

SERVICE UPDATE

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Panel Installation Projects Sloped Roof Definition Update

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

The Department's Professional Certification program allows Professional Engineers (PE) and Registered Architects (RA) 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 One NYC: Built to Last 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 equals or exceeds nine and one half (9 1/2) degrees. Prior to this update only roofs of slope larger than 20 degrees qualified.

NOTE: The purpose of the plan exam under Hub Full Service roofs of 9.5 degrees or steeper on 1-2 family homes are now considered pitched roofs.

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