



Michigan Home Energy Rebates Program FAQ

General Information

What is the Michigan Home Energy Rebates program?

The Michigan Home Energy Rebates (MiHER) program is a state initiative designed to help Michigan residents improve the energy efficiency of their homes. By providing financial incentives and rebates for qualifying upgrades, the program aims to reduce energy consumption, lower utility bills, and support environmental sustainability. To review and understand the details of the MiHER program, please visit the [State of Michigan](#) page.

I need a home energy upgrade now. What should I do?

The MiHER program is not an emergency service. If you are experiencing an emergency situation in your home, please call 211 or your local utility for assistance.

Households should not use the MiHER program to complete emergency energy efficiency upgrades. The MiHER program does not offer immediate rebate payments and is designed to cover more comprehensive and often time-intensive upgrades such as HVAC, insulation, and electrical wiring improvements.

Households looking for home energy upgrade assistance in the near term should contact 211. Your household may be eligible for other federal programs, including the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and other local utility programs.

Can I get a rebate retroactively?

For Michigan's Home Energy Rebates Program HOMES retroactive rebates may be allowed, but only under certain circumstances. To receive a retroactive rebate, a project must meet requirements outlined by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in DOE's [Retroactivity Fact Sheet](#). A participant must also work with a Program-Approved Contractor to conduct a project. A contractor can become an enrolled program contractor after installation is complete to satisfy this requirement, but all other program requirements must also be satisfied for the project to be eligible for HOMES retroactive rebates.

Who is eligible for rebates?

Eligibility is generally open to Michigan homeowners, including both single-family and multifamily residences. Specific requirements may vary based on the type of rebate and income levels. Renters may also qualify for certain rebates with landlord participation.

Which upgrades qualify for rebates?

Common qualifying upgrades include insulation improvements, energy-efficient windows and doors, heating and cooling system upgrades (such as high-efficiency furnaces, air conditioners, or heat pumps), water heater replacements, and installation of some ENERGY STAR® appliances.

[MiHER-Approved Measures](#)

How much funding can I receive from the MiHER program?

Rebate levels will vary by household depending on income level and necessary upgrades as determined by a home assessment. Rebates for the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR) program may not exceed \$14,000 per household. Rebates for the HOMES program may not exceed \$20,000 per household.

To explore all potential funding options for your household, please review the [Michigan Home Energy Incentives Calculator](#). This Michigan-specific resource can help you determine the best available sources for energy efficiency funding.

Can I combine rebates with other state or federal incentives?

In many cases, rebates from the MiHER program can be combined with other incentives, such as federal tax credits for energy efficiency or renewable energy improvements. Always review eligibility requirements and consult program guidelines.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Deadlines may vary based on program funding cycles and availability. It is recommended to apply as soon as possible to ensure eligibility. Visit the program's website for up-to-date information on application periods.

Who is CLEARResult?

The State of Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) partners with CLEARResult to administer residential rebates through its portal. CLEARResult is recognized as the leading provider of energy efficiency solutions in North America.

Ready to Make Your Home Energy Efficient?

Where do I start?

By pre-qualifying for the program, you will learn what rebates you may be eligible for. If you qualify for income-based rebates, you will be asked to provide additional information to verify your household details.

By reviewing the [IRA Income Qualification Checklist](#), you can have your documents ready when applying.

Can I email or mail in an income verification application instead of using the online pre-qualification tool?

We encourage online applications for quicker processing and results but have a print-ready option too. Feel free to download [this application](#) and email a scanned version with supporting documentation to MIEnergyRebates@CLEARResult.com. Alternatively, you can print and mail the application with copies of the supporting documentation to:

MI Home Energy Rebates Program
16350 Felton Rd.
Lansing, MI 48906

How long is my income qualification good for?

Your income qualification is good for one year from the date we sent you your approval.

How is income verified if the home is shared with extended family? Example: single parent and grandparent (both working) or a family of four and an uncle living with them?

All incomes from all permanent members of the household who file federal taxes must be included. Those who live in the home more than half of the year are considered permanent members.

Do I need to choose a MiHER Registered Contractor to be approved?

Residents can apply for income verification to participate in the program before or after choosing a MiHER Registered Contractor. If you know the MiHER Registered Contractor you'd like to work with, you can let us know who they are during income verification. That way, they'll get updates quicker, and you can start your project faster.

Next Steps

I received my income approval notice — now what?

Congratulations on your approval! Now it's time to find your MiHER Registered Contractor. From getting an energy assessment to receiving your rebate, your Registered Contractor will help guide you through the program every step of the way. Registered Contractors are trusted program partners and can help you decide which program and upgrades are right for your home. Many will also be able to help you safely switch from dual fuel to electric appliances.

