

Business Programs

Commercial Induction Rebate



Transition your kitchen from gas to high-powered electric induction and receive up to \$17,500 in rebates from Ava Community Energy

What is induction cooking?

Induction cooktops heat the pan instantly and precisely to your desired temperature. They also eliminate the carbon monoxide and other toxins emitted by gas stoves. Learn more about how induction cooking works at AvaEnergy.org/induction.

Rebate program overview and eligibility

Ava Community Energy is proud to offer a rebate to help our business customers make the switch from gas to electric induction in their commercial kitchens. This rebate offer covers cost recovery for the purchase, installation and required electrical upgrades associated with new and retrofit high-efficiency induction cooktops, ranges, woks, and portable cooktops. Funding is available for both new construction¹ and retrofit projects on a first-come, first-served basis, until funds are exhausted. To qualify for the rebate, you must reserve funds in advance.

Eligible Equipment	Rebate Amount
Electric Induction Range (NO HYBRID) or Cooktop Must be national lab certified (UL Listed or NSF/ETL/CSA Certified)	Up to \$15,000 project costs ² (first 5 applicants)
	Up to \$7,500 project costs ² for remainder
	Up to \$2,500 for electrical/wiring costs for retrofit projects
Portable Countertop Induction Cooktop Must be national lab certified (UL Listed or NSF/ETL/CSA Certified)	Up to \$400 per unit (max 2 per site)

Rebate Steps


1. Apply to reserve rebate funds at AvaEnergy.org/commercial-kitchens.
2. Receive eligibility confirmation by email.
3. Install equipment.
4. Submit proof of installation.
5. Receive rebate.

If you have additional questions, please contact induction-cooking@AvaEnergy.org.

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Submit the required application materials for eligibility

For a range/ cooktop rebate	Photo(s) of existing natural gas appliance (for retrofit projects).
	Photo(s) of new induction appliance and (for retrofit projects) capped gas line(s) that fed the original appliance.
	Invoice outlining work performed (including proof of required permits) and equipment installed. A separate equipment receipt is necessary if purchased separately from service. If requesting electrical/wiring rebate, invoice outlining electrical work required.
For portable cooktop rebate(s)	Purchase receipt showing eligible cooktop.
	Photo of induction unit in your commercial kitchen.

Frequently asked questions

What is the difference between an induction range and an induction cooktop?

A standalone cooktop includes only induction cooking elements and no oven. Cooktop-only models oftentimes drop into holes in countertops cut to their dimensions. An induction range includes an induction cooktop with electric oven(s).

Is this rebate eligible for self-installed projects?

Projects installed by a third-party-certified contractor are preferred for most applicants. Applicants with qualified maintenance/facilities staff may be permitted to complete installation of equipment. If electrical upgrades are required, a certified electrician must be the one to complete the work.

What if my building requires additional electrical upgrades to support an electric range/cooktop?

An electric induction cooktop commonly requires 40 or 50 amps of dedicated capacity on a service panel. Additionally, installing an electric appliance where a gas appliance once existed may require you to run electrical within range of the new appliance. If you do not have sufficient capacity on your service panel, you may need to upgrade it to increase the capacity. To help alleviate this financial burden, each applicant installing a retrofit induction range/cooktop is eligible for up to \$2,500 in rebate towards necessary electrical upgrade equipment and materials associated with this project.

Do I have to cap off my existing gas line when switching to an induction appliance?

In order to be eligible for a rebate for retrofit projects, the gas line that fed the existing natural gas appliance must be capped. This is for the gas line to the appliance only, not the entire building itself. Exceptions to this requirement may be made on a case by case basis.

¹ New construction projects are not eligible in Oakland and Berkeley where local ordinances require all-electric construction.

² Project costs include cost of equipment and installation labor. Electrical service or capacity improvements are not covered under this amount.