



NFRC Removes Product Line Fees from IVP as Part of Pay-As-You-Go Structure

The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) will implement a revision to its fee schedule for the Independent Verification Program (IVP) on January 1, 2017.

Under the revision, the organization will remove product line fees as it implements a pay-as-you-go structure. The revision allows the program to remain solvent while streamlining the billing process for participants.

How it works

The IVP testing process itself will continue to operate as it always has. Under the revised fee schedule, however, each participant will incur the cost of providing test products, shipping, and completing testing.

The only invoice participants will receive from NFRC will be the annual participation fee, which is tiered based on gross annual sales and membership status.

NFRC determined that the pay-as-you-go structure is the most fair and equitable arrangement for the following reasons:

- Participants work directly with laboratories, allowing them to negotiate testing fees and get the best rate
- It is scalable and will accommodate the changing demands of ENERGY STAR® testing requirements
- The financial responsibility for testing is directly proportional to each participant's level of participation and business size
- The process works much like the validation portion of the NFRC certification process

“We’re informing our IVP participants of these changes well ahead of time so they can begin planning now,” said CEO, Deb Callahan. “This program is part of their business process, and we’re keeping them updated so they can keep things running smoothly.”

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