

# Building Operation Training

Operating a building at the highest level of efficiency can be challenging. The increasing complexities of interdependent building systems—from heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to variable frequency drives (VFDs), lighting and more—require building professionals to possess a comprehensive understanding of how the systems work together to optimize energy efficiency.

The BGE Smart Energy Savers Program® provides an incentive to building professionals to complete approved building operation training courses. The incentive can cover a percentage of the enrollment fees or tuition associated with the training. Participants can take courses related to equipment upgrades and replacements involving lighting retrofits and controls, VFDs and other energy-saving measures.

## Why Take Approved Courses?

All courses are nationally recognized and help building operators transform workplaces into more comfortable, energy-efficient and environmentally friendly spaces.

## Who Should Participate?

The program is designed for building operation professionals, such as building engineers, maintenance workers and electricians, with two or more years of experience.

## Eligibility

Eligibility for certification is based on work experience and education, as well as completion of classes, examinations and on-the-job projects. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Work at a commercial or industrial facility within the BGE service territory for at least 50% of their working hours.
- Be in a position of responsibility for energy management in the facility or have the potential to influence the building's energy performance.

**Incentives cover 80% of enrollment costs** or up to a maximum of **\$1,000** in associated costs per class or certification, whichever is less.

## Incentives

Each approved applicant will be eligible to receive a financial incentive that covers 80% of enrollment costs or up to a maximum of \$1,000 per course, whichever is less. Associated costs, including but not limited to travel, food, lodging and test fees, are not eligible for incentives. The applicant must submit proof of attendance via a certificate of completion or other similar documentation in order to receive an incentive.

Applicants must apply for and receive preapproval from BGE before enrolling in a course or certification program. BGE has prequalified certain courses from specific training organizations, a list of which can be found at **BGESmartEnergy.com/BOT**. In addition, BGE will review all courses proposed by applicants and employers.

**Note:** All applicants must register through the certification program of choice before applying for incentives. This is to ensure that all certification requirements have been met through the learning institution.

## Learn More

For more information, visit **BGESmartEnergy.com/BOT**, call **410.290.1202** or email **business@BGESmartEnergy.com**.

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