

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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Below is an excerpt from the H.R. 1 "Stimulus Bill" to reveal the specific Part III Section 1121 (d) (4) *Qualifications for Exterior Windows and Doors*. Highlights were added to the original text. *Courtesy of: NT Window, Inc. Compared to other vinyl window manufacturers NT Window is the only manufacturer that can meet the U-value and SHGC requirement as part of their standard Low E/Argon package. Once again we are setting the standard for the industry. For more information please contact your NT Window representative at 1-800-969-8830 or info@ntwindow.com.*

PART III--ENERGY CONSERVATION INCENTIVES

SEC. 1121. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF CREDIT FOR NONBUSINESS ENERGY PROPERTY.

- (a) *In General-* Section 25C is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following new subsections:
- ‘(a) *Allowance of Credit-* In the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to **30 percent** of the sum of--
- ‘(1) the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer during such taxable year for qualified energy efficiency improvements, and
- ‘(2) the amount of the residential energy property expenditures paid or incurred by the taxpayer during such taxable year.
- ‘(b) *Limitation-* The **aggregate amount** of the credits allowed under this section for taxable years **beginning in 2009 and 2010** with respect to any taxpayer shall not exceed **\$1,500**.’
- (b) *Modifications of Standards for Energy-Efficient Building Property-*
- (1) *ELECTRIC HEAT PUMPS-* Subparagraph (B) of section 25C(d)(3) is amended to read as follows:
- ‘(B) an electric heat pump which achieves the highest efficiency tier established by the Consortium for Energy Efficiency, as in effect on January 1, 2009.’
- (2) *CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONERS-* Subparagraph (C) of section 25C(d)(3) is amended by striking ‘2006’ and inserting ‘2009’.
- (3) *WATER HEATERS-* Subparagraph (D) of section 25C(d)(3) is amended to read as follows:
- ‘(E) a natural gas, propane, or oil water heater which has either an energy factor of at least 0.82 or a thermal efficiency of at least 90 percent.’
- (4) *WOOD STOVES-* Subparagraph (E) of section 25C(d)(3) is amended by inserting ‘, as measured using a lower heating value’ after ‘75 percent’.
- (c) *Modifications of Standards for Oil Furnaces and Hot Water Boilers-*
[DELETED (C) (1), (2)]
- (d) *Modifications of Standards for Qualified Energy Efficiency Improvements-*
- (1) *QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXTERIOR WINDOWS, DOORS, AND SKYLIGHTS-* Subsection (c) of section 25C is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
- ‘(4) *QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXTERIOR* **WINDOWS, DOORS, AND SKYLIGHTS-** Such term shall not include any component described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (2) unless such component is equal to or below a **U factor of 0.30** and **SHGC of 0.30**.’
- (2) *ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR INSULATION-* Subparagraph (A) of section 25C(c)(2) is amended by inserting ‘and meets the prescriptive criteria for such material or system established by the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, as such Code (including supplements) is in effect on the date of the enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009’ after ‘such dwelling unit’.
- (e) *Extension-* Section 25C(g)(2) is amended by striking ‘December 31, 2009’ and inserting ‘December 31, 2010’.
- (f) *Effective Dates-*
- (1) *IN GENERAL-* Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning **after December 31, 2008**.
- (2) *EFFICIENCY STANDARDS-* The amendments made by paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (b) and subsections (c) and (d) shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2009.

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