

DOE Weatherization Assistance Program

✔ 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]

✔ 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).