

**Version Tracking Document for
ENERGY STAR Certified Homes, Version 3.1 (Rev. 01)
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In the time since the Version 3.1 ENERGY STAR Certified Homes program requirements were released, EPA has modified, clarified, and refined various aspects of the program documents, primarily in response to partner questions and comments. This document is a summary of these edits, organized by the program document containing the change. EPA has also posted the revised program documents, labeled Version 3.1 (Rev. 01), on its Web site at www.energystar.gov/newhomesv3.1.

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, ICC 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.

National Program Requirements

1. Change – Certifying Homes Section: States with regional program requirements

Because homes in Massachusetts will be using the Version 3.1 National Program Requirements in lieu of the previously developed Version 3.1 Program Requirements for Massachusetts, this State has been removed from the list for which regional program requirements have been developed.

2. Change – Exhibit 4: Addition of MA and IA

Because the States of Iowa and Massachusetts have adopted and defined an enforcement date for the 2012 IECC, an implementation timeline has been defined for Version 3.1 of the National Program Requirements, as follows:

State	Applicable to Homes with the Following Permit Date
MA	On or after 01/01/2015
IL, MD, RI	On or after 04/01/2015
IA	On or after 06/01/2015

3. Change – Footnote 14: Simplification of selection of revision to use

In an effort to minimize confusion over which revision of the program requirements to use, the first sentence of this Footnote has been revised as follows:

“To ensure that the most current program requirements are in use, this Revision shall be used for homes permitted starting 60 days after the ‘Revised’ date.”