Comfort Home NYHEP Enrollment Training

Comfort Home Participating Contractors

Comfort Home Program
April 2025



Questions

- 1. Click the Q&A icon to ask questions.
- 2. We will pause to review questions at the end of the presentation.



Comfort Home NYHEP Enrollment Requirements

Today's Webinar Agenda

- 1. NYHEP Basics: How to Log in, Saving
- 2. NYHEP Comfort Home Process Overview
- 3. Creating a Customer Record
- 4. Creating an Enrollment
- 5. Assessment Started step: Data Entry
- **6.** Assessment Started step: Documents
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- 8. Assessment Started step: Creating the Assessment Report
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NYHEP Basics

NYHEP=NY Home Energy Portal

- Web-based Energy Modeling and Workflow management system used for EmPower+, Residential Energy Assessment (REA), and now, Comfort Home Programs.
- NYHEP users require username and password to access system
- ❖ A company can have multiple NYHEP user accounts set up.
- To add or remove users, send an email to ComfortHome@nyserda.ny.gov

NYHEP Basics: How to Log in

How to access NYHEP for the first time

NYHEP Website:

https://homeportal.nyserda.ny.gov

- If already participating in EmPower+ and/or REA, your current NYHEP credentials will allow access to the Comfort Home workflow also.
- ❖ If you are a new NYHEP User, you will be emailed a link with a temporary password and username. Within the email, follow the link to create a unique password. You will then use the new password and your username to log in to the NYHEP system.



NYHEP Basics: Required Fields and Saving

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Attempting to Process (Submit) a workflow step without all required fields filled in will result in a system generated message with details regarding the missing information.

Clicking the Save button often while in each Workflow tab is recommended to ensure that you avoid losing any entered data or information.

Assessment Started - Applicant Information - New

Process Save Close Expand All Collapse All Ale Enrollment Profile

NYHEP - Enrollment Workflow

♦ When saving, the reload page browser button will display an X and a rotating circular icon at the top-left of the browser will be present.

NYHEP Basics: Saving



❖ DO NOT click anywhere else on the screen while Saving is taking place. Doing so before a Save is complete will result in a pop-up with two options:



- **❖ OK=Data will not be saved and you will continue to the link that was clicked on.**
- **CANCEL=Stay on the current page and continue saving.**

NYHEP Comfort Home Process Overview

Assessment (Assessment Started workflow step)

- Create customer
- Enroll customer in Comfort Home
- Enter all data
 - Utility accounts, fuels
 - Existing conditions
 - Recommended package(s)
 - Release form uploaded to NYHEP
- Use Package "Install State" of Recommended
- Calculate savings
- Submit Assessment for review/approval
- Receive Assessment incentive payment
 - Will use same ACH as prior Comfort Home payments

Load Reduction Package Installation (Install Started workflow step)

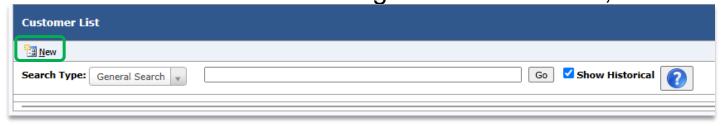
- Search, then open the completed Assessment
- Change Package "Install State" to Selected
- Add package(s) details
- Calculate savings
- Submit Installation for review/approval
- Receive Installation incentive payment
 - Will use same ACH as prior Comfort Home payments

Creating a New Customer Record

❖ After logging in, navigate to the top right corner Menu bar, click on Main Menu→Customers



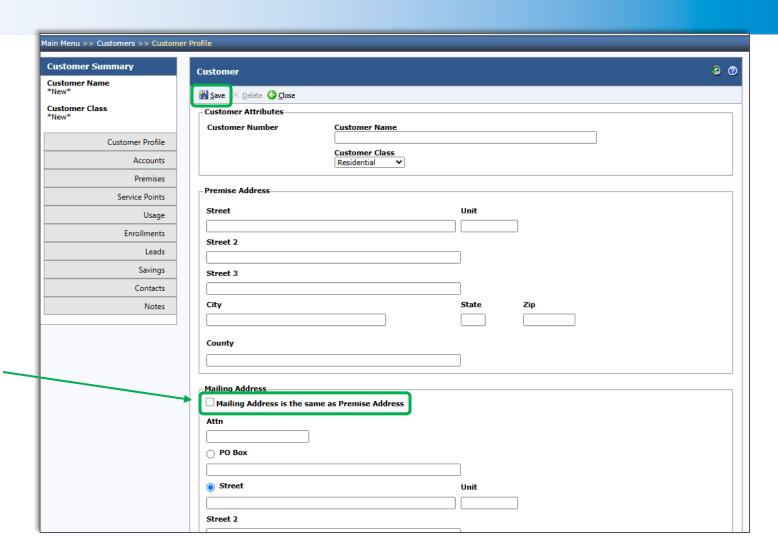
On the Customer List, type in the customer name in the Search bar. If an Existing Customer record appears, click on the Customer name hyperlink and follow steps to create a new Enrollment. If there is no Existing Customer Record, click New.



