

## ✔ Who Qualifies

Eligibility is based primarily on **income**:

- Households at or below **200% of the federal poverty level** OR those receiving **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** qualify under DOE rules.
  - States may also use **LIHEAP criteria** (60% of state median income).
  - **Priority groups:**
    - Elderly individuals.
    - People with disabilities.
    - Families with children.
    - High energy users or households with high energy burden.
  - **Homeowners and renters** are eligible (renters need landlord permission).  
[\[energy.gov\]](https://www.energy.gov)
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## ✔ What Can Be Done to the Home

Allowed improvements focus on **energy efficiency and safety**, such as:

- **Insulation** (attic, walls, floors).
  - **Air sealing** (caulking, weather-stripping).
  - **Heating system repair or replacement.**
  - **Energy-efficient windows and doors** (when cost-effective).
  - **Health and safety measures:**
    - Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
    - Combustion safety checks.
    - Mold/moisture mitigation.
  - **Incidental repairs** necessary to protect installed weatherization materials.  
[\[wsdca.org\]](https://www.wsdca.org), [\[boardsandcouncils.sd.gov\]](https://boardsandcouncils.sd.gov)
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## ✘ What Cannot Be Done

- Cosmetic upgrades (painting, new flooring, remodeling).
- Major structural repairs unrelated to energy efficiency.
- Work on non-residential buildings.
- Weatherization cannot be repeated on the same home for **15 years** after initial service. [[boardsandcouncils.sd.gov](https://boardsandcouncils.sd.gov)]

## ✔ Eligibility Checklist

### 1. Income Verification

- Household income at or below **200% of the Federal Poverty Level** OR meets state LIHEAP criteria.
- Receiving **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** automatically qualifies.

### 2. Residency

- Must live in the state where applying.
- Home must be a **primary residence** (owner or renter).

### 3. Priority Groups

- Elderly (60+ years).
- Individuals with disabilities.
- Families with children.
- High energy burden or high energy usage.

### 4. Property Type

- Single-family homes, mobile homes, or apartments.
  - Rental units require **landlord consent**.
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## ✔ Required Documents

- **Proof of Income** (for all household members):
    - Recent pay stubs (last 30 days).
    - Social Security award letters.
    - Unemployment benefits statement.
    - Tax return (most recent year).
  - **Proof of Identity:**
    - Driver's license or state ID.
  - **Proof of Residency:**
    - Utility bill with current address.
    - Lease agreement or mortgage statement.
  - **Social Security Numbers** for all household members.
  - **Landlord Permission Form** (if renting).
  - **Energy Bills** (last 12 months if available).
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## ✔ Optional/Additional

- Medical documentation (if claiming disability priority).
- Documentation of high energy burden (e.g., bills showing high usage).