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### Changes made to the GEG (Gebäudeenergiegesetz: *Building Energy Act*)

#### Obligation for 65 % renewable energy:

- Obligation was implemented, but weakened and linked to **municipal heat planning**
- GEG will apply from Jan. 1, 2024
- 65% obligation does not apply in **large cities** until **mid-2026** and in **smaller cities** from **mid-2028**

#### Mandatory efficiency levels for new buildings:

- New buildings must meet **Efficiency House 55** level as of Jan. 1, 2023
- The planned change to make the **Efficiency House 40** level mandatory from 2025 onwards was cancelled, as new construction activity has fallen sharply due to high construction prices and interest rates

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### Changes made to BEG (Bundesförderung für effiziente Gebäude: *Federal funding for efficient buildings*)

Revision of the subsidy as of 01.01.2023 has brought **many small technical changes**, in addition, the **bonus for serial refurbishment** of an additional 15 percentage points was introduced

Another **revision is planned for 01.01.2024**, subsidies for renewable heating systems to be significantly increased to up to 70 %, especially for low-income households, and subsidies for renovation of the building envelope to be increased from a maximum of 20 % to up to 30 % for 2 years (to support the construction industry)

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### Details on subsidies for the replacement of heating systems:

- Basic subsidy of 30 % for all,
- additional climate bonus of 20 or 25 % [still in preparation] for the replacement of particularly inefficient old systems (presumably only for certain residential buildings),
- additional 30 % income bonus for owner-occupiers with up to €40,000 taxable household income

### CO<sub>2</sub> price for transport and buildings:

- currently as last year 30 €/t,
- planned increase on 01.01.2023 was suspended due to energy price crisis,
- on 01.01.2024 to be increased to 40 €/t



**Thank you for your attention**