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Effective January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Energy Star announced new criteria designed to improve the energy performance of windows and doors for all areas of the country. Kasson and Keller has been Energy Star compliant for 10 years and are prepared for the changes.

The new Energy Star criteria have changed in two ways. First there are now 4 zones instead of 5 zones across the country. Second, there is a more stringent criterion to be met in the Northern Zone where most of our business is located.

The tax credit in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 specified energy performance criteria, a maximum .30 U-Value and a maximum .30 SHGC, for the entire country, regardless of climate zone. Energy Star has also set a criteria of .30 U-Value for the Northern Zone, however has set no SHGC criterion.

There are two alternative criteria specifying U-Values of .31 and .32, while allowing minimum SHGC to rise to .35 and .40 respectively. Windows with those specific U-Values and the corresponding SHGC's or higher will qualify.

The revised Energy Star program requirements went into effect January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Energy Star is giving window manufacturers a transition period to update marketing materials and product information. This transition period scheduled to end March 31, 2010 allows Energy Star certified manufactures to continue manufacturing units under the old criteria. All units manufactured during the time period must have an additional label affixed to the glass stating *Qualified Until March 31, 2010*.

Kasson and Keller carry a full line of windows that meet or exceed both the Energy Star and Tax Credit criteria. A complete listing of our thermal testing can be viewed on our website at [www.ecoshieldwindows.com](http://www.ecoshieldwindows.com).

If you have any question please contact your sales representative.