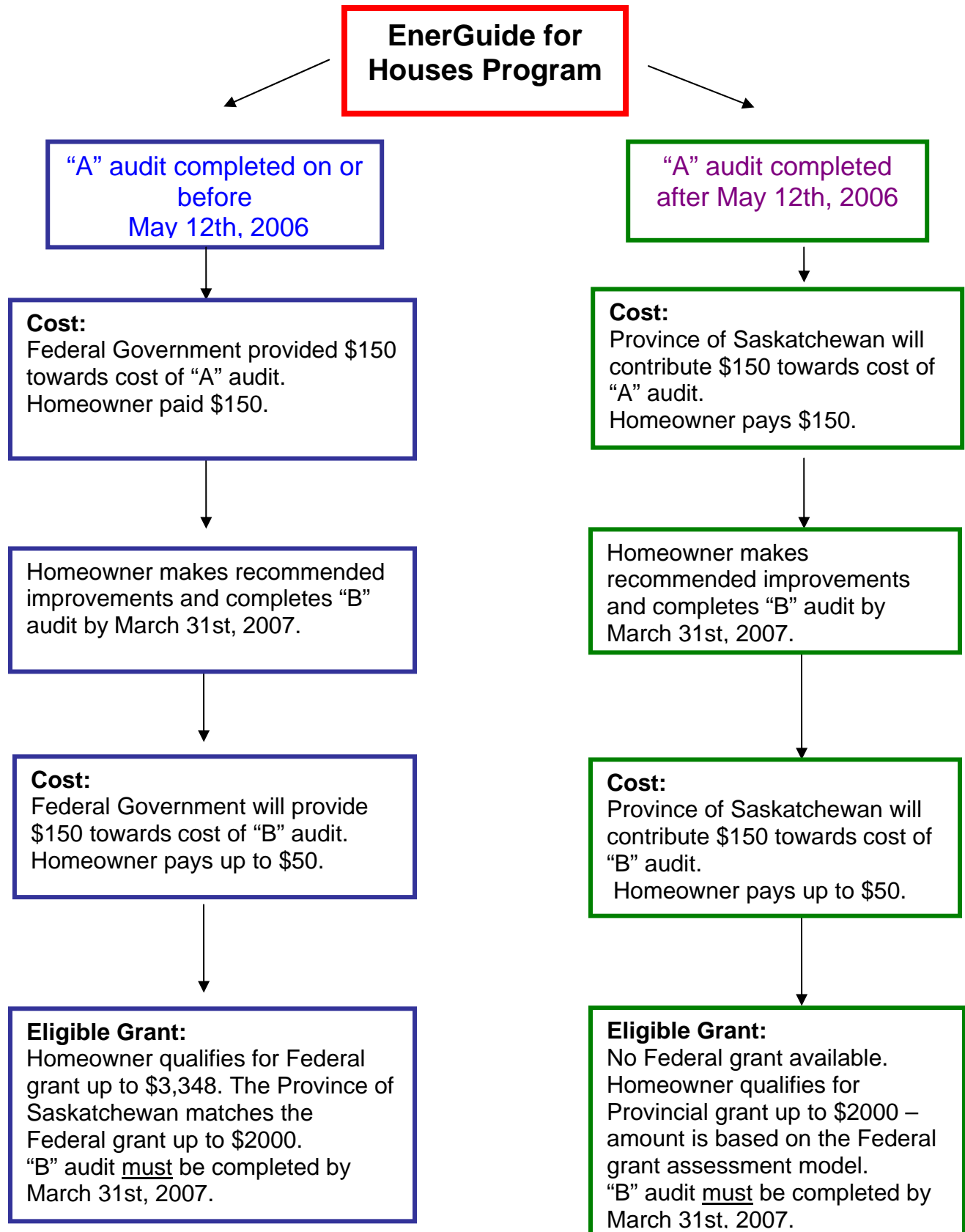
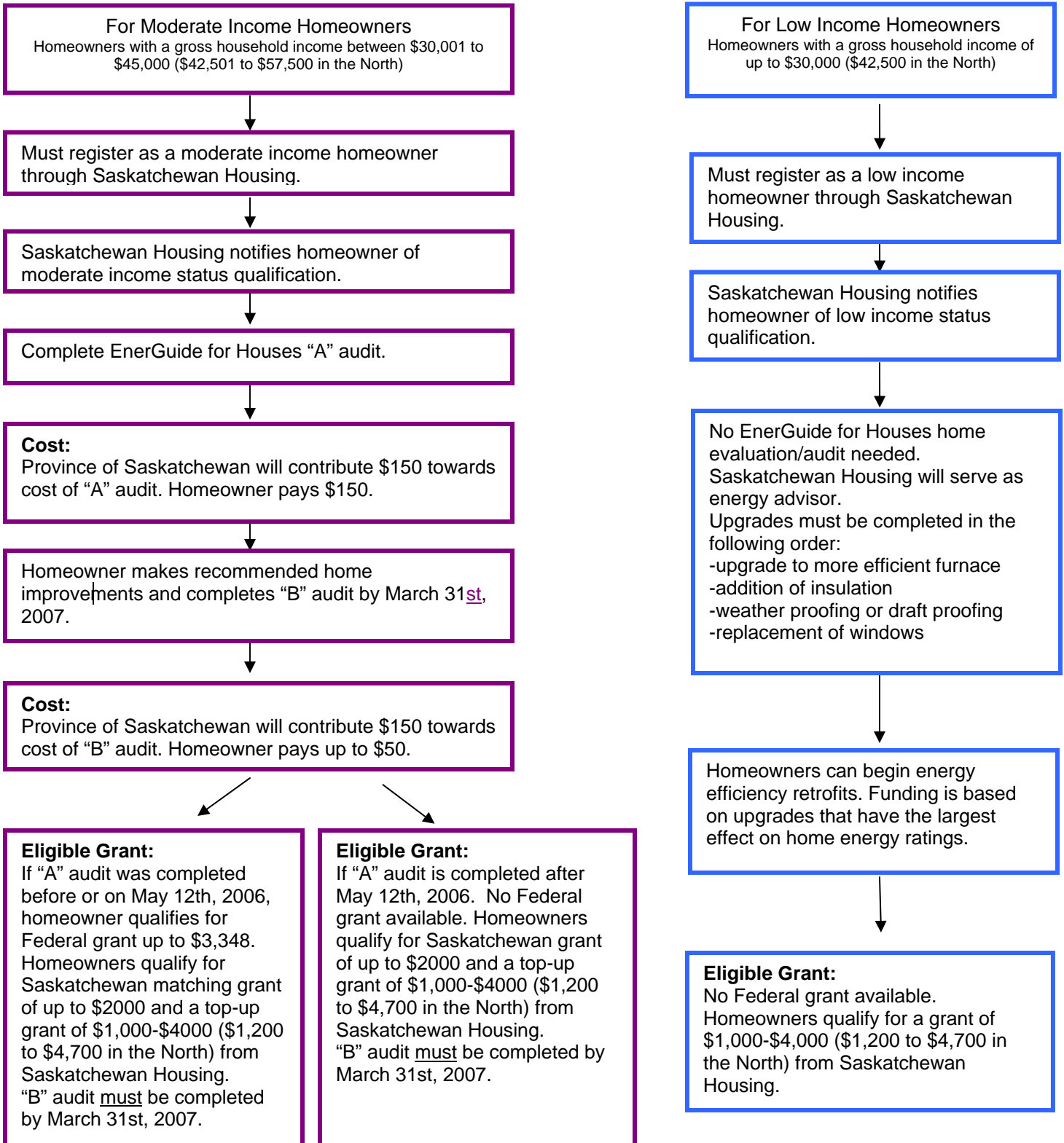


