

The Efficiency Nova Scotia's *Fuel Substitution Pilot Program* offers incentives to homeowners who purchase advanced solid-fuel burning appliances to replace an existing electric-heating system. Appliances purchased must meet certain requirements. Those requirements can be summarized as follows:

APPLIANCE TYPE	REQUIREMENT
Freestanding wood stove	Emissions \leq 4.5 g/h as per EPA or CSAB415.1-10
Wood fireplace insert	Emissions \leq 4.5 g/h as per EPA or CSAB415.1-10
Zero-clearance wood fireplace	Emissions \leq 4.5 g/h as per EPA or CSAB415.1-10
Freestanding pellet stove	Emissions \leq 4.5 g/h as per EPA or CSAB415.1-10
Wood furnace	Emissions \leq 4.5 g/h as per EPA or \leq 0.40 g/MJ as per CSAB415.1-10
Pellet furnace	Emissions \leq 4.5 g/h as per EPA or \leq 0.40 g/MJ as per CSAB415.1-10

Rebates offered under the program can be summarized as follows for each appliance type:

APPLIANCE TYPE	REBATE
Freestanding wood stoves	\$900, or up to 20% of the costs, including HST, whichever is lower.
Wood fireplace inserts	\$900, or up to 20% of the costs, including HST, whichever is lower.
Zero-clearance wood fireplaces	\$900, or up to 20% of the costs, including HST, whichever is lower.
Freestanding pellet stoves	\$900, or up to 20% of the costs, including HST, whichever is lower.
Wood furnaces	\$2,500, or up to 50% of the costs, including HST, whichever is lower.
Pellet furnaces	\$4,500, or up to 50% of the costs, including HST, whichever is lower.

Qualifying models:

The following Valcourt models qualify for the Fuel Substitution Pilot Program:

FP8 Saguenay Wood Fireplace
 FP9 Versailles Wood Fireplace
 FP10 Lafayette Wood Fireplace

Program deadline:

Although the program is intended to be permanent, it is suggested that you register sooner than later in order to start saving money. You need a pre-approval before you buy and install your new appliance. Other conditions apply, such as the need to have the installation performed or inspected by a WETT certified professional.

For more information about the program and to download the necessary applications forms, visit Efficiency Nova Scotia's web site at:

http://www.energycns.ca/for_homes/energy_savings_programs/fuel_substitution_pilot_program/

For your records, a certificate of qualification can be sent to you upon request.