Payments for Specified Energy Property in Lieu of Tax Credits Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

1603 Program Online System Guide

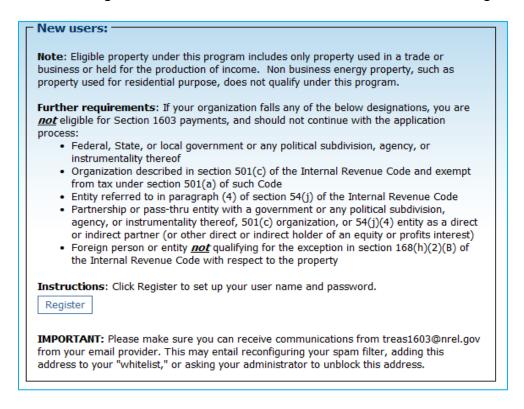
https://treas1603.nrel.gov/

The online system is to be used for submitting applications, Terms and Conditions, and annual reports. Before entering the online system, be sure to read carefully through the sample application, Terms and Conditions, and applicant checklist on our website, http://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/recovery/Pages/1603.aspx.

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Registering As a New User

To register as a new user, go to: https://treas1603.nrel.gov/. Click the "Register" button at the bottom, under the "New Users" heading on the left hand side of the page.



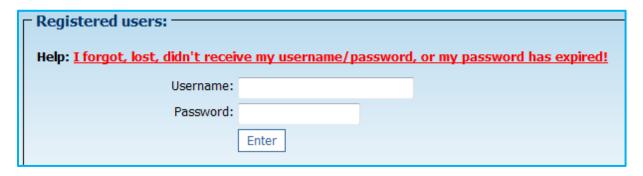
This will take you to the page to insert the user information. Follow the directions at the top of the page and enter the requested information in each of the boxes. The email address entered will become your username. The answers to the security questions are case sensitive, so be sure to remember exactly how you enter them and check the spelling.

Once all of the fields are complete, click the "Register" button at the bottom.

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Answer to question 1:	
Choose a second security question:	•
Answer to question 2:	
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A Temporary password will be sent to your email. Once you have received the password, you may sign in for the first time from the main page, https://treas1603.nrel.gov/.

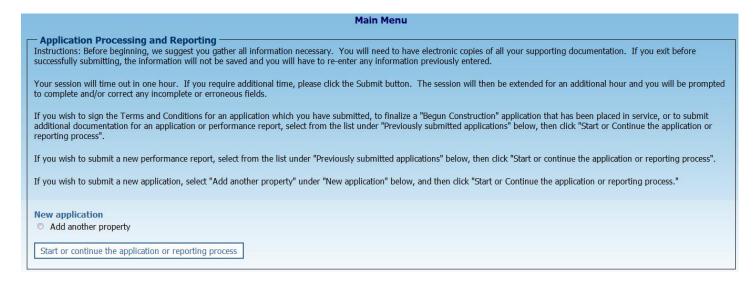
Type your username (this is the email address you entered earlier) and the temporary password in the boxes under the "Registered Users" heading on the right hand side of the page. If the temporary password does not work the first time, try copying and pasting it from the email you received from the system to ensure it is exact.



Once in the system you will be asked to answer security questions and to enter a new password. Be sure to remember this password. If you forget the new password, see Changing Password below. If you forget the answers to the security questions, see Resetting Security Questions below.

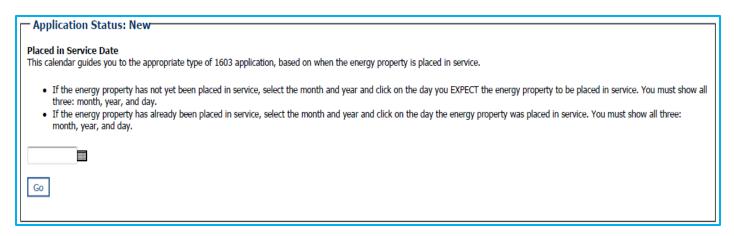
Submitting an Application

At the bottom of the Main Menu page, click the radio button next to "Add another property," (even if this is your first application) then click the "Start or continue the application or reporting process" button.



