

Solar Tax Credit Deadline Checklist

Steps to Qualify Before December 31, 2025

Request Quotes & Sign Contract (Weeks 0–2)

- Contact 2–3 vetted solar installers for detailed proposals.
- Compare proposals and select the best option.
- Sign a contract quickly and pay any required deposit.

Engineering Design, Site Survey & Plan Approval (Weeks 2–4)

- Installer conducts site survey, roof and electrical assessments.
- Permit-ready plans for submission to local building authority.
- Expect 30–45 days for permit approval

Permit Approval & Interconnection Application (Weeks 4–8)

- Installer submits applications to local authority and utility.
- Utility reviews grid safety and reliability impact.
- Process may take 60–90 days depending on jurisdiction.

Physical Installation (Weeks 8–10)

- Crews install racking, panels, inverter(s), and optional battery.
- Most projects take 2–5 days on-site, usually within 1–2 weeks.
- Inspectors may conduct interim checks during installation.

Final Inspection, Utility Approval & Commissioning (Weeks 10–12+)

- Local officials inspect and sign off installation.
- Utility grants Permission to Operate (PTO).
- System is energized and eligible for the 30% Residential Clean Energy Credit.

