

Remote Area Heating Allowance Program

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This program was designed to reduce the cost of heating fuels for those Albertans who do not have access to natural gas service.

What it does:

The program provides direct rebates of 25% of the cost of fuel (less GST) on consumption up to 18,185 litres (4,000 gallons) of propane or 12,275 litres (2,800 gallons) of heating oil per year, or a proportionate combination of both.

How it works:

If you live outside the franchise boundaries of a natural gas distributor, or the cost of installing the service (for the co-op or company) exceeds \$20,000, you can apply for the program using this form:

<http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv294>

Grain drying:

This program may apply to grain drying if the site can't be serviced with natural gas, can't be serviced with a large enough pipe for a grain dryer, or the cost of the install for the grain dryer pipe exceeds \$20,000.

FAQ

Q: Does it cover natural gas?

A: No.

Q: Is it new?

A: It has been around since 1980.

Q: Do you need a letter from the supplier?

A: The office will confirm with the natural gas company if the conditions are met.

Q: Can there be refunds for past purchases?

A: Yes, up to a year from when the application is received.

Q: What is the biggest thing to watch for when submitting an application?

A: Make sure the invoices can be clearly read.

For more information, contact:

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