

**Version Tracking Document for
ENERGY STAR Certified Homes, Version 3.1 (Rev. 08)
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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. 08), 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** – *Exhibit 4: Addition of MT, NJ, OR, and WA*

Because New Jersey has adopted and defined an enforcement date for the 2015 IECC, an implementation timeline has been defined for Version 3.1 of the National Program Requirements.

In addition, the Northwest regional program is being transitioned to the national program requirements. In MT, OR, and WA, the state code is sufficiently rigorous to require the implementation of v3.1 of the national program requirements.

As a result of these changes, Exhibit 4 has been updated with the new implementation timelines, as follows:

State	Applicable to Homes with the Following Permit Date
MA	On or after 01/01/2015
DC, IL, MD, RI	On or after 04/01/2015 (except for Calvert County and St. Mary’s County in MD, for which the applicable permit date is on or after 07/01/2015)
IA	On or after 06/01/2015
DE	On or after 12/01/2015
MT, OR, WA	On or after 01/01/2016
MN, VT	On or after 04/01/2016
NV	On or after 07/01/2016
NJ	On or after 04/01/2017
TX	On or after 10/01/2017