



Energy Efficiency Program for Business

DLC Lighting: What it is, how it works

Qualifying equipment for the DTE Energy Efficiency Program for Business must be either EnergyStar® or DLC listed for prescriptive and custom lighting projects. Non-DLC listed equipment will be considered for incentives if the conditions below are met.

About DLC

DLC stands for the DesignLights Consortium®, a non-profit organization founded in 1996 and dedicated to accelerating the widespread adoption of high-performing, energy-efficient commercial lighting solutions by establishing product quality specifications.

Why use DLC-listed measures?

DTE established DLC-listed lights as the new standard because they meet higher validated energy efficiency standards than other equivalent lighting. Also, the DLC provides a reliable base from which the DTE program can calculate energy savings.

Products found on the DLC website's QPL (Qualified Products List) have been tested at a DLC-approved laboratory and comply with specified minimum standards in three areas: distribution, color and longevity/stress.

How DLC works in the Program

DLC-listed LED lighting is required for all Prescriptive and Custom projects, which means that to apply for those incentives, you must:

1. Check the equipment's eligibility by visiting the DLC website at: www.designlights.org and entering the full model number and getting the DLC product ID.
2. Enter the DLC Product ID on your Application.
3. Attach specification sheets to your Application.

Using Non-DLC Lighting

Non-DLC-listed lighting equipment used in an Application applying for incentives may qualify for those incentives if:

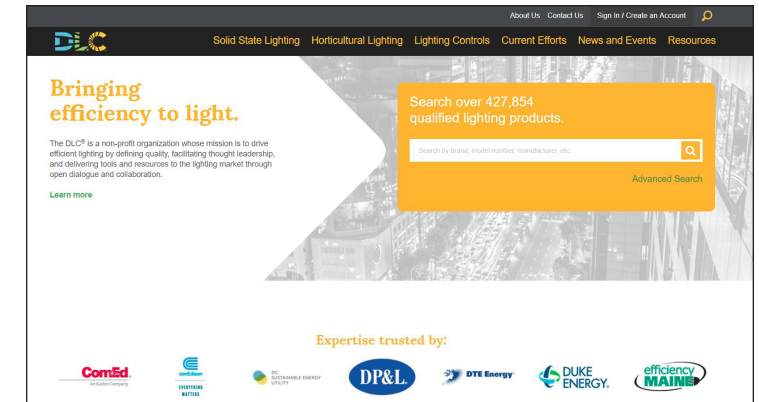
1. The product does not fall into a category listed on the DLC website and
2. The program team determines that the product meets DLC performance criteria.

To have such equipment considered for incentives, the applicant must submit a Reservation Application and complete and attach a [Non-DLC Category Product Approval Form](#) along with other documentation for evaluation by program engineers.

Other conditions and exclusions apply; see the Policies and Procedures Manual for more information. *Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; program based on availability of funding and may end at any time; certain other conditions apply; contact office for details.

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Visit the DesignLights Consortium website at: www.designlights.org
To find a product listed by DLC, visit: www.designlights.org/QPL

DLC vs. ENERGY STAR®

In today's marketplace, some energy-efficient light bulbs are identified as ENERGY STAR® products while others have the DLC label. Not surprisingly, buyers can get confused by the two – and wonder why some lights have the stamp of approval from one group but seemingly not the other. Here's why:

About DLC®

The DesignLights Consortium (DLC) is a part of the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP), a regional group founded in 1996 that concentrates specifically on energy efficiency in the lighting industry.

The goal of the DLC is to promote energy efficient lighting in the building sector by influencing public policy and spreading strategies and education.

About ENERGY STAR®

ENERGY STAR® was launched by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1992, and uses labeling to help consumers save money and choose products that are safer for the environment.

Manufacturers can choose whether or not they want to participate and earn the ENERGY STAR® label. Products are tested in EPA-certified third-party laboratories.

DLC and ENERGY STAR®

The main difference? ENERGY STAR® rates residential products and DLC rates commercial products – which means you will never see both labels on the same light bulb.

Because there is occasional crossover between commercial and residential lighting, ENERGY STAR® has the right to claim jurisdiction over a particular product. As a result, if ENERGY STAR® decides to cover a certain light category, then DLC must drop it – even if it was already rating it.

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