



Solar Evaluation Tool Incentives

Available Solar Incentive or Rebate (As of Feb 2025)	Incentive Amount	Incentive Description	Competitive or By-Right?	Steps to Secure Incentive ¹
<p>All solar development projects are eligible for the 30% Investment Tax Credit. Any solar project meeting the criteria for Energy Communities and/or Domestic Content Bonus will also be eligible for each of those bonuses.</p>				
Solar Investment Tax Credit (ITC) – Base Incentive	30%	Solar ITC Base Incentive of 30% . Applicable to hard and soft costs of Solar installation. Tax exempt organizations may benefit through direct pay or transfer (sale) of tax credit.	By-Right	Find information about accessing the Solar ITC here . ²
Solar Investment Tax Credit – Bonus for Energy Communities	10%	Provides additional 10% ITC bonus to 30% base incentive if project is located in an Energy Community. This is stackable with any other bonus.	By-Right	Check if your project is located in an Energy Community on this map . Apply for the incentive during set application periods using this link . ³
Domestic Content	10%	Provides additional 10% ITC bonus to 30% base incentive if project uses 100% domestic steel and iron for construction materials that are structural in nature and at least 40% domestically manufactured products.	By-Right	Users must elect to rely on the New Elective Safe Harbor and notify the IRS of this election by providing information on the domestic content certification statement provided in this notice . ⁴
<p>In addition to the Solar Investment Tax Credit and bonuses detailed above, projects meeting criteria for the three Investment Tax Credit Bonus Categories below are eligible to stack one of the bonuses below into their tax credit.</p>				
Solar Investment Tax Credit – Bonus Category 1	10%	Provides additional 10% ITC bonus to 30% base incentive if project is located in an LMI census tract. This bonus category can be combined with the Energy Communities Bonus and the Base ITC.	Competitive	Check if your project is in an eligible Low-Income Community on this map . Apply for the incentive using this link . ⁵
Solar Investment Tax Credit – Bonus Category 2	10%	Provides additional 10% ITC bonus to 30% ITC base incentive if project is located on Indian Land. This bonus can be combined with the Energy Communities bonus and the Base ITC.	Competitive	If your project is located on Indian Land, it is eligible for this bonus. Apply using this link . ⁵
Solar Investment Tax Credit – Bonus Category 3	20%	Provides additional 20% ITC bonus to 30% base incentive if solar is placed on top of or adjacent to a regulated affordable housing property. Note that Category 3 and Category 1 & 2 bonuses cannot be stacked. This bonus can be combined with the Energy Communities Bonus and the Base ITC.	Competitive	Check if your project is on the list of eligible covered housing program here . Apply for the incentive using this link . ⁴
<p>Multifamily buildings can also receive incentives from NYSERDA to install rooftop or ground-mounted solar on their property to generate their own renewable energy.</p>				
New York Sun	\$1.00 - \$2.00	\$1.00 - \$2.00 per Watt DC, paid directly to installer at project completion. See NY Sun dashboard for real-time incentive rates.	By-Right	Ensure you are working with a NYSERDA “ Quality Solar Installer ” who can help access the NY-Sun incentive. ⁶

¹ For informational purposes only, not intended as a commitment of funding.

² The base ITC is claimed on a taxpayer’s IRS form 3468 or purchased by a third party (which can be the same as the LIHTC investor). Tax credits can be claimed the year that the system was completed and placed into services

³ Claimed alongside the base ITC.

⁴ Claimed alongside base ITC and Energy Communities credits. A domestic content certification must be submitted along with reliance letters from equipment manufacturers

