

# Additional Energy Efficiency Requirements

As per Section R406 of the Washington State Energy Code each dwelling unit in one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses, as defined in Section 101.2 of the International Residential Code shall comply with sufficient options from Table R406.2 so as to achieve the following minimum number of credits:

<p><b>Small Dwelling Unit:</b> ..... <u>1.5 Credits</u>                  Dwelling units less than 1,500 square feet in conditioned floor area with less than 300 square feet of fenestration area. Additions to existing building that are greater than 500 square feet of heated floor area but less than 1500 square feet.</p> <p><b>Medium Dwelling Unit:</b> ..... <u>3.5 Credits</u>                  All dwelling units not included in #1 or #3. Exception: Dwellings unit serving R-2 occupancies require 2.5 credits.</p> <p><b>Large Dwelling Unit:</b> ..... <u>4.5 Credits</u>                  Dwelling units exceeding 5,000 square feet of conditioned floor area.</p> <p><b>Additions less than 500 square feet:</b> ..... <u>0.5 Credits</u></p>
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**ENERGY CREDITS  
TABLE 406.2**

OPTION	CREDIT DESCRIPTION	CREDIT(S)
1a	<p><b>EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1a:</b>                      Prescriptive compliance is based on Table R402.1.1 with the following modifications:                      Fenestration U = 0.28                      Floor R-38                      Slab on grade R-10 perimeter and under entire slab                      Below grade slab R-10 perimeter and under entire slab  <b>or</b>                      Compliance based on Section R402.1.4: Reduce the Total UA by 5%.</p>	0.5
1b	<p><b>EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1b:</b>                      Prescriptive compliance is based on Table R402.1.1 with the following modifications:                      Fenestration U = 0.25                      Wall R-21 plus R-4                      Floor R-38                      Basement wall R-21 int plus R-5 ci                      Slab on grade R-10 perimeter and under entire slab                      Below grade slab R-10 perimeter and under entire slab  <b>or</b>                      Compliance based on Section R402.1.4: Reduce the Total UA by 15%.</p>	1.0
1c	<p><b>EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1c:</b>                      Prescriptive compliance is based on Table R402.1.1 with the following modifications:                      Fenestration U = 0.22                      Ceiling and single-rafter or joist-vaulted R-49 advanced                      Wood frame wall R-21 int plus R-12 ci                      Floor R-38                      Basement wall R-21 int plus R-12 ci                      Slab on grade R-10 perimeter and under entire slab                      Below grade slab R-10 perimeter and under entire slab  <b>or</b>                      Compliance based on Section R402.1.4: Reduce the Total UA by 30%.</p>	2.0
1d	<p><b>EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1d:</b>                      Prescriptive compliance is based on Table 402.1.1 with the following modifications:                      Vertical fenestration U = 0.24</p>	0.5

2a	<p><b>AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2a:</b></p> <p>Compliance based on R402.4.1.2: Reduce the tested air leakage to 3.0 air changes per hour maximum</p> <p><b>and</b></p> <p>All whole house ventilation requirements as determined by Section M1507.3 of the International Residential Code shall be met with a high efficiency fan (maximum 0.35 watts/cfm), not interlocked with the furnace fan. Ventilation systems using a furnace including an ECM motor are allowed, provided that they are controlled to operate at low speed in ventilation only mode.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum tested building air leakage and shall show the ventilation system.</p>	0.5
2b	<p><b>AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2b:</b></p> <p>AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2b: Compliance based on Section R402.4.1.2: Reduce the tested air leakage to 2.0 air changes per hour maximum</p> <p><b>and</b></p> <p>All whole house ventilation requirements as determined by Section M1507.3 of the International Residential Code shall be met with a heat recovery ventilation system with minimum sensible heat recovery efficiency of 0.70.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum tested building air leakage and shall show the heat recovery ventilation system.</p>	1.0
2c	<p><b>AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2c:</b></p> <p>Compliance based on Section R402.4.1.2: Reduce the tested air leakage to 1.5 air changes per hour maximum</p> <p><b>and</b></p> <p>All whole house ventilation requirements as determined by Section M1507.3 of the International Residential Code shall be met with a heat recovery ventilation system with minimum sensible heat recovery efficiency of 0.85.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum tested building air leakage and shall show the heat recovery ventilation system.</p>	1.5
3a <sup>b</sup>	<p><b>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3a:</b></p> <p>Gas, propane or oil-fired furnace with minimum AFUE of 94%, or Gas, propane or oil-fired boiler with minimum AFUE of 92%</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.0
3b <sup>b</sup>	<p><b>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3b:</b></p> <p>Air-source heat pump with minimum HSPF of 9.0</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.0
3c <sup>b</sup>	<p><b>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3c:</b></p> <p>Closed-loop ground source heat pump; with a minimum COP of 3.3</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Open loop water source heat pump with a maximum pumping hydraulic head of 150 feet and minimum COP of 3.6</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.5
3d <sup>b</sup>	<p><b>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3d:</b></p> <p>DUCTLESS SPLIT SYSTEM HEAT PUMPS, ZONAL CONTROL: In homes where the primary space heating system is zonal electric heating, a ductless heat pump system shall be installed and provide heating to at least one zone of the housing unit.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.0

