

## BC Energy Advisor Employment Opportunities With [City Green](#)

[City Green](#) is currently looking for individuals who are interested in working as independent contractor energy advisors to deliver EnerGuide Rating System energy evaluations in British Columbia.

We are looking for:

- Individuals who are already fully Registered Energy Advisors with Natural Resources Canada.
- Or individuals who are ready to go through the training process to become registered.

Opportunities to work as an energy advisor include a) functioning as an independent contractor or energy advisor business or b) working with an established energy advisor company.

With the launch of the **Canada Greener Homes** rebate program (and the requirement for homeowners to complete an energy evaluation prior to installing a rebate-eligible upgrade) and rebates and programs in the Province of British Columbia, the energy advisor field is growing fast. The energy advisor industry provides an excellent opportunity for individuals to start, or continue, a career in the rewarding field of residential energy efficiency.

### Primary Responsibility and Task:

- Deliver EnerGuide Rating System energy evaluations for existing homes (for more details see [Natural Resources Canada](#))
- Future opportunities for energy advisors include delivering energy advisor services for new construction and the BC Energy Step Code and related consulting services.
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### Qualifications/Skills:

- Must either be a Registered Energy Advisor with Natural Resources Canada (preferred). OR be a previously Registered Energy Advisor. OR be committed to completing and passing the necessary steps to become a Registered Energy Advisor as required by Natural Resources Canada in a timely manner.
- Be a motivated self-starter that is able to work with minimum supervision.
- Be interested in working as an independent contractors or aligning with an existing energy evaluation company (and working as a contractor or staff energy advisor).
- Have a solid understanding of the house as a system concept and building science.
- Have a good understanding of residential construction, including basic housing construction, heating systems, insulation, windows, fenestration and renewable energy systems.
- Have adequate arithmetic and geometry skills (and/or ability to learn).
- Have strong computer skills and capacity to learn computer energy modelling.
- Ability to communicate with homeowners and make energy efficiency recommendations.
- Previous experience of energy modelling, or related work, is a strong asset but not a requirement.
- Ability to speak languages other than English is an asset.

## Other Requirements

- Must possess valid drivers license and clean driving record and have access to a vehicle.
- Must be willing to travel within your region to deliver energy evaluations.
- Ability to travel outside of your region for rural and remote energy evaluations is an asset.
- Must provide a clear criminal record check
- Have a general state of good physical fitness and ability to carry tools and climb ladders
- Willingness to invest in equipment – laptop computer, blower door, hand tools, insurance, etc.,

## Diversity

City Green supports and values the diversification of our industry and the people it serves. We strive to work with, and encourage participation of, individuals from all ages, genders and backgrounds.

## Getting Started:

1. Read below “Is Becoming an Energy Advisor the Right Fit for You?”
2. If interested, send us an email explaining your interest, where you are at with your training, and a copy of a resume. Please email [easupport@citygreen.ca](mailto: easupport@citygreen.ca)

## Why work with City Green as your Service Organization?

We understand that energy advisors have a choice for which Service Organizations you would like to work with. Here is why you may want to consider working in collaboration with City Green.

- City Green is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing home energy efficiency in the province of BC. Our profits are re-invested into activities that grow awareness about the benefit of energy efficient homes and advocating for the growth the market for energy advisors and retrofit contactor services.
- City Green has over twenty years of experience providing EnerGuide Rating System services.
- City Green provides competitive fees for our Service Organization services.
- City Green has experienced Energy Advisors on staff available to provide brand new and experienced energy advisors with the highest level of technical and administrative support.
- City Green is the developer of the [BC Energy Step Code Compliance Report and Calculator](#), the [BC Energy Compliance Report Manual](#), and has extensive experience with training energy advisors on the BC Energy Step Code, including [developing video trainings](#).
- City Green has worked with and supported many energy advisors that have used EnerGuide Home Energy evaluations as a spring board to branch out and form their own companies or join leading companies and organizations advancing home and building energy efficiency and the transition to a low carbon economy.

## Is Becoming an Energy Advisor the Right Fit for You?

This is question that all potentially interested individuals should ask themselves. Can you answer yes (or I think so) to all these questions?

- Are you interested in climbing a steep learning curve on building science, house-as-a-system and energy modelling?
- Do you want to spend a good chunk of your week travelling between homes and providing home energy assessment services? In urban areas this may mean time in traffic. In rural areas this may mean driving further.
- Do you want to spend another good chunk of your time sitting in front of a computer doing energy modelling? Do you feel comfortable with learning new computer programs?
- Do you feel physically fit enough to carrying tools and equipment (30 pounds) and for climbing ladders (to check insulation levels in attic)?
- Can you see yourself as a home detective that has the capabilities (through visual inspection and interviewing homeowner) to diagnose energy efficiency problems with a home?
- Are you willing to spend the time learning to be a good home energy detective – to learn to ropes and to continually learn?
- Do you feel you have the skills to patiently and knowledgably speak with all kinds of homeowners, answering all their questions and making good recommendation on their best steps for improving the efficiency of their homes?
- Are you interested in learning all the terms and conditions details about [home energy rebate programs and incentives](#) to a level you can explain them to homeowners.
- Are you willing to spend time to learn about energy efficiency products and home upgrades and the house-as-a-system concept?
- Do you have an attention to detail and ability to take good notes on a data collection sheet?
- Do you have good administrative and computer skills so you can keep your energy modelling files, client information, photographs and data collection sheets organized?
- Are you ready to invest in having access to a vehicle, lap top, blower door, insurance and WCB (or join a EA company that provides some of this for you)?
- Are you willing to have your work quality assured (for accuracy and completeness as per Natural Resources Canada guidelines) and ready to fix any mistakes you have made?
- Do you understand that your first six months to year of energy advisors work is going to be a lot of learning time?
- Do you understand if you don't come to the table with a lot of relevant experience that your leaning and training time to become an EA will be much longer?
- If you are wanting to do this part time, do you understand it take the same amount of learning time to get started and to continually keep updated as if you were working full time?
- Are you willing to work as a fee-for-service contractor? Which means you are not paid for learning time, fixing mistakes time, or other hours of non-delivering services work? (Less applicable if you choose the path of working as an employee for an energy advisor company).
- Do you understand that you are entering a competitive market where there are a lot of good companies providing high quality services? Are you ready to aim to provide as good a service (immediately) and be as knowledgeable (in time) as the best energy advisors out there?
- Are you wanting to be part of the green economy that is helping BC and Canada meet their greenhouse gas emission reduction targets?

If you answered yes, or I think so, to all the above questions. This might be the right choice for you. If you answered no to, or are unsure about, some of these questions...take time to consider if this is the right career choice for you. Becoming an energy advisor is a rewarding career choice, but it takes a commitment to continual learning and comes with its own set of challenges (like all different career choices).

**Contact Us**

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