## RESIDENTIAL **SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE PROGRAM**



## A different kind of solar power

The flexibility of solar hot water (SHW) systems—they typically require less space than solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and offer choices in mounting options—was definitely part of the appeal for Quinton, a Cambridge resident. According to John Moore from New England Solar Hot Water, "Quinton had already covered his west-facing roof in PV. His east-facing roof is shaded and not ideal for a solar installation, so we presented him with the idea of an awning-mount installation on his south-facing wall." Quinton loves his SHW system; he says the water is very hot and his natural gas bill is extremely low in the summer.



### PROJECT ELIGIBILITY\*

In order to be eligible for a MassCEC rebate, projects must:

- 1. Be located in the Massachusetts electric service territory of Eversource, National Grid, Unitil, Ashburnham MELP, Holden MLD, Holyoke Gas & Electric, Russell MLD or Templeton MLWP.
- 2. Serve a year-round domestic hot water load.
- 3. Have a home energy audit at the project site within the last four (4) years or plan to have one within the next 6 months. To schedule a free home energy audit, go to masssave.com or call 1-866-527-7283.
- 4. Not begin installation prior to receiving the Award Letter from MassCEC.
- 5. Use SHW collectors that are certified to the Solar Training and Certificate Corporation's OG-100 or OG-300 standard.
- 6. Abide by all of the technical specifications, building code, and design guidelines outlined in the program Manual http://bit.ly/SolarManual







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#### REBATE AMOUNTS

Туре	Standard Rebate	80%-120% of SMI Income- Based Rebate	<80% of SMI Income-Based Rebate
Base Rebate Formula	SRCC OG-100 rating x # of collections x \$50	SRCC OG- 100 rating x # of collectors x \$75	SRCC OG-100 rating x # of collectors x \$100
PV Co-Location Adders	If applicable: + Solar PV Co-Location Adder (\$500)		
Maximum Rebate before Metering	30% of Eligible Project Costs, limited to \$3,000	35% of Eligible Project Costs, limited to \$3,500	40% of Eligible Project Costs, limited to \$4,000
Metering Adder	100% of metering equipment costs, limited to \$500		
Maximum Total Rebate	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,500

To receive an Income-Based Rebate Adder, the homeowner must complete one of the accepted income verification methods. See http://bit.ly/SolarManual (section 2.5) for more information

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

- 1. Understand the program requirements,\* determine eligibility for the Income-Based Rebate Adder and, if applicable, apply for income verification.
- 2. Installer submits an Application and supporting materials\*\* through the online application portal on behalf of the system owner.
- 3. Wait for the Award Letter, then begin system installation.

Income-Based Rebate Adder Thresholds by Household Size		
Household Size	80% of State Median Income	120% of State Median Income
1	\$45,840	\$68,760
2	\$59,944	\$89,916
3	\$74,049	\$111,074
4	\$88,153	\$132,230

4.	Installer submits project completion materials to solarhotwater@masscec.com within nine months of the
	award letter to release the rebate payment to the designated payee. The rebate payment may be paid
	directly to the installer or system owner.

Application materials: http://www.masscec.com/solar-hot-water-installer-resources

For more information: http://bit.ly/ResSHW





<sup>\*</sup>Full program requirements should be reviewed in the Program Manual (http://bit.ly/SolarManual)

<sup>\*\*</sup>A complete residential application includes: a completed and submitted online application form, a signed Participant's Agreement (http://bit.ly/SolarAgreement) schematic design, a copy of a recent month's electric bill showing the "service for" address and the residential rate code, documentation of rebate adders (if applicable).