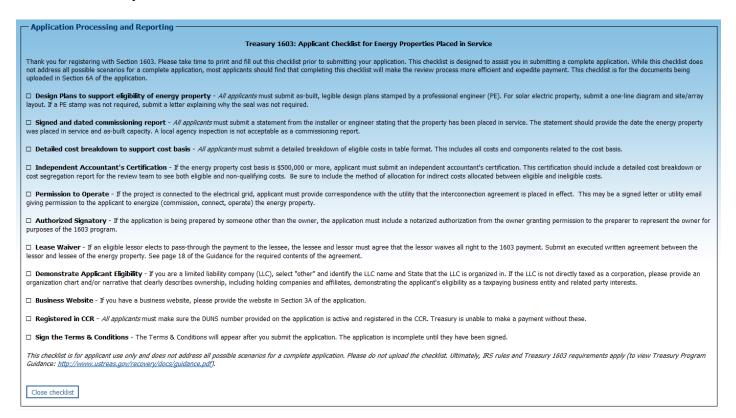
This will take you to the Application Package Control Panel page for New Applications..

If the property has not yet been placed in service, select the month and year you expect the energy property to be placed in service. If the energy property has been placed in service, select the month and year the property was placed in service. Once the appropriate date has been selected, click the "Go" button. This will take you to the relevant application to complete.



This will take you to the Applicant Checklist page. Read through the Applicant Checklist before beginning the application to be sure you have all necessary documentation, as **you will not be able to save the application and come back to it.**

Once you are certain you have all necessary documentation, click the "Start the application process" button in the bottom left hand corner of the page. Next you will be taken to the application. Read each question and its directions carefully.



Converting a Begun Construction Application

Once a property for which a Begun Construction application was submitted is placed in service, the Begun Construction application may be converted to a Placed in Service application.

To convert a Begun Construction application to a Placed in Service application, at the bottom of the Main Menu page, click the radio button next to the relevant property. Then click the "Start or continue the application or reporting process" button.



On the next page, click the blue underlined text that reads "Update Your Existing Begun Construction Application to Placed in Service."



This will take you to the Placed in Service application for this property.

Once all information has been entered and all documentation has been uploaded, click the "Submit application" button in the bottom left-hand corner of the page in order to submit the Placed in Service application.



Submitting Documentation

When filling out the application, please note that you can only submit one attachment for each box given. Click the "Browse" button next to each relevant box to locate the document on your computer that you are looking to upload.



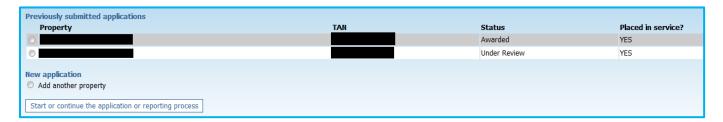
To attach additional documentation, you must wait until after you have submitted the application and return to the Application Package Control Panel page. Accepted file types include: Office (doc, docx, xls, xlsx), postscript (pdf), and plain text (txt) formats. Please limit total size of all files to 100 MB or less.

Click the radio button next to "Add/Modify Supporting Documentation," then click the "Go" button. This function remains available for three days after an application is submitted.



Finding the Application Control Panel Page

Once you have signed in, at the bottom of the Main Menu page, click the radio button next to the relevant property or next to "Add another property," then click the "Start or continue the application or reporting process" button.



The next page you will see is the Applicant Control Panel page for previously submitted applications.



Changing Username

The username is the email address used to originally submit the application. Only the applicant is able to view any applications he or she submitted. If for some reason, the applicant's email changes, or an application needs to be linked to someone other than the original applicant, the applicant may request a change.