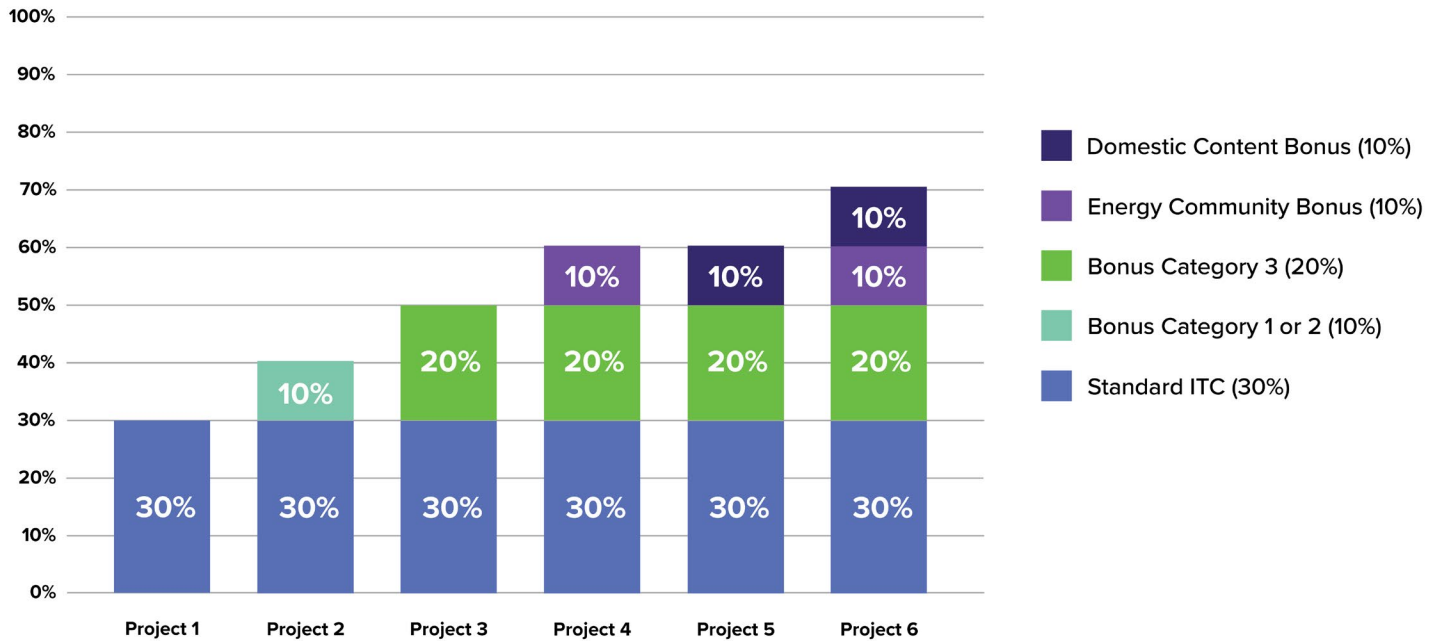
⁵ Projects will need open a portal on DOE’s site, provide key information on the solar installation and supporting documentation that the project qualifies for this category.

If approved DOE will issue an allocation letter that can be submitted alongside the base ITC.

⁶ Solar installers apply on the NYSERDA NY-Sun portal after receiving approved utility interconnection and system drawings. Projects receive an award letter from NYSERDA and incentives are paid upon receipt of system permission to operate with the utility company.



Solar Investment Tax Credit Value as a Percentage of Project Cost



Sample Project Tax Credit Descriptions

1. A multifamily housing project develops rooftop solar and is not eligible for any of the bonus tax credits. The project claims a 30% ITC.
2. A multifamily housing project develops rooftop solar and is in an eligible low-income community on this map. The project claims a 30% ITC by-right and applies for a 10% ITC bonus for low- and moderate-income communities.
3. A multifamily LIHTC development installs rooftop solar. The project claims a 30% ITC by-right and applies for a 20% ITC bonus for affordable housing, yielding a 50% total tax credit.
4. A multifamily housing project that is located in an [Energy Community](#) and is supported by HUD Section 202 installs rooftop solar. This project takes the 30% ITC and 10% Energy Communities bonus by-right, and applies for the 20% ITC bonus for affordable housing, yielding a 60% total tax credit.
5. A multifamily housing project supported by HUD Section 811 develops solar and is able to source 100% domestic steel and iron for construction materials that are structural in nature and uses at least 40% domestically manufactured products. This project takes the 30% ITC and 10% Domestic Content bonus by-right and applies for the 20% ITC bonus for affordable housing, yielding a 60% total tax credit.
6. A multifamily LIHTC project develops solar in an energy community, while also meeting domestic content requirements. This project maximizes potential tax credits, getting 30% for the base ITC, 10% each for the Domestic Content and Energy Communities bonuses, and applies for the 20% affordable housing bonus, yielding a 70% tax credit.