

SERVICE UPDATE

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Panel Installation Projects with Tax Abatement: Professional Certification

Effective January 1, 2016, most small-scale Solar PV Panel Installation projects filing for Tax Abatement will be eligible for Professional Certification through [Hub Self Service](#).

Prior to this service update, qualifying tax abatement filings were required to be reviewed by a Department of Buildings plan examiner with only objections eligible for professional certification.

Solar jobs without a tax-abatement may either be professionally certified or reviewed by a plan examiner with self-certification of objections at [Hub Full Service](#).

The Department's Professional Certification program allows Registered Architects and Professional Engineers to certify that the plans they file are in compliance with all applicable laws. This reduces the amount of time a builder normally has to wait for a work permit by eliminating the process of Department plan examinations.

Professional Certification of qualifying Solar PV Panel Installations will drastically reduce wait times and costs, helping incentivize homeowners to invest in renewable energy technology and further the Mayor's OneNYC sustainability plan.

To qualify for the program, Solar PV Panel Installations must meet all of the following conditions:

- Produce a maximum of 10 kilowatts of power;
- Be installed on one or two family homes; *and*
- Be installed on pitched roofs with a slope that exceeds twenty degrees.

Please contact Customer Service for further information by phone at (212) 393-2550 or by email at DobCustomerService@buildings.nyc.gov .

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