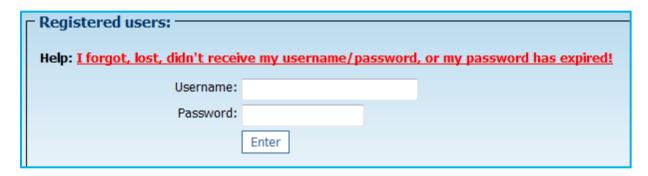
First, the new user must register in the online system (see **Registering as a New User**).

Next, the new user sends an email to <u>treas1603@nrel.gov</u> giving the following for each application to be reassigned: 1.) the reason for the change, 2.) the new username, and 3.) the TAN of the original application (e.g. 2011E48SE012345).

At that point, the system administrator will be able to reassign those applications. Once this has been completed both the new user and the previous user will receive an email notifying them that the applications have been reassigned to the new user.

Changing Password

To reset your password, you may click the "Help: I forgot, lost, or didn't receive my username/password or my password has expired" link on the main page, https://treas1603.nrel.gov/.



This takes you to the Reset Password page, where you type in your username (email) and click the "Enter" button.



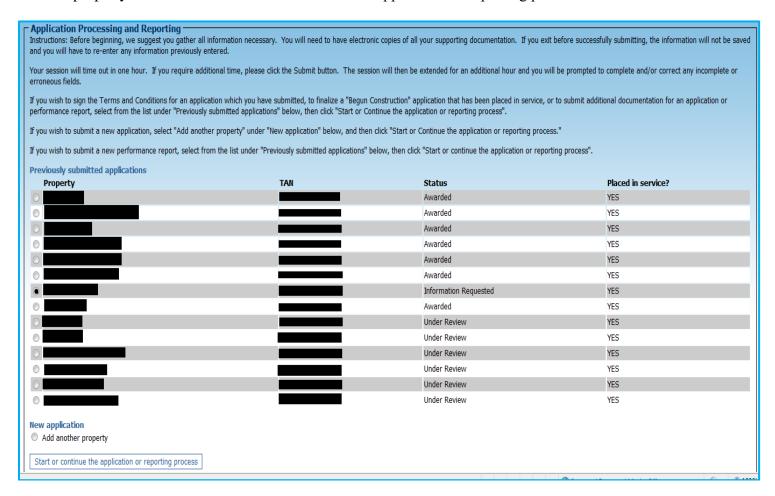
The online system sends a temporary password to the email address entered. Once you sign in using the temporary password and answer the security questions, you will be prompted to change your password. Be sure to remember this password.

Resetting Security Questions

You may email <u>treas1603@nrel.gov</u> to request that your security questions be reset. In the email, state 1) your username and 2) the old security questions (not the answers). Once the security questions have been reset, you will receive an email notification.

Submitting Reviewer Requested Documentation

When the review team requests additional documentation, the applicant has 21 calendar days to upload the requested documents. To do so, at the bottom of the Main Menu page, click the radio button next to the relevant property. Then click the "Start or continue the application or reporting process" button.

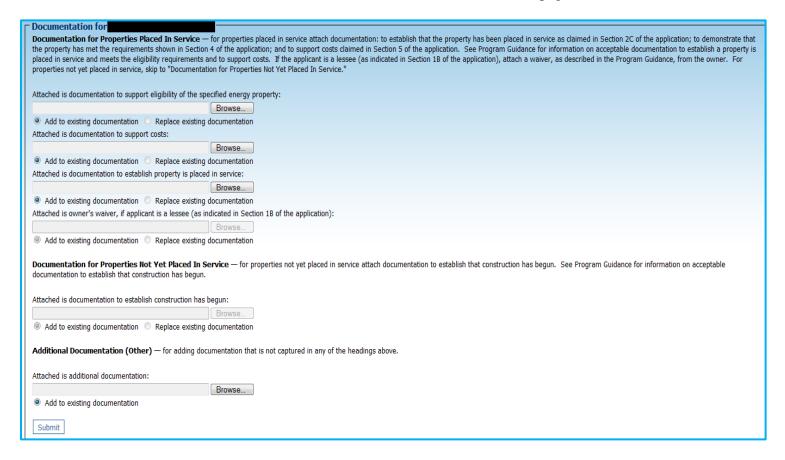


On the next page, click the radio button next to "View information requested" in order to see what the review team is requesting. To upload the documentation click the radio button next to "Add/Modify Supporting Documentation," then click the "Go" button.

