



Eligibility for Recognition of Residential Windows

Scope

Included products. Windows for residential buildings are eligible for Most Efficient recognition.

Excluded products. The following products are not eligible for Most Efficient recognition in 2015:

- Windows for commercial buildings
- Doors
- Skylights
- Tubular Daylighting Devices

Recognition Criteria

- 1) Product must be ENERGY STAR qualified consistent with applicable ENERGY STAR Partner Commitments and the requirements set forth in the latest version of the ENERGY STAR Program Requirements Eligibility Criteria for Windows. Product performance (U-factor and SHGC) must be certified by an EPA-recognized certification body.
- 2) Products must be independently certified to meet the *North American Fenestration Standard/Specification* (NAFS) with a Performance Grade ≥ 15 . Acceptable certification bodies shall be accredited to operate in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 65, by an accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Accreditation Forum *Multilateral Recognition Agreement* that operates in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011. NAFS certification does not require an EPA-recognized certification body.
- 3) Products must meet the applicable requirements shown in the table below:

Climate Zone	U-factor	SHGC
Northern	≤ 0.20	≥ 0.20
North-Central	≤ 0.20	≤ 0.40
South-Central	≤ 0.20	≤ 0.25
South	≤ 0.20	≤ 0.25

Note: SHGC = Solar Heat Gain Coefficient

The definition of “residential building” is found in the ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Windows, Doors, and Skylights.

Recognition Period

Upon review and approval of product applications received from partners, EPA will add qualifying models to the 2015 Most Efficient product list for windows from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The 2015 Most Efficient designation may be used in association with window products recognized during this period for as long as the model remains on the market.