

Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program 2020 Q & A

The Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program is provided by the Province of British Columbia to Eligible Greenhouse Operators. The grant is based on the fuel burnt in 2019. The fuel burnt is supported by submission of a one or two page summary (provided by your fuel supplier) or the monthly invoices.

Q. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

BC greenhouse operations which are commercial, had sales exceeding \$ 20,000 in 2019, are using natural gas or propane to heat the greenhouse or produce CO₂, has production area greater than 455 m², and are producing eligible crops **in the 2020 production year** are eligible to apply.

Q. I PURCHASED MY GREENHOUSE THIS YEAR AND DO NOT HAVE ANY FUEL INVOICES?

If you are unable to obtain a copy of the 2019 fuel usage, an estimate of the 2020 fuel can be submitted. AGRI staff will review the estimated amount and may adjust it.

Q. WHAT IS AN ELIGIBLE CROP?

Vegetables, ornamental flowers and plants, forest seedlings and nursery landscape plants are eligible crops. Cannabis is not an eligible crop at any phase of production including propagation.

Q. CAN I APPLY IF I BURN COAL OR BIOMASS IN MY GREENHOUSE?

No, the relief grant is only for natural gas and propane.

Q. THERE IS ONLY ONE METER FOR MY HOUSE AND GREENHOUSE, CAN I APPLY?

Yes, calculate the amount of fuel used for eligible purposes and request the grant for that amount. You cannot request the grant for fuel that is used for ineligible purposes such as heating your private residence, and/or office and/or processing/packaging area; for operating vehicles such as delivery or forklift trucks, or for electricity production.

Q. IS COGENERATION AN ELIGIBLE USE?

Cogeneration units or combined heat and power (CHP) engines produce heat, CO₂ and electricity. The fuel burnt to produce heat and CO₂ – which are eligible purposes – is eligible for the grant. The fuel burnt to produce electricity is not eligible for the carbon tax relief grant.