4	<p><b>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:</b></p> <p>All heating and cooling system components installed inside the conditioned space. This includes all equipment and distribution system components such as forced air ducts, hydronic piping, hydronic floor heating loop, convectors and radiators. All combustion equipment shall be direct vent or sealed combustion.</p> <p>For forced air ducts: A maximum of 10 linear feet of return ducts and 5 linear feet of supply ducts may be located outside the conditioned space. All metallic ducts located outside the conditioned space must have both transverse and longitudinal joints sealed with mastic. If flex ducts are used, they cannot contain splices. Flex duct connections must be made with nylon straps and installed using a plastic strapping tensioning tool. Ducts located outside the conditioned space must be insulated to a minimum of R-8. Locating system components in conditioned crawl spaces is not permitted under this option.</p> <p>Electric resistance heat is not permitted under this option.</p> <p>Direct combustion heating equipment with AFUE less than 80% is not permitted under this option.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and shall show the location of the heating and cooling equipment and all the ductwork.</p>	1.0
5a	<p><b>EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5a:</b></p> <p>All showerhead and kitchen sink faucets installed in the house shall be rated at 1.75 GPM or less. All other lavatory faucets shall be rated at 1.0 GPM or less.<sup>c</sup></p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum flow rates for all showerheads, kitchen sink faucets, and other lavatory faucets.</p>	0.5
5b	<p><b>EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5b:</b></p> <p>Water heating system shall include one of the following:  Gas, propane or oil water heater with a minimum EF of 0.74  <b>or</b>  Water heater heated by ground source heat pump meeting the requirements of Option 3c.  <b>or</b>  For R-2 occupancy, a central heat pump water heater with an EF greater than 2.0 that would supply DHW to all the units through a central water loop insulated with R-8 minimum pipe insulation.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the water heater equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.0
5c	<p><b>EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5c:</b></p> <p>Water heating system shall include one of the following:  Gas, propane or oil water heater with a minimum EF of 0.91  <b>or</b>  Solar water heating supplementing a minimum standard water heater. Solar water heating will provide a rated minimum savings of 85 therms or 2000 kWh based on the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC) Annual Performance of OG-300 Certified Solar Water Heating Systems  <b>or</b>  Electric heat pump water heater with a minimum EF of 2.0 and meeting the standards of NEEA's Northern Climate Specifications for Heat Pump Water Heaters.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the water heater equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency and, for solar water heating systems, the calculation of the minimum energy savings.</p>	1.5
5d	<p><b>EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5d:</b></p> <p>A drain water heat recovery unit(s) shall be installed, which captures waste water heat from all showers, and has a minimum efficiency of 40% if installed for equal flow or a minimum efficiency of 52% if installed for unequal flow. Such units shall be rated in accordance with CSA B55.1 and be so labeled.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall include a plumbing diagram that specifies the drain water heat recovery units and the plumbing layout needed to install it and labels or other documentation shall be provided that demonstrates that the unit complies with the standard.</p>	0.5

6	<p><b>RENEWABLE ELECTRIC ENERGY:</b></p> <p>For each 1200 kWh of electrical generation provided annually by on-site wind or solar equipment a 0.5 credit shall be allowed, up to 3 credits. Generation shall be calculated as follows:</p> <p>For solar electric systems, the design shall be demonstrated to meet this requirement using the National Renewable Energy Laboratory calculator PVWATTS. Documentation noting solar access shall be included on the plans.</p> <p>For wind generation projects designs shall document annual power generation based on the following factors:</p> <p>The wind turbine power curve; average annual wind speed at the site; frequency distribution of the wind speed at the site and height of the tower.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall show the photovoltaic or wind turbine equipment type, provide documentation of solar and wind access, and include a calculation of the minimum annual energy power production.</p>	0.5
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- a. Projects using this option may not use Option 1a, 1b or 1c.
- b. Projects may only include credit from one space heating option, 3a, 3b,3c or 3d. When a housing unit has two pieces of equipment (i.e., two furnaces) both must meet the standard to receive the credit.
- c. **Plumbing Fixtures Flow Ratings.** Low flow plumbing fixtures (water closets and urinals) and fittings (faucets and showerheads) shall comply with the following requirements:
  - 1. Residential bathroom lavatory sink faucets: Maximum flow rate - 3.8 L/min (1.0 gal/min) when tested in accordance with ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1.
  - 2. Residential kitchen faucets: Maximum flow rate - 6.6 L/min (1.75 gal/min) when tested in accordance with ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1.
  - 3. Residential showerheads: Maximum flow rate - 6.6 L/min (1.75 gal/min) when tested in accordance with ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1.