Creating a New Customer Record

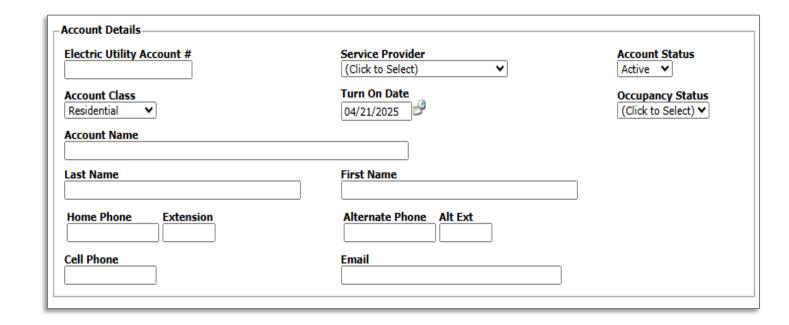
- On the Customer Profile screen, fill in all fields in each section and click Save.
 - Customer Attributes
 - Premise Address
 - Mailing Address
 - Account Details

*NOTE: If the Premise Address and Mailing Address are the same, check the "Mailing Address is the same as the Premise Address" box. When this box is checked, all Mailing Address fields will be hidden.



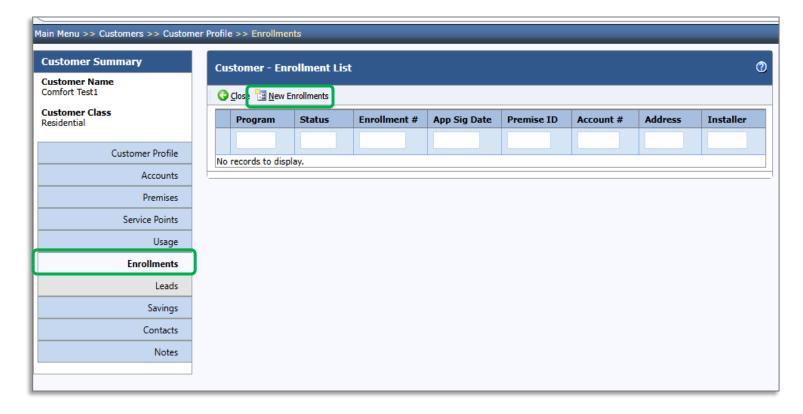
Creating a New Customer Record

- ❖ If Electric Service Provider is RG&E or NYSEG, the Point of Delivery (PoD) # must be entered in the Electric Utility Account # field.
- ❖ The PoD will begin with an R (RG&E) or N (NYSEG). When entering the PoD # in the Electric Utility Account # field, do not enter any letters or leading Zeroes.



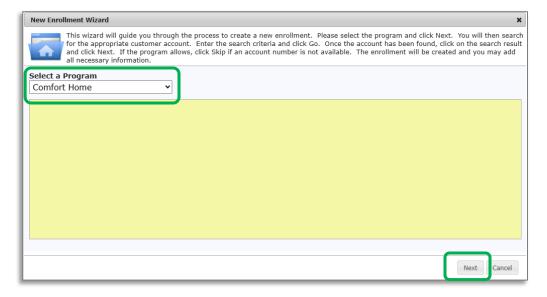
Creating a New Enrollment

After the new Customer is saved, navigate to the left menu and click Enrollments and New Enrollments.



Creating a New Enrollment

❖ In the New Enrollment Wizard, select Comfort Home from the pulldown list and click Next.

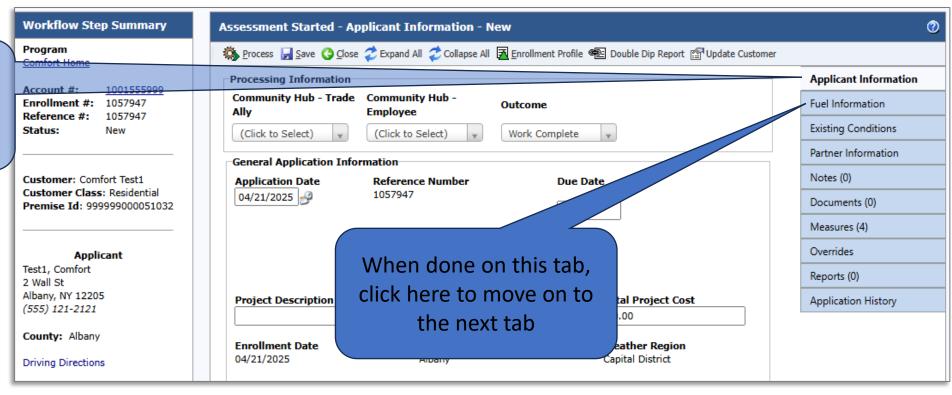


❖ A new browser tab will open to continue with the Assessment data entry.

Applicant Information tab

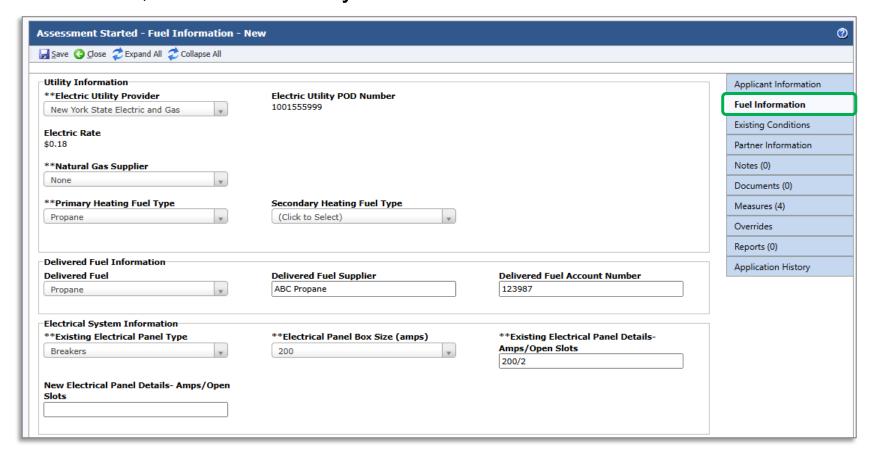
- * The **Applicant Information** tab will open, prepopulated with the information from the Customer record.
 - Today's date will need to be used as the "Application Date" when submitting the assessment. This will ensure that the assessment incentive is correct.