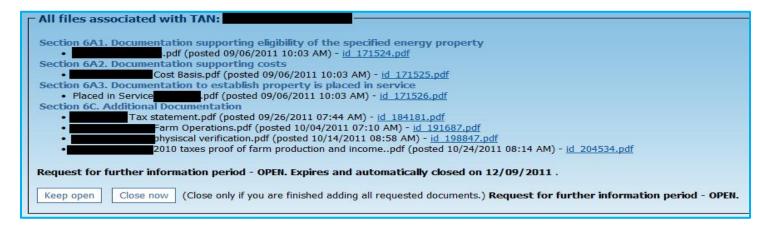


The next page will allow you to upload the additional documentation. Click the "Browse" button next to each relevant box to locate the document on your computer that you are looking to upload.

Make sure the radio button next to "Add to existing documentation" is checked for each box. Once you have attached all additional documents, click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.



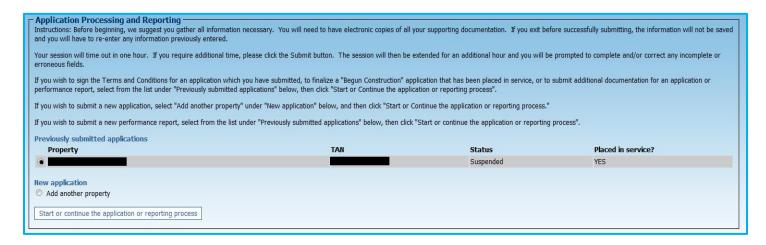
On the next page, if you have uploaded all additional documentation, you should click the "Close now" button at the bottom of the page; this will allow the review process to begin again. If you do not close, the review process will not be able to begin again until it closes automatically on the date given at the bottom of the page in bold.



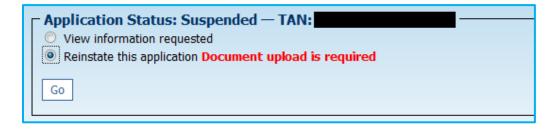
Reinstating Suspended Application

An application's status may switch to "Suspended" if the applicant does not submit the additional documentation requested by the reviewer before the 21 day deadline.

To reinstate an application whose status is "Suspended," from the Main Menu page click the radio button next to the relevant property, then click the "Start or continue the application or reporting process" button.



On the next page, click the radio button next to "Reinstate this application," then click the "Go" button



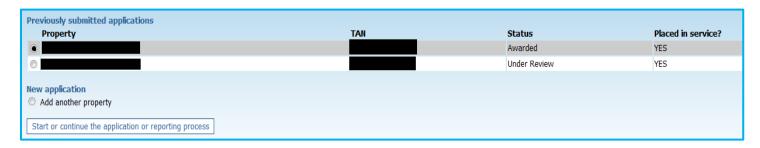
From there, you will be able to submit the reviewer requested documentation (see <u>Submitting Reviewer</u> <u>Requested Documentation</u>)

Submitting an Annual Report

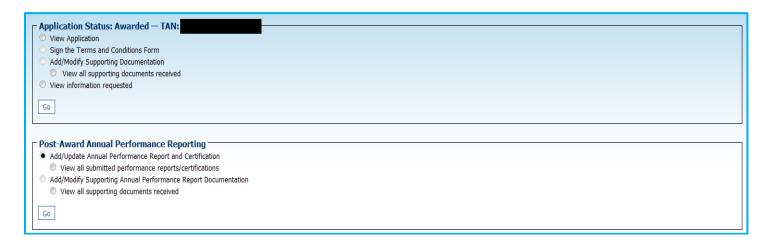
At the bottom of the Main Menu page, click the radio button next to the property for which you are trying to submit an Annual Report, then click the "Start or continue the application or reporting process" button.

