Qualified energy efficiency improvement” (10% credit) includes these measures:

- Exterior door replacement up to \$500
- Exterior window replacement, including skylights up to \$200
- Pigmented metal roof designed to reduce the heat gain up to \$500

Which Doors, Windows and Skylights Qualify for the Tax Credit?

Replacing energy inefficient doors, windows, and skylights with Energy Star labeled exterior windows and doors in an existing home qualifies the homeowner for a tax credit. The EPA uses a climate-zone system to qualify the products. A list of qualified products can be found on the Energy Star website at energystar.gov.

Which Metal Roofs Qualify for the Tax Credit?

The policy, in the case of roofing, defines improvement as a metal roof with appropriate pigmented coatings which meets the Energy Star program requirements. For a list of these products, visit energystar.gov.



Consult a Tax Professional

The steps outlined above should help you improve the efficiency of your home or building and prepare for the new tax incentives. But only a tax attorney or other professional can provide tax advice.

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