Only mandatory fields need to be filled out on the Applicant Information Tab



Fuel Information

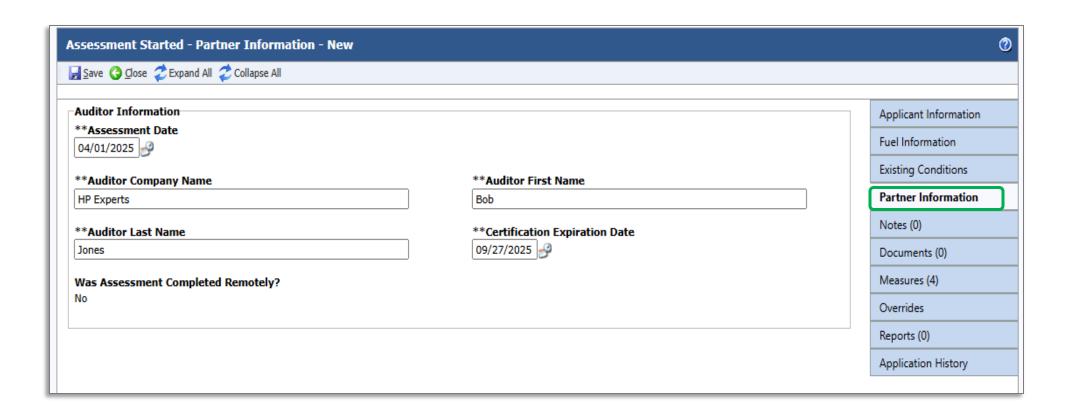
Fuel Information tab: Data related to Utility Information, Primary Heating Fuel Type and Account #, and Electrical System.



❖ If the Primary Heating Fuel is a Delivered Fuel (oil, propane, wood etc.), select the corresponding Fuel in the Delivered Fuel Information section.

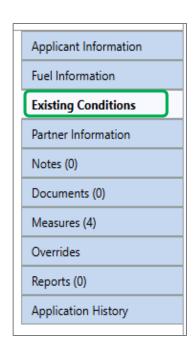
Partner Information

Partner Information Tab: Data related to Assessment and Auditor

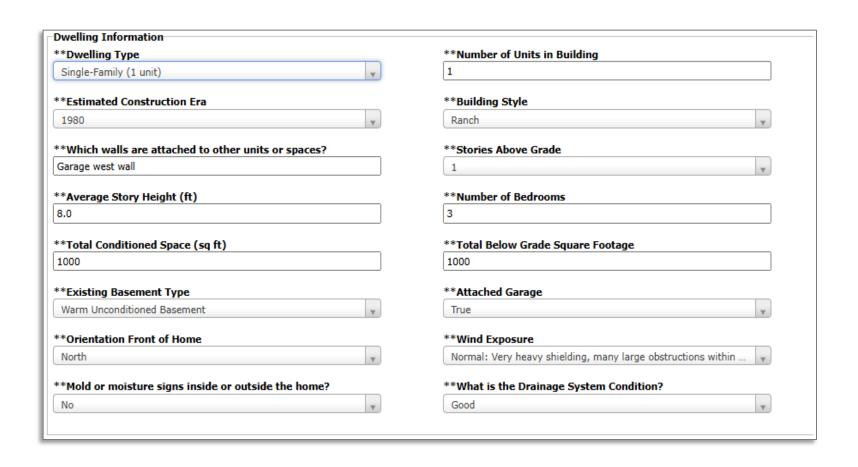


Existing Conditions

- * Existing Conditions tab: Bulk of data entry. Similar to EmPower+ and REA but some differences.
- ❖ 10 Sections (SAVE OFTEN):
 - Dwelling Information
 - Shell Air Infiltration
 - □ CAZ Testing
 - Shell Insulation
 - Shell Windows
 - HVAC Primary Heating & Cooling
 - Ventilation
 - WH Water Heating
 - Appliances Bulbs
 - Appliances Appliance

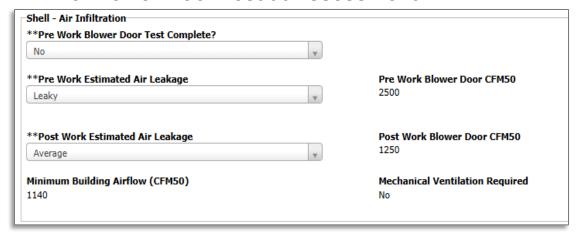


Existing Conditions: Dwelling Information

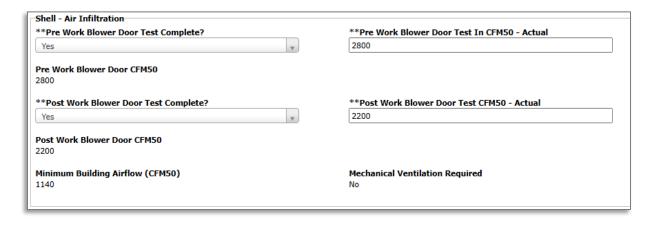


Existing Conditions: Shell – Air Infiltration

No Blower Door Test at Assessment:



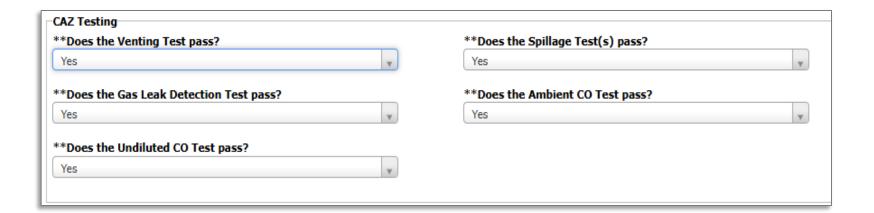
Blower Door Test done at Assessment:



- ❖ Comfort Home requires a Blower Test before any shell work is started, but does not require the test during the assessment.
- ❖ If no Blower Door Test, NYHEP will estimate "Pre Work Blower Door CFM50" based on Dwelling Information and the "Pre Work Estimated Air Leakage" selection.
- Select Estimated Post Work Air Leakage category.
- ❖ If Blower Door Test was completed during Assessment, enter actual CFM50 number and an estimated Post Work CFM50 number.
- ❖ If the Pre or Post Work CFM50 # is below the system calculated Minimum Building Airflow (BAS), "Mechanical Ventilation Required" will change to "Maybe" or "Yes".

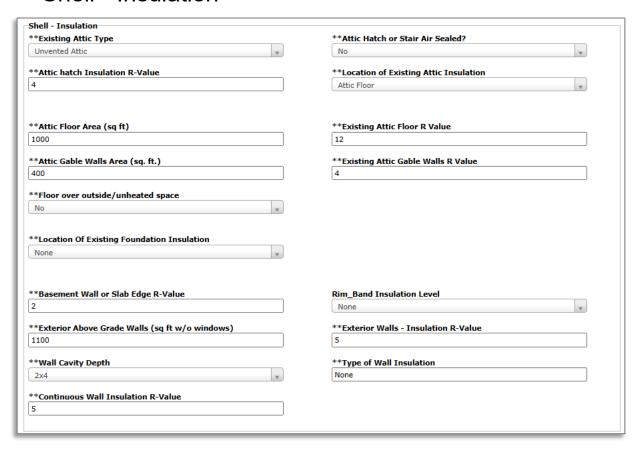
Existing Conditions: CAZ Testing

CAZ Testing: Enter Yes/No for each test.



Existing Conditions: Shell – Insulation

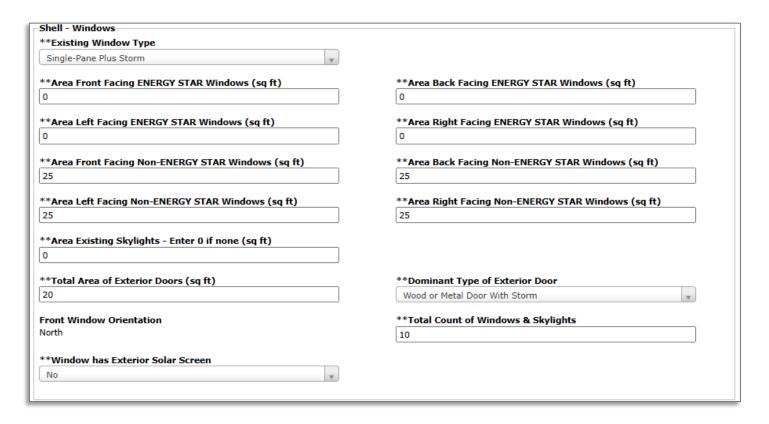
Shell - Insulation



- ❖ Floor over outside/unheated space=cantilever, living space over garage, living space over porch.
- ❖ Exterior above grade walls square footage does not include the window square footage. It's just the solid wall surface area.

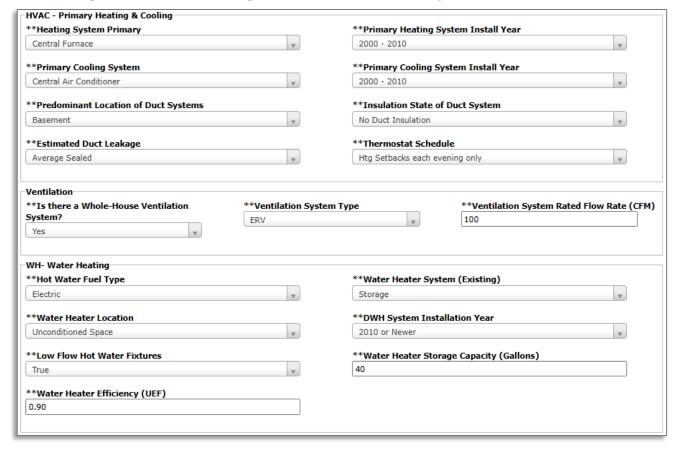
Existing Conditions: Shell - Windows

Shell-Windows: Data related to existing window and door type and square footage.



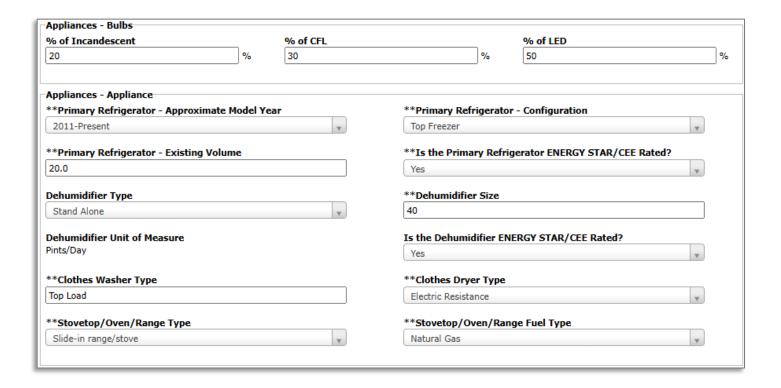
Existing Conditions: HVAC - Primary Heating & Cooling, Ventilation, WH - Water Heating

HVAC – Primary Heating & Cooling, Ventilation, WH – Water Heating: Data related to the heating, cooling, water heating and ventilation systems in the home.

