

## BPA Online Lighting Calculator Updates

BPA has several important updates and reminders related to the Online Lighting Calculator (OLC) as we begin the transition from the current rate period (RP) to the next.

### Migration from LC6.0 to OLC for fiscal year (FY) 25 Reporting

As a reminder, Sept. 5, 2025 is the final day to submit LC6.0 projects into [BPA Energy Efficiency Tracking System](#). Any nonresidential lighting projects submitted after this date must use the [OLC](#).

If you need help migrating projects from LC6.0 to the OLC, BPA staff are available to assist. To request support, email [lighting@bpa.gov](mailto:lighting@bpa.gov) with “Migration” in the subject line and contact name and phone number in the body of the email no later than Aug. 1, 2025. Requests received after this date will be entered in a queue with no guarantee of review completion before the Sept. 5, 2025 deadline.

### Upcoming Incentive and Qualification Changes

As shared in June 26, 2025 [October 2025 Implementation Manual Changes Presentation](#), BPA is revising the default incentives and minimum project qualification criteria built into the OLC for the next rate period. Key changes detailed on slides 13-15 of the linked presentation include:

- Increasing default incentives for most existing deemed and calculated measures.
- Revising the minimum Benefit/Cost Ratio requirement so that it applies only to projects that report savings greater than 200,000 kWh.
- Reducing the minimum wattage reduction requirement to 10 percent for both retrofit and new construction projects.
- Adding a requirement that projects with existing fixtures that cannot be relamped due to federal or state restrictions (e.g., the ban on the sale of fluorescent lamps in Oregon) must be processed as new construction.

### Allocation Assignment

The changes described in the Rate Period Implementation Manual Presentation will be integrated into the OLC using the allocation assignment.

- Utilities and trade allies can continue to use current allocation (RP FY24-25) to create projects in the OLC until Sept. 30, 2025.
- Beginning Oct. 1, 2025, all projects created in the OLC must use the new rate period allocation (RP FY 26-FY 27), which reflects the revised incentives and qualification criteria.

Note: OLC projects created under allocation RP 24-FY 25 before Sept. 30, 2025 can continue to be reported using the original default incentive levels and qualification criteria after Oct. 1, 2025.

### Next Steps

Please visit the [OLC Landing Page](#) for the latest information and resources. Energy Efficiency Representatives are available to answer any questions, needs, or concerns related to the OLC. You may also send inquiries to [lighting@bpa.gov](mailto:lighting@bpa.gov).