If you are not able to see the property for which you are trying to submit an Annual Report listed, you are not listed as the owner of this TAN. If this is incorrect, please send an email to treas1603@nrel.gov giving 1.) the reason you are requesting the TAN be reassigned to you, 2.) your username and 3.) the TAN (e.g. 2011E48SE012345) for each property to be reassigned.

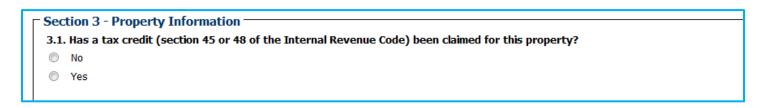
At that point, the system administrator will be able to reassign that TAN. Once this has been completed both the new owner and the previous owner will receive an email notifying them that the TAN has been reassigned to the new owner.



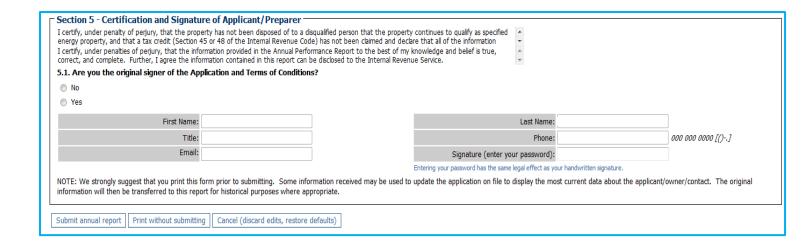
At the bottom of the next page, click the radio button next to "Add/Update Annual Performance Report and Certification," then click the "Go" button.



This will take you to the report. Please be sure to read each question carefully before answering. When answering question 3.1, please be aware that the 1603 program offers payments in lieu of tax credit; therefore, receiving this payment alone is **not** reason to answer "yes" to this question.

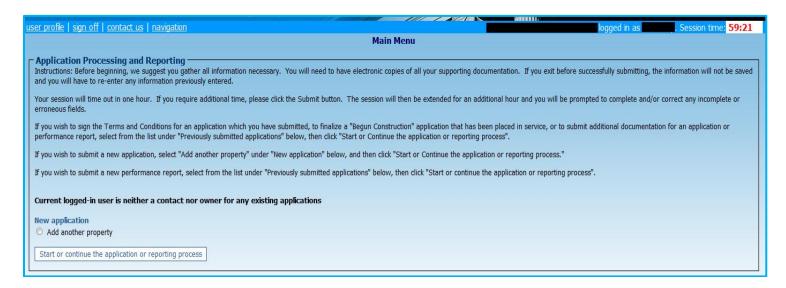


Once you have answered all the questions, you may print a copy of the report by clicking the "Print without submitting" button at the bottom of the page. To submit, click the "Submit annual report" button at the bottom of the page. If you need to reset the form to remove all information you have entered, click the "Cancel (discard edits, restore defaults)" button.

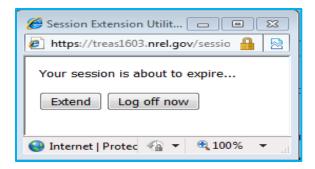


Extending Session Time

Once signed in to the online system, you will see a clock at the top right hand side of the screen that counts down from 60 minutes; this clock shows how much time is left in the session.



When there is one minute left, a pop-up window will appear giving you the option to extend the session. In order to extend your session for another 60 minutes, click the "Extend" button; otherwise, click the "Log off now" button. If you do not click either button, you will automatically be logged off once the final minute has passed.



Withdrawing an Application

An applicant can withdraw an application at any point prior to award. To do so, at the bottom of the Main Menu page, click the radio button next to the relevant property. Then click the "Start or continue the application or reporting process" button.



On the next page, click the radio button next to "Withdraw this application," then click the "Go" button.