Changes to EnerGuide for Houses Grant Program



The Low and Moderate Income Program

Saskatchewan Home Energy Improvement Programs (SHEIP)



Saskatchewan Energy Share

Provincial government departments and Crown Corporations have joined forces to help you save energy and money. Saskatchewan Energy Share offers long-term solutions, making it easier and more affordable for homeowners to become more energy efficient.

The following programs are available under Saskatchewan Energy Share:

EnerGuide for Houses is back in Saskatchewan until March 31st, 2007. The Province of Saskatchewan wants as many homeowners as possible to enjoy the benefits of home energy efficiency grants. The Province continues to offer a grant up to \$2000 for changes made based on an EnerGuide for Houses audit. The Federal government cancelled all new EnerGuide for Houses evaluations and grants effective May 12, 2006, but the Province of Saskatchewan has stepped in and arranged for Saskatchewan homeowners to once again have access to EnerGuide evaluations. Homeowners will continue to pay \$150 for the “A” audit and up to \$50 for the “B” audit, with the Province contributing the portion formerly paid for by Natural Resources Canada (\$150 per audit). No Federal grants are available based on EnerGuide for Houses evaluations after May 12th, 2006, but Provincial grants remain available for these homeowners.

NOTE: Homeowners who completed an EnerGuide for House “A” evaluation on or before May 12th, 2006 and a “B” evaluation before March 31st, 2007 remain eligible for both the Federal and Provincial grant.

Thermostat Rebate: Purchase an ENERGY STAR[®] qualified programmable thermostat and receive up to a \$45 rebate on your SaskEnergy account.

PST Exemption: Between November 8th, 2005 – March 31st, 2007 all ENERGY STAR[®] qualified furnaces and boilers are exempt for PST.

Expansion of SaskEnergy Share the Warmth[™] Energy Efficiency Project: SaskEnergy, the Salvation Army and SIAST will partner together to perform energy efficiency upgrades on 500 homes in communities throughout Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Home Energy Improvement Program for Moderate and Low income homeowners:

- Moderate-Income homeowners (income up to \$45,000 and \$57,500 in the North) will qualify for top-up grants after completing the EnerGuide for Houses audit.
- Low-Income homeowners (income up to \$30,000 and \$42,500 in the North) will qualify for grants based on the cost of the specified energy efficiency retrofits.

