

cost of the siding and the insulating material is stated separately. The cost of the insulating material is the only thing that qualifies.

- Windows that replace less efficient existing windows.
- Storm windows.
- Weather stripping and caulking.
- Duct sealing and insulation. Duct sealing requires mechanical fastening of joints and mastic sealant.

The amount charged for labor to install the energy efficiency upgrades also is deductible.

Enter the energy efficiency upgrade installed in your Idaho residence. If you have more than one, enter multiple. Enter the total amount on line 4.

Line 5 Alternative Energy Device Deduction

If you install an alternative energy device in your Idaho residence, you can deduct a portion of the amount actually paid or accrued (billed but not paid).

In the year the device is placed in service, you can deduct 40% of the cost to construct, reconstruct, remodel, install, or acquire the device, but not more than \$5,000.

In the next three years after installation, you can deduct 20% of these costs per year, but not more than \$5,000 in any year.

Qualifying devices include:

- A system using solar radiation, wind, or geothermal resource primarily to provide heating or cooling or produce electrical power or any combination thereof
- A fluid-to-air heat pump operating on a fluid reservoir heated by solar radiation or geothermal resource but not an air-to-air heat pump unless it uses geothermal resources as part of the system
- A natural gas or propane heating unit that replaces a noncertified wood stove
- An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-certified wood stove or pellet stove meeting the most current industry and state standards that replaces a noncertified wood stove

A noncertified wood stove is a wood stove that doesn't meet the most current EPA standards. You must take the noncertified wood stove to a site authorized by the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) within 30 days from the date of

purchase of the qualifying device. The DEQ will give you a receipt to verify it received and destroyed the noncertified wood stove.

You must install the natural gas or propane heating unit or the EPA-certified wood stove or pellet stove in the same tax year that you surrender the nonqualifying wood stove to the DEQ.

Lines 5a – 5d

Complete the lines that apply to the year you acquired the device. For example, if you acquired the device in 2020, complete line 5d. Enter the device type and total cost. Multiply the total cost by the appropriate percentage. Line 5e can't be more than \$5,000.

Line 6 Child and Dependent Care

If you claimed the federal Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses, you're allowed an Idaho deduction for the child care expenses you paid for the care of your dependents. The Idaho deduction is a different amount than the federal credit.

Complete this worksheet to determine your Idaho child or dependent care deduction. Refer to federal Form 2441 to determine amounts to enter on lines 1 through 6.

Worksheet

1. Enter the amount of qualified expenses you incurred and paid in 2023. Don't include amounts paid by your employer or excluded from taxable income _____
2. Enter \$12,000 for one or more child or dependent cared for during the year _____
3. Enter excluded benefits from Part III of Form 2441 _____
4. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, stop. You can't claim the deduction _____
5. Enter your earned income _____
6. If married filing a joint return, enter your spouse's earned income. All others enter the amount from line 5 _____
7. Enter the smallest of lines 1, 4, 5, or 6 here and on Form 39R, Part B, line 6 _____

Include federal Form 2441, *Child and Dependent Care Expenses*, with your return.

Line 7 Social Security and Railroad Benefits

Idaho doesn't tax Social Security benefits, benefits paid by the Railroad Retirement Board, or Canadian