

**Tax Deduction Qualified Software for buildings placed in service on or after January 1, 2016.  
eQUEST version 3.65**

On this page you'll find information about the eQUEST version 3.65 Qualified Software for Calculating Commercial Building Tax Deductions | Department of Energy <http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/qualified-software-calculating-commercial-building-tax-deductions>, which calculates energy and power cost savings that meet federal tax incentive requirements for commercial buildings.

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*Statements and information in the right hand column of this table are from the software developer.*

Internal Revenue Code §179D (c)(1) and (d) Regulations Notice 2006-52, Section 6 requirements as amplified by Notice 2008-40, Section 4 requirements.	
(1) The name, address, and (if applicable) web site of the software developer;	James J. Hirsch & Associates 12185 Presilla Road Camarillo, California 93012-9243 <a href="http://www.doe2.com">www.doe2.com</a>
(2) The name, email address, and telephone number of the person to contact for further information regarding the software;	Jeff Hirsch James J. Hirsch & Associates <a href="mailto:Jeff.Hirsch@DOE2.com">Jeff.Hirsch@DOE2.com</a> 805-553-9000 (phone) 805-532-2401 (fax)
(3) The name, version, or other identifier of the software as it will appear on the list;	eQUEST 3.65
(4) All test results, input files, output files, weather data, modeler reports, and the executable version of the software with which the tests were conducted; and	Provided to DOE
(5) A declaration by the developer of the software, made under penalties of perjury, that—	"On behalf of the eQUEST 3.65 development team I certify the following:"
(a) The software has been tested according to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 140-2014 Standard Method of Test for the Evaluation of Building Energy Analysis Computer Programs (except for sections 5.2.4, 7, and 8);	" The software has been tested according to the American National Standards Institute/American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ANSI/ASHRAE) Standard 140-2014 Standard Method of Test for Evaluation of Building Energy Analysis Computer Programs."
(b) The software can model explicitly—	"The eQUEST 3.65 is fully compliant with ASHRAE 90.1-2007 and meets all of the below requirements."
(i) 8,760 hours per year;	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(ii) Calculation methodologies for the building components being modeled;	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(iii) Hourly variations in occupancy, lighting power, miscellaneous equipment power, thermostat setpoints, and HVAC system operation, defined separately for each day of the week and	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."

holidays;	
(iv) Thermal mass effects;	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(v) Ten or more thermal zones;	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(vi) Part-load performance curves for mechanical equipment;	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(vii) Capacity and efficiency correction curves for mechanical heating and cooling equipment; and	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(viii) Air-side and water-side economizers with integrated control.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies with the air-side economizer requirements and with two forms of water-side economizers (WSE): dedicated WSE coils in air handlers and 'parallel' (i.e., non-integrated) WSE such as a strainer cycle. The eQUEST 3.65 software cannot model 'parallel' WSE (i.e., with integrated control) and shall not be used for projects with that technology."
(c) The software can explicitly model each of the following HVAC systems listed in Appendix G of Standard 90.1-2007 <sup>(1)</sup> :	
(i) Packaged Terminal Air Conditioner (PTAC), constant volume (CV) fan, DX coil cooling, hot-water fossil fuel boiler.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(ii) Packaged Terminal Heat Pump (PTHP), CV fan, DX coil cooling, electric heat pump heating.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(iii) Packaged Rooftop Air Conditioner (PSZ-AC), CV fan, DX coil cooling, fossil fuel furnace heating.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(iv) Packaged Rooftop Heat Pump (PSZ-HP), CV fan, DX coil cooling, electric heat pump heating.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(v) Packaged Rooftop Variable-Air-Volume (PVAV) with reheat, Variable-Air-Volume (VAV) fans, DX coil cooling, hot-water fossil fuel boiler.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(vi) Packaged VAV with parallel fan-powered boxes (PVAV with PFP boxes) with reheat, VAV fans, DX coil cooling, electric resistance heating.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(vii) Packaged Rooftop VAV with reheat, VAV fans, chilled water cooling, hot-water fossil fuel boiler.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(viii) VAV with PFP boxes with reheat, VAV fans, chilled water cooling, electric resistance heating.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(d) The software can—	
(i) Either directly determine energy and power costs or produce hourly reports of energy use by energy source suitable for determining energy and power costs separately; and	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(ii) Design load calculations to determine required HVAC equipment capacities and air and water flow rates.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(e) The software can explicitly model:	
(i) Natural ventilation.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software can model simple single-zone natural ventilation using air changes per hour (user-defined) or Sherman-

	Grimsrud (calculated)."
(ii) Mixed mode (natural and mechanical) ventilation.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software does not explicitly model this feature and shall not be used for projects with that technology."
(iii) Earth tempering of outdoor air.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software does not explicitly model this feature and shall not be used for projects with that technology."
(iv) Displacement ventilation.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software does not explicitly model this feature and shall not be used for projects with that technology."
(v) Evaporative cooling.	"The eQUEST v3.5b software complies."
(vi) Water use by occupants for cooking, cleaning or other domestic uses.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software does not explicitly model this feature and shall not be used for projects with that technology."
(vii) Water use by heating, cooling, or other equipment, or for on-site landscaping.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software does not explicitly model this feature and shall not be used for projects with that technology."
(viii) Automatic interior or exterior lighting controls (such as occupancy, photocells, or time-clocks).	"The eQUEST 3.65 software can explicitly model automatic interior or exterior lighting controls such as occupancy sensors or time-clocks, but cannot model photocells."
(ix) Daylighting (sidelighting, skylights, or tubular daylight devices).	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(x) Improved fan system efficiency through static pressure reset.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software does not explicitly model this feature and shall not be used for projects with that technology."
(xi) Radiant heating or cooling (low or high temperature).	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies with the radiant system requirements for low delta-t heating panel applications. The eQUEST 3.65 software does not explicitly model radiant cooling systems or high temperature radiant heating systems and shall not be used for projects with that technology."
(xii) Multiple or variable-speed control for fans, cooling equipment, or cooling towers.	"The eQUEST 3.65 software complies."
(xiii) On-site energy systems (such as combined heat and power systems, fuel cells, solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, or wind).	"The eQUEST 3.65 software can model on-site energy systems including engines, gas turbines, steam turbine generators and photovoltaic arrays. eQUEST 3.65 cannot model fuel cells, solar thermal, or wind systems and shall

	not be used for projects with these technologies."
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- 1) 90.1-2007 is defined by the PATH Act of 2015 as "Standard 90.1-2007 of ASHRAE and IESNA (as in effect on the day before the date of the adoption of Standard 90.1-2010 of such Societies)." This definition includes 90.1-2007 and the addenda supplement package (Addenda a, b, c, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, s, t, u, w, y, ad, and aw) and addendum r, plus all published errata.
- 2) Software that cannot explicitly model one or more of the HVAC systems or features in sections 5.c and 5.e of the table can still be listed as qualified software. It cannot, however, be used for 179D analyses of projects that need to model such systems or features. When this is the case, the statement used for the particular requirements shall be as follows: The *AAA EnergySoftware* cannot model *system or feature X* and shall not be used for projects with this technology.

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