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# Energy Smart Program Quick Facts

Save money on your energy bills and lessen your impact on the environment by upgrading your commercial building's energy efficiency with help from NB Power's Energy Smart Program!

## Financial Incentives

The Energy Smart Commercial Buildings Retrofit Program provides financial incentives of up to \$3,000 towards an evaluation to determine the potential for energy efficiency upgrades in a commercial building and a maximum of \$75,000 towards the energy retrofitting project costs.

All existing commercial buildings in New Brunswick are eligible and incentives will vary depending on the type and size of the building, as explained below. Some examples of eligible buildings are: Retail buildings, Hotels, Restaurants, Office buildings, Grocery stores, Institutional buildings (schools, hospitals, universities), Large multi-unit residential buildings (footprint larger than 600 square metres), and Recreational facilities.

Building Categories			
	Class 1 (small)	Class 2 (medium)	Class 3 (large)
Building Size	Up to 15,000 ft <sup>2</sup> or 1,394 m <sup>2</sup>	15,000 to 75,000 ft <sup>2</sup> or 1,394 to 6,968 m <sup>2</sup>	75,000 ft <sup>2</sup> or 6,968 m <sup>2</sup> and larger
Audit Incentive (audit determines potential for energy efficiency upgrades)	50% of energy audit cost up to \$1,000	50% of energy audit cost up to \$2,000	50% of energy audit cost up to \$3,000
	Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP): 50% of energy audit cost up to \$2,000 regardless of building size + 50% of energy audit cost up to \$1,000 for all associated Pumping Stations		
Retrofit Incentive (based on estimated annual energy savings determined by audit)	\$30/GJ saved (up to a maximum of \$75,000)		
	Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP) and associated Pumping Stations: \$30/GJ saved (up to a maximum of \$75,000 regardless of building size)		

Participants are eligible for the adjusted incentive of 30\$/GJ if an energy audit has been completed and meets the requirements outlined in the ENB Energy Smart guidelines and if energy efficient measures outlined in the audit report are completed after April 1st, 2011 (based on invoices sent in to ENB with the request for payment forms). Participants who completed prior to April 1st, 2011 will receive the agreed upon incentive outlined in the original Program Agreement.

Note: A gigajoule (GJ) is a metric term used for measuring energy use. For example, 1 GJ is equivalent to the amount of energy available from either: 277.8 kWh of electricity, or 26.1 m<sup>3</sup> of natural gas, or 25.8 litres of heating oil

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## Program Questions

### 1. My energy audit has been done, what's next?

Now that you have had your facility's energy efficiency assessed by an Energy Management Service Provider (EMSP), sign and submit 2 copies of the Program Agreement as well as the Release of Information. Once you have received the audit report, choose the measures you wish to implement and submit your completed Statement of Work.

### 2. I paid for my energy audit, when do I get my audit incentive payment?

After you have submitted the Program Agreement and the Release of Information and your EMSP has submitted your audit report and proof of your payment, you will receive the rebate for the audit and be on your way to upgrading your building for improved energy efficiency and lower energy bills. You should receive your audit incentive within 60 days.

### 3. When can I go ahead with construction?

Once NB Power has received your Statement of Work, you will receive notification of approval within 45 days. You have 18 months from the date you sign the Program Agreement to complete your projects.

### 4. I am a contractor and I am doing some of the recommended upgrades myself, can I still get an incentive for that?

Yes, you are eligible for incentives. Your invoices for materials purchased are required when you send in the Request for Payment.

### 5. How do I get my final payment for the implementation of energy efficiency measures and how long will it take?

Once work is finished, submit the Request for Payment along with copies of invoices for all eligible costs within 90 days of project completion. After a technical review by NB Power, your incentive will be approved and sent for payment. This process can take up to 90 days.