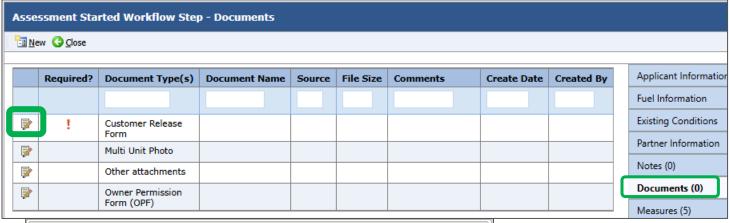


Existing Conditions: Appliances – Lighting, Appliances - Appliance

Appliances- Bulbs, Appliance: Data related to Bulb types and major appliances in the home.



Assessment Started Step: Documents



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Upload a New Document

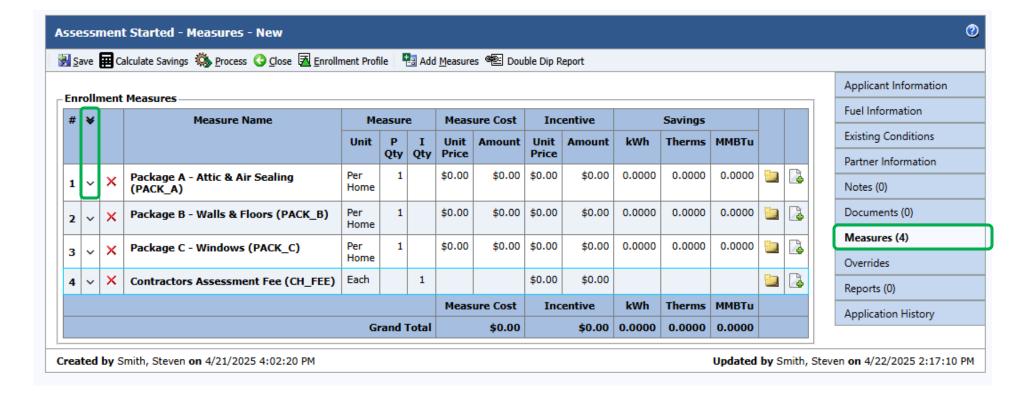
Type
Customer Release Form
Comments

Save Delete Close

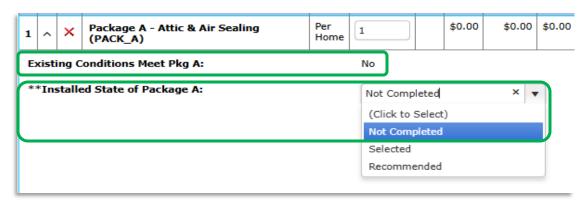
- Go to the **Documents** tab page.
- Required documents will be indicated with a red exclamation mark.
- Click the New icon, then click the Browse button in the pop-up to select the file you wish to upload.
- Optional: The Comments section can be used to leave a Note for Program regarding the document.

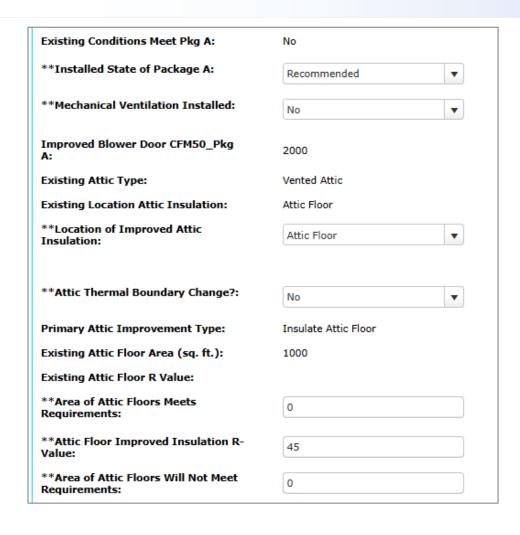
| Required? | Document Type(s | Document Name | Source | File Size | Comments | |
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| | | | | | | |
| | Customer Release Form | Customer Release Form.docx | Assessment Started | 12.94 KB | Completed Customer Release form | |

- The Measures tab will pre-load all 3 Package options plus an Assessment Fee measure. Click on the V next to a Package to expand it (click on the Double V in the light blue banner to expand [or collapse] all).
- DO NOT click the red X next to any Packages.



- Each Package will default to an Installed State of "Not Completed", meaning the Package is not being recommended or installed.
- If the Existing Insulation and Air Infiltration levels entered in Existing Conditions need improvement, the Existing Conditions Meet Pkg field will say NO. If Existing Insulation and Air Infiltration levels already meet Program standards, that field will say YES and you will be unable to select that Package.
- Select the appropriate Installed State based on the work being proposed:
 - "Selected"=This package will be installed
 - ☐ "Recommended"=This package has been recommended, but may not be installed.





- If Selected or Recommended are chosen, complete all required fields.
- "Area of Attic Floors Meets Requirements" refers to any part of the attic that is already insulated to Program standards.
- Materials and Labor costs for each measure must also be entered.

❖ SAVE OFTEN

| **Insulation Labor Cost: | \$500.00 |
|------------------------------|------------|
| **Insulation Material Cost: | \$2,000.00 |
| **Air Sealing Labor Cost: | \$300.00 |
| **Air Sealing Material Cost: | \$200.00 |

If Package B or C are being Proposed, complete all required fields on each Package.



