

Frequently Asked Questions

Qalipu First Nation - Home Energy Efficiency Initiative

Q: What is the “Home Energy Efficiency Initiative”?

A: The Home Energy Efficiency Initiative provides financial assistance to Qalipu First Nation (QFN) members who own their homes to help purchase and install heat pumps. The goal is to reduce home heating costs and overall greenhouse gas emissions.

The focus is to support members in reducing their reliance on oil and wood as their main heating sources.

Q: Where can I get an application?

A: Applications can be found on the QFN website (link here: [QALIPU-FIRST-NATION-HOME-ENERGY-EFFICIENCY-INITIATIVE.pdf](#)) or can be picked up at any QFN office.

The application window will be open from June 24th – July 31st, 2025.

Q: What are the eligibility criteria?

- Applicant must be a registered member of Qalipu First Nation
- Applicant or co-applicant must be a current resident of Newfoundland and Labrador and reside in the home requesting assistance.
- Applicant must use either wood or oil as a heating source in their home.
- Applicant MUST not have been supported under NRCan, Greener Homes Grant, or TakeChargeNL to support the installation of an existing heat pump.
- Combined household income must not exceed:

Number of Persons in the household	Combined Income Eligibility
1 person	\$51,000 or less
2 persons	\$88,674 or less
3 persons	\$120,966 or less
4 persons	\$148,474 or less
5+ persons	\$154,454 or less



Q: How will approvals be decided?

A: Once the application submission window has closed on July 31, 2025, all applications will be reviewed based on eligibility and available funding. Due to limited funding, only successful applicants will be notified no later than Aug 29, 2025.

Q: What documents do I need to submit with my application?

To complete your application, please include the following:

1. Proof of Homeownership

Please submit one of the following:

- Current property tax invoice/receipt
- Municipal assessment
- Signed affidavit

2. Proof of Combined Household Annual Income

- Most recent Notice of Assessment(s) from the Canada Revenue Agency; at least 2023 or 2024

3. Proof of Energy Consumption (for a minimum of 3 months)

Please provide all that apply:

- NL Power invoice
- Estimated cost/quote of wood
- Invoice from the oil company

4. Photographs of existing heating source(s)

5. Optional Supporting Documents

- Any additional documents that may support your application such as:
 - i. Letter from doctor stating that you are unable to cut wood, and therefore need to get away from wood heat as much as possible

Please note: QFN may request additional information to support the application.

Reminder: incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed or processed

Q: How much funding can I receive?

A: As program funding is limited, amounts vary and there is no predetermined maximum per applicant. However, the program may cover the following eligible expenses:

- Heat pump unit and installation
- Electrical service upgrade (If deemed necessary by the contractor)
- Additional costs if required, such as removal of existing heating system (if applicable)

Q: Do I have to remove my existing heat source (wood/oil furnace)?

A: No. You are not required to remove the existing heating source.

Q: If approved when and how will I be notified?

A: Successful applicants will be notified no later than August 29, 2025, by telephone or email.

Q: How long do I have to wait to have the heat pump installed?

A: Once approved members accept the offers, contractors will begin the process of assessing homes to determine the best installation approach. Installation wait times will depend on contractor availability, but every effort will be made to complete installations as quickly as possible.

Q: How much can I expect to save on my home heating costs annually?

A: Savings can vary from one home to another. According to Natural Resources Canada, savings can be as much as 40% depending on the home and heating source. Some of the factors that can influence savings include:

- Heat loss around windows, doors, and eaves
- Type and age of the home
- Type of insulation
- Layout and design of the home
- Frequent adjusting of temperature

Q. I don't have wood or oil heat, am I eligible?



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A: To be eligible for this program, you must have one of the following heat sources:

- Wood stove/furnace
- Oil Furnace
- Pellet Stove
- Propane Heating

Note: There is no requirement with respect to how much these heating sources are used, just that they are one of your sources for heat.

Q: What type of heat pump can be purchased?

A: Common units found in Newfoundland and Labrador are ductless mini split units. Central heat pump units can be installed using the ductwork from a previous wood or oil furnace. These units are much more expensive, and members requesting these units should expect to have to pay for a portion of the unit and installation.

Q: I already have a heat pump or recently had one installed, am I eligible to be reimbursed?

A: Currently, reimbursements are not eligible under this program.

Q: I previously received support from another federal or provincial program; am I still eligible?

A: You are not eligible if you've received support from **NRCan, Greener Homes Grant, or TakeChargeNL** to support the installation of an existing heat pump.

Q: I need help with filling out an application. Who do I contact?

A: Contact a member of the QFN Housing division by email or phone:

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