

**Version Tracking Document for
ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes, Program Requirements for the State of Florida, Revision 01
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In the time since the Version 2.5 ENERGY STAR New Homes guidelines for the state of Florida were released, EPA has modified, clarified and refined various aspects of the program documents, primarily to align with the final Version 3 guidelines for Florida. This document is a summary of these edits. EPA has also posted the revised program documents, labeled (Rev. 01) on its Web site at www.energystar.gov/newhomesguidelines

All revisions are categorized as a Change, Clarification, or Refinement. These are defined as follows:

Change – The addition, deletion, or modification of a program requirement. A change will typically result from a partner question or feedback indicating that EPA's original intent is not being met or due to changes in relevant standards (e.g., ENERGY STAR labeled product requirements, NAECA standards, IECC codes). A change is the most significant type of edit for partners because it is likely to change the way that partners comply with the program.

Clarification – The clarification of a program requirement, typically resulting from a partner question indicating confusion or ambiguity. Clarifications are not intended to significantly change the scope of the program guidelines, but rather to clarify the original intent of the requirement. A clarification is secondary in importance to a change; it should not significantly alter the way that most partners comply with the program.

Refinement – A minor revision, such as an improved choice of words, a grammatical correction, or a correction to a typographical error. A refinement is the least important type of edit; it should have no impact on the way that partners comply with the program.

Florida ENERGY STAR Version 2.5 Guidelines

1. Refinement – Criteria to earn the label under v2.5

To clarify that the Inspection Checklists from Version 3 of the National Program are required to be completed to earn the ENERGY STAR under v2.5 of the Program Requirements for the State of Florida, the phrase, "from Version 3 of the National Program" has been added to the 2nd and 3rd bullet of this section.

2. Change – Implementation Schedule for Florida

EPA has made several changes to the implementation schedule for Florida:

- It has tied the implementation schedule for Version 2.5 of the guidelines for Florida to the permit date of a home rather than to both the permit and completion date. This approach will provide partners with greater confidence and predictability, removing a key source of uncertainty from their planning processes.
- It has provided guidance to Providers who are unable to determine either the permit or contract date of the home.
- It has updated the language related to Version 3 of the program guidelines for Florida now that Version 3 has been finalized.

To reflect these changes, the implementation schedule and associated footnotes for Florida have been revised to read as follows:

- 1) "All homes with a permit date ¹ before April 1, 2011 can continue to be qualified under the current Interim Florida guidelines.²
- 2) "All homes with a permit date between April 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 must be qualified using the Florida v2.5 guidelines.

"Because Florida's energy code is anticipated to become more stringent beginning January 2012, EPA has developed more stringent Florida-specific guidelines for homes permitted after this date. These guidelines are available on the [Florida ENERGY STAR Version 3](#) Website and will apply to homes in Florida with a permit date ¹ on or after January 1, 2012."

Footnotes 1 and 2 have been revised to read as follows:

⁴¹ The rater may define the 'permit date' as either the date the permit was issued or the date of the contract on the home. In cases where permit or contract dates are not available, Providers have discretion to estimate permit dates based on other construction schedule factors. These assumptions should be both defensible and documented.

⁴² All low-income projects financed through low-income housing agencies may earn the ENERGY STAR under the current Interim Florida guidelines until January 1, 2013 as long as the application for funding for those homes was received by the low-income housing agency before April 1, 2011 and the housing project includes at least one unit reserved for low-income tenants. If the application for funding is received between April 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011, then the homes must earn the ENERGY STAR under the Florida 2.5 guidelines.”

Florida ENERGY STAR Version 3 Guidelines

3. Change – Document Creation

This document has been created to define the requirements of Version 3 of the program requirements for Florida. While this is the first iteration of this document, it has been labeled as “Revision 01” so that the revision values can be kept consistent across all program documents for Florida.

ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes, Version 3.1 Program Requirements for the State of Florida

4. Change – Document Creation

This document has been created to define the requirements of Version 3.1 of the program requirements for Florida. While this is the first iteration of this document, it has been labeled as “Revision 01” so that the revision values can be kept consistent across all program documents for Florida.

ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes, Version 3.1 HERS Index Target Procedure for the State of Florida

5. Change – Document Creation

This document has been created to define the HERS Index Target Procedure for Version 3.1 of the program requirements for Florida. While this is the first iteration of this document, it has been labeled as “Revision 01” so that the revision values can be kept consistent across all program documents for Florida.