- Click Save
- Once all Packages are filled in, click the Calculate Savings button at the top of the screen. The building modeling and package savings calculation will take about two minutes to complete. After Calculations are complete, refresh the screen.
- In the Contractors Assessment Fee measure, indicate whether the Assessment was already completed and paid in Compass. If the Assessment was not paid in Compass, the \$200 Assessment fee will populate:

 4 \(\times \) Contractors Assessment Fee (CH_FEE) Each 1 \(\times \) \$200.00 \$200.00

Measure Cost

\$3,000.00

Incentive

\$2,700.00

To View the total Workscope Cost and Incentives, collapse the Measures.

No

(Click to Select)

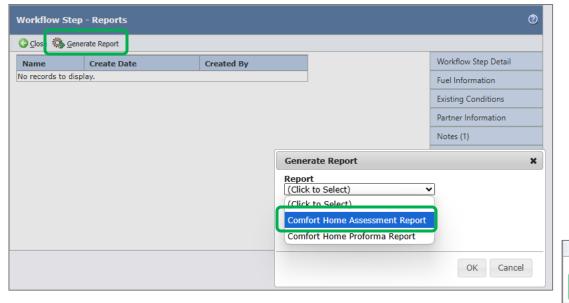
| # | ¥ | | Measure Name | Measure | | Measure Cost | | Incentive | | Savings | | | | | |
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| | | | | Unit | P Qty | I Qty | Unit Price | Amount | Unit Price | Amount | kWh | Therms | ммвти | | |
| 1 | ~ | × | Package A - Attic & Air Sealing (PACK_A) | Per Home | 1 | | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | | 2 |
| 2 | ~ | × | Package B - Walls & Floors (PACK_B) | Per Home | 1 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | | |
| 3 | ~ | × | Package C - Windows (PACK_C) | Per Home | 1 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | | 0 |
| 4 | ~ | × | Contractors Assessment Fee (CH_FEE) | Each | | 1 | | | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | | | | <u> </u> | |
| | | | | Measure Cost | | Incentive | | kWh | Therms | ммвти | | | | | |
| Grand Total | | | | | | \$3,000.00 | | \$2,700.00 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | | | | |

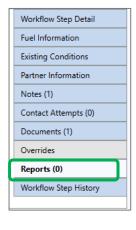
**Was an assessment for this home

submitted and paid in Compass?:

Assessment Started Step: Creating the Assessment Report

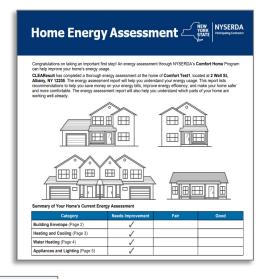
- After all data is entered and any Packages are selected, the Contractor must create the Assessment Report to provide to the customer.
- ❖ From the Assessment Started step, click on Reports on the right-hand side. Click the Generate Report button, select Comfort Home Assessment Report from the pull-down, and click OK.
- ❖ A "Generating…" window will appear before the downloadable PDF is created.





Close Senerate Report

Comfort Home Assessment Report-1057947 20250423 0941.pdf



Created By

Smith, Steven

Assessment Started Step: Submitting

Once all Measures are filled in and Savings have been calculated, click the **Process** button at the top of the screen to submit your assessment for Program Review.
Assessment Started - Measures - New

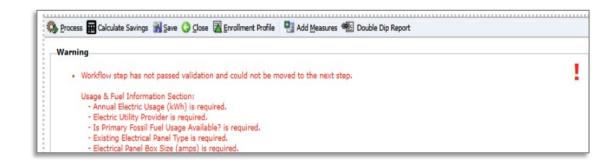
Save Calculate Savings Process Coclose

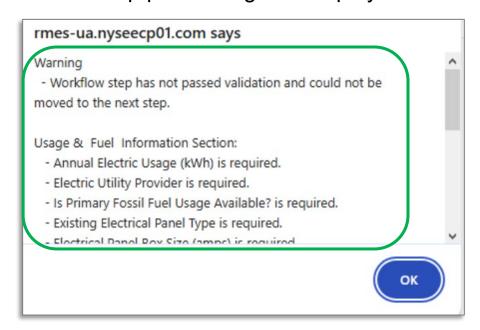
* The system will automatically scan for missing or omitted data and will stop processing and display error

messages identifying any issues.

❖ To view the errors again, click on the red exclamation at top of screen.

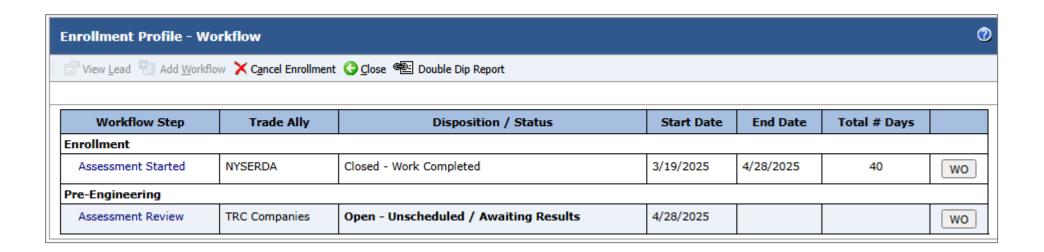
❖ Fill in the missing data, click Save, and click Process again.





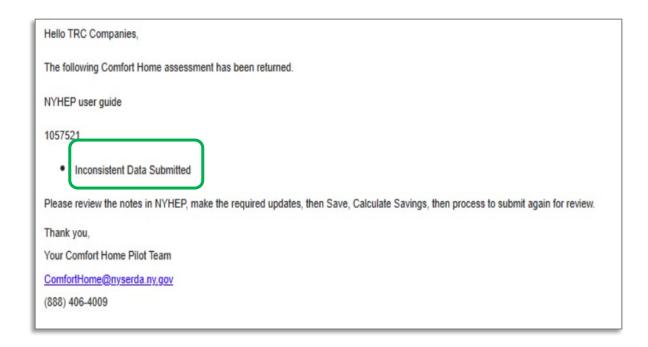
Successful Submission

The project has been submitted successfully when clicking the Process button returns no warning messages and advances to the Assessment Review step.