FACT SHEET

Saskatchewan Energy Share has revamped two programs allowing the provincial government to live up to its commitment to providing energy efficiency solutions to residents of Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses is being administered by SaskEnergy and the Saskatchewan Home Energy Improvement Program for low and moderate income is being administered by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation. Moderate-income homeowners may be eligible for a combined benefit from these two programs.

Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses Program

- Due to the cancellation of the Federal EnerGuide for Houses Program on May 12th, 2006, the Province of Saskatchewan has developed a plan that will ensure Saskatchewan residents qualify for Provincial home retrofit grants until March 31st, 2007.
- The homeowner will continue to pay \$150 for “A” audit and up to \$50 for “B” audit. The Province will step in to pay the amount previously paid by the Federal government toward the audit costs (\$150 per audit).
- Homeowners must complete retrofits by March 31st, 2007.
- Homeowners can qualify for a Saskatchewan grant up to \$2000. For EnerGuide “A” audits completed after May 12th, 2006, there will be no Federal grant.
- To date, 1,945 EnerGuide for Houses matching grants have been processed for a total of \$1.55 M. The average grant issued is approximately \$800.
- Homeowners who had an EnerGuide “A” evaluation on or before May 12th, 2006, complete upgrades and get an “B” evaluation by March 31, 2007 are still eligible for the Federal and Provincial grant.

Saskatchewan Home Energy Improvement Program – Low and Moderate-Income

Moderate-Income:

- **SHEIP – Moderate-Income** is a \$5.5 M program that is being funded solely by the Province of Saskatchewan.
- **SHEIP – Moderate-Income** is available until March 31st, 2007, subject to the availability of funds, through the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) – an agency of the Department of Community Resources in association with SaskEnergy.
- **Homeowners must have their EnerGuide A and B audits and retrofits completed by March 31, 2007.**
- In southern Saskatchewan, homeowners with incomes of up to \$45,000 may qualify for assistance depending upon the age and number of people living in the home. In northern Saskatchewan, homeowners with incomes of up to \$57,500 may qualify for assistance depending upon the age and number of people living in the home.
- Assistance to moderate-income homeowners of up to \$1,000 (multi-unit dwellings) and up to \$4,000 (single, semi-detached, row housing) in southern Saskatchewan and of up to \$1,200 (multi-unit dwellings) and up to \$4,700 (single, semi-detached, row housing) in northern Saskatchewan. Assistance levels include any federal rebates that homeowners may receive.

- The level of assistance varies by the type of dwelling in which you live, where you live in the province, (south, north), your gross household income, and the number and age of people living in your home.

Low-Income:

- **SHEIP – Low-Income** is a \$16.5 M program that is being funded solely by the Province of Saskatchewan.
- **SHEIP – Low-Income** is available from 2006 to 2008, subject to the availability of funds, through the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) – an agency of the Department of Community Resources.
- Low-income households do not require an EnerGuide for Houses audit. Retrofits will be prescribed by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation.
- In southern Saskatchewan, households with incomes of up to \$30,000 may qualify for assistance, depending upon the age and number of people living in the home. In northern Saskatchewan, households with incomes of up to \$42,500 may qualify for assistance, depending upon the age and number of people living in the home.
- Homeowners of single, semi-detached, and row housing, a grant of up to \$4,000 in southern Saskatchewan and \$4,700 in northern Saskatchewan.
- Assistance to rental property owners of single, semi-detached, and row housing of up to \$3,500 per unit in southern Saskatchewan and up to \$4,200 per unit in northern Saskatchewan.
- Assistance to homeowners and rental property owners of multiple-unit buildings and rooming houses of up to \$1,000 per unit in southern Saskatchewan and \$1,200 per unit in northern Saskatchewan.

Other Saskatchewan Energy Share Programs

1. PST Exemption

- **534** applications for the \$100 PST grant have been received from consumers who purchased an ENERGY STAR® high efficient qualified furnace or boiler prior to the implementation of the Energy Share Plan. To date, **\$55,300** has been issued.

2. ENERGY STAR® Programmable Thermostat Rebate

- **6,913** thermostat rebates have been approved and issued totaling **\$596,180**.

3. Expansion of SaskEnergy Share the Warmth™ Energy Efficiency Project

- SaskEnergy, the Salvation Army and SIAST will partner together to perform energy efficiency upgrades on 500 homes in communities throughout Saskatchewan.

4. Subsidy to Lloydminster Customers

- **2,715** Lloydminster customers, who receive the Alberta regulated rate rather than SaskEnergy's rate, have received a \$200 credit on their natural gas supplier bill. Total funds disbursed total **\$543,000**.

5. Toll Free Hotline

- Approximately **5,400** calls have been answered.

Programs that ended on March 31st, 2006

- Capped Rate: the subsidized rate of \$7.95 was removed with the acceptance of SaskEnergy's application to reduce the commodity rate to \$6.80/GJ.
- Fuel Oil and Propane Grant Program
- The ENERGY STAR Prime Rate Loan Program