Do I need to work with a specific contractor?

Eligible rebate work must be performed by an approved MiHER Registered Contractor. Approved Contractors and their contact information can be found in the [Find a Contractor](#) tool. Simply enter your ZIP code to find Registered Contractors in your area.

What are the steps after the energy audit is completed? How involved is the customer in this process? How much are they updated?

You should be very involved in the process. Ask your MiHER Registered Contractor Energy Assessor if they will be the Primary Contractor on your project. If not, they should help you find a Registered Contractor to work with. This Primary Contractor will be your main point of contact to complete the recommended improvements. If the Primary Contractor cannot complete an improvement, they will find a MiHER Registered Contractor who can.

I received an energy assessment, including a report based on an energy model.

How long is this good for?

An assessment completed as part of the MiHER program is good for up to six months, as long as none of the characteristics of the home have changed. If something did change, the customer could ask their assessor to update their report and energy model before work is started.

I was approved for the program and had an assessment completed. Why is my project delayed?

Due to high program demand, some projects may experience longer-than-usual timelines. Additional factors, such as the state's review and approval process, contractor or resident scheduling conflicts, and weather conditions, can also contribute to delays. For the most current information about your specific project, we recommend contacting your Registered Contractor directly. If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to us using the email or phone number listed below.

Project-Specific Questions

Is an energy assessment required for this program?

Yes. In order to get the most out of participating in the MiHER program, a comprehensive assessment is required.

I am interested in completing remodeling work on my home. Can I complete this work before my MiHER work starts?

The structure of your property must remain consistent throughout your participation in the MiHER program. Any alterations beyond the scope of the approved MiHER work may affect your eligibility or the outcomes of the program.

Are mobile homes considered single-family homes? Can they receive the rebates?

Mobile homes, also called manufactured homes, are considered single-family homes and are eligible for rebates.

Are duplexes considered single-family or multifamily homes? What about townhomes?

Each unit is considered its own single-family project. Energy savings will need to be modeled for each unit. Rebate levels will be based on the income of occupants of the unit they live in. For example, one side may be a moderate-income household, while the other side is a low-income household. Similarly, townhomes are treated as individual single-family projects.

Can I come back in future years and continue to do HOMES projects and get rebates? For example, if I insulate my attic through HOMES this year, can I insulate my walls next year for more incentives?

Only one HOMES rebate is available per address for the life of the program. While homeowners are encouraged to continue making energy efficiency improvements over time, rebates through the HOMES program may only be received once per address.

The MiHER Registered Contractor gave me a list of upgrades on the energy assessment report. Do I need to do all of them to qualify for a rebate?

Yes. If your minimum 20% estimated energy savings in the model was obtained by all upgrades listed in your assessment, you will need to complete them all.

Do I need to wait for HEAR to replace my kitchen or laundry appliances, or can they be included in HOMES projects?

Some appliances are allowed to be upgraded in your HOMES project. These include ENERGY STAR® refrigerators, ENERGY STAR freezers, ENERGY STAR dishwashers, ENERGY STAR electric cooking products, ENERGY STAR clothes washers, ENERGY STAR dryers, and ENERGY STAR pool pumps.

We encourage you to work with your assessor to understand how the savings from installing appliances eligible under the HEAR program impact your HOMES savings. If removing a HEAR-eligible appliance from your HOMES model doesn't result in your predicted savings dropping below 20% or 35%, it may be more beneficial to have that appliance as a HEAR project.

I see heat pumps and insulation projects are eligible for both the HOMES and HEAR programs. Which program is the best for me?

Every home is different, and rebates vary based on household income. There is no simple one-size-fits-all program. We encourage you to review the requirements for each program and speak with your MiHER Registered Contractor to determine which program is best for you.

If your HOMES project is unlikely to obtain at least 20% energy savings, it may be advantageous to pursue some improvements through the HEAR program.

Contact Us

Need further assistance? We're here to help.

Representatives are available Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET

If you are a customer, please send an inquiry to MIEnergyRebates@CLEAResult.com or contact us at [855.510.7080](tel:855.510.7080).

All requests will be handled within two business days.

If you are a Registered Contractor or are interested in becoming a Registered Contractor, please visit [MiHER Contractor Resources](#) for more information. You can send us an inquiry using our [Contact Us](#) form or email our Contractor Network team directly at MiHERContractor@WMEnergy.com.

Please note: Program details, eligibility, and rebate amounts may change. Always refer to the latest official program information for updates.