How to make corrections for returned Assessments

Reviewers will return an Assessment Submission if there are any corrections that need to be made. Contractor will receive an email notification if a project has been returned. The notes in the email will have the reason(s) and the Enrollment ID listed.



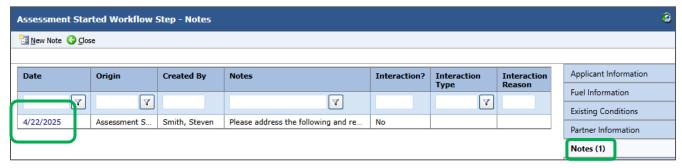
How to make corrections for returned Assessments

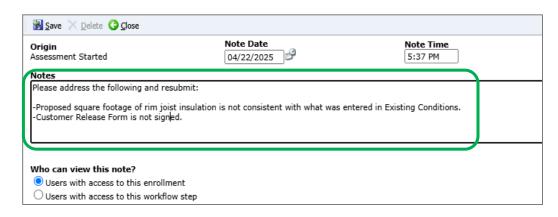
To view the specific Notes describing what needs to be addressed enter the Enrollment ID into the Global Enrollment Search bar and hit Enter, or locate the returned enrollment using your To Do List.



Reopen the Assessment Started step and Click on Notes.





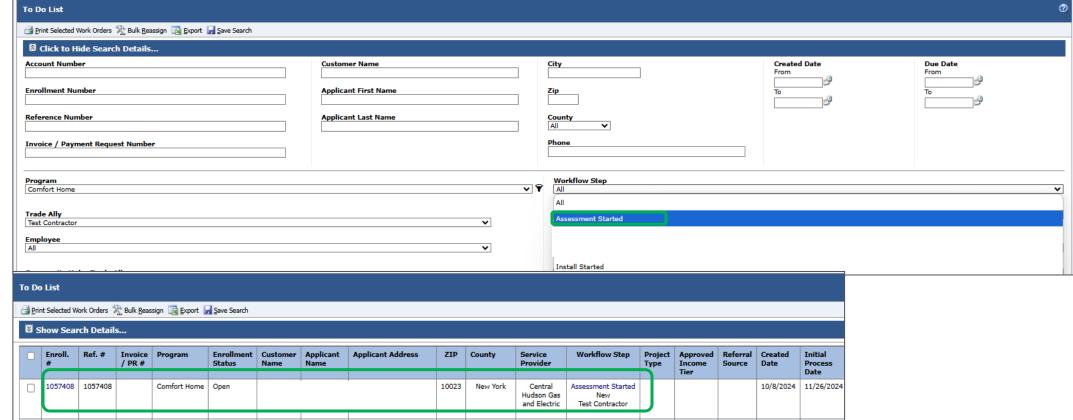


How to make corrections for returned Assessments

Utilizing the To Do List

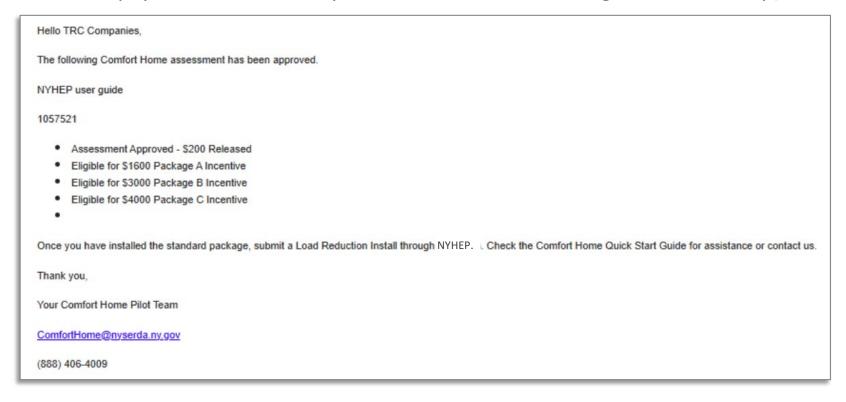
- ❖ To confirm the status of an enrollment, you can utilize the **To Do List.**
- Use Filters to select Workflow Step (add additional filters as desired)
- ❖ A list of all Enrollments meeting the filter criteria will appear.





Assessment Approved → Install Started step

- Once the assessment has been approved, the contractor will receive an email notification from the system displaying the approved Package(s), eligible incentives and Enrollment ID.
- The approved packages are now eligible for funding after installation. (Note: The Assessment Fee will be processed for payment automatically via an **Assessment Funding Allocations** step)



- ❖ When the customer has signed the contract and the work has been completed, the Contractor will enter what was installed in the **Install Started** step.
- ❖ To locate the enrollment enter the Enrollment ID into the Global Enrollment Search bar and hit Enter OR search for the Customer Name via Main Menu→Customers or locate the enrollment using your To Do List.

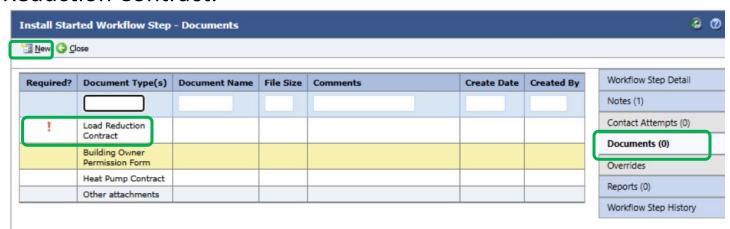
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Open - Unscheduled / Awaiting Results

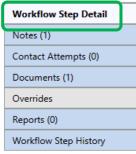
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- Click on the Install Started hyperlink.
- Click on the Documents section on the right-hand side and click New to Upload the completed Load Reduction Contract.

