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Redone French energy certificates: 44.8% of energy sieves leave classes F and G with no measure recorded, 84.8% with one

According to a OneDpe study of the full public energy certificate (DPE) database of ADEME, the French environment agency, 44.8% of energy sieves (homes rated F or G) assessed twice leave those classes at the second assessment with no renovation measure (windows, heating, ventilation, insulation, hot water) recorded, against 84.