



Overview

of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) finalized rules (Notice 2025-42) to clarify what defines “start of construction” for a solar project in order to qualify for federal tax credits. Here is an overview of the new rules and a quick recap of how we got here. Projects must now show significant physical work started before July 5, 2026. In the July 2025 “ One Big Beautiful Bill Act, ” Congress terminated key aspects of the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for solar and wind projects and created barriers for projects pursuing energy storage and other zero emissions technologies. The credit for solar upgrades was extended through 2025, empowering more homeowners to switch to solar. Find out if you qualify and learn how to claim the solar tax. The owner of a qualified solar facility may claim the investment tax credit (“ITC”). The ITC is a one-time credit against income tax that is based on the amount invested in a facility (rather than on the amount of electricity produced and sold).



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Tax Credits for Building-Related Energy Projects
Key takeaways "Small Solar" projects generating under one (1) MW of electricity: Can qualify for greater tax credit amounts without needing to satisfy the ...

[Tax Credit Guidance on Wind and Solar Energy Projects: CLA](#)

The IRS issued new guidance for wind and solar energy projects, changing how they qualify for energy tax credits. Projects must now show significant physical work started before July 5, ...



Residential Clean Energy Credit

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[The IRS Sets New "Beginning Construction" Guidance for Wind and Solar](#)

Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, tax credits for wind and solar projects are subject to earlier phaseouts compared to other renewable energy technologies.



[Explainer: New 'construction start' definitions for solar project tax](#)

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Federal agencies are delaying approvals for renewable energy projects on both federal land and private property at a time when electricity demand is going up.



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Under the revised ITC guidelines, solar and wind projects must begin construction by July 4, 2026, or be placed into service by December 31, 2027, in order to be eligible to receive the ITC.



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Some income tax states offer incentives to promote the development of solar energy and other alternative energy projects. It is important to understand the nature of each incentive, as there is ...

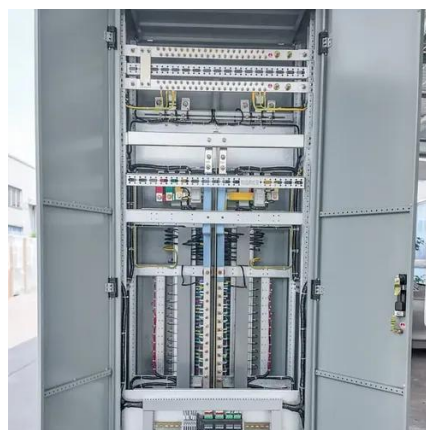


[IRS releases guidance on wind and solar facility tax credits: Key](#)

After September 2, 2025, for the majority of other solar and all wind facilities, the Physical Work Test will be the only method available to establish that construction began prior to July 5, 2026, ...

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