Install Started



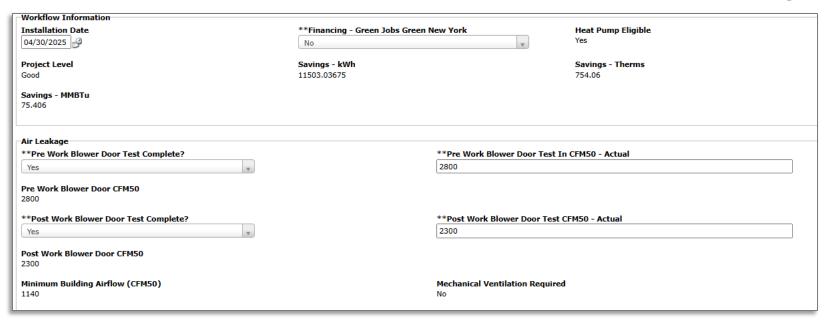
Click on the Workflow Step Detail tab to open the Install Started window.



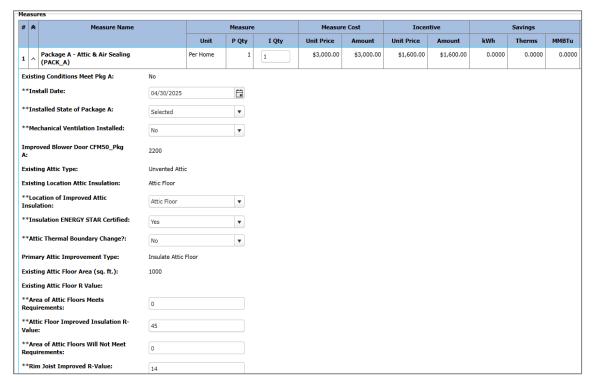
❖ In the Visit Information section, click on the "Assign To" and select your company.



Complete all required fields in the Workflow Information and Air Leakage sections.



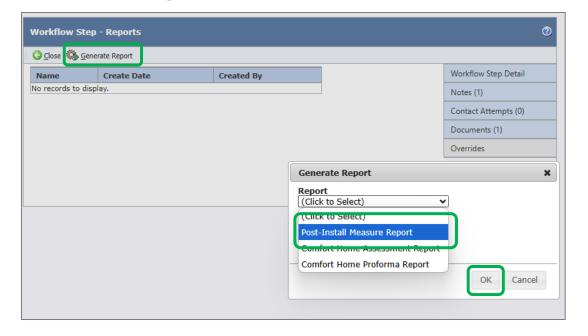
In the **Measures** section, change **Installed State of Package** to "**Selected**" (if not already done at Assessment Submission). If there were any changes made in the scope or the recommendations of the packages, those changes will need to be reflected. You can do so by clicking into the package and change any selections.

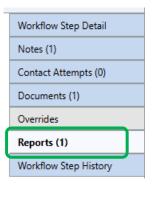


- ❖ You will need to Save any changes, Calculate Savings again, Save again, and click Process.
- * The Enrollment will advance to **Installation Funding Allocations** for final review and payment.

Install Started step: Creating the Post-Install Measure Report

- After all data is entered and any Package updates are made on the Install Started step, the Contractor must create the Post-Install Measure Report which must be signed by the customer and contractor.
- From the Install Started step, click on Reports on the right-hand side. Click the Generate Report button, select Post-Install Measure Report from the pull-down, and click OK.
- * A "Generating..." window will appear before the downloadable PDF is created.



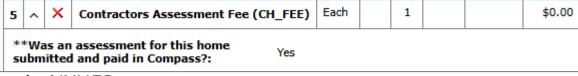


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| | Post-Install Measure Report-1057947 20250428 1157.pdf | 4/28/2025 | Smith, Steven | | | | | |
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Customer in Compass and NYHEP

Scenario: Customer Assessment completed in Compass. Now installation has taken place and the installation needs to be entered for incentive payment.

- During May: Use Compass to enter the installation just like you have been doing.
- After May: Use the NYHEP workflow:
- 1. Search for customer in NYHEP, enroll in Comfort Home
- 2. Enter existing conditions
- 3. On the Measures tab, under the Contractor Assessment Fee measure, select "Yes".



- This will zero out the Assessment Incentive in NYHEP
- 4. Save
- 5. Calculate Savings
- 6. Click Process to submit the assessment for review.
- 7. Once the assessment is approved, start the Installation workflow and submit for package incentive.

Upcoming Webinars

- This webinar is scheduled to be presented on the following dates and times:
- May 1: 2:00-3:00 PM: Comfort Home NYHEP Introduction and Training Session (5/01)
- May 6: 10:00-11:00 AM: <u>Comfort Home NYHEP Introduction and Training Session (5/06)</u>
- May 8: 2:00-3:00 PM: Comfort Home NYHEP Introduction and Training Session (5/08)
- * To sign-up, go to Contractor Support Upcoming Events and click on the date you would like to attend

<u>Comfort Home NYHEP Introduction and Training</u> <u>Session (05/01)</u>

May 1, 2025

3:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Comfort Home NYHEP Introduction and Training Session (05/06)

May 6, 2025

① 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Comfort Home NYHEP Introduction and Training Session (05/08)

① 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Questions

1. Click the Q&A icon to ask questions.



Thank you ComfortHome@nyserda.ny.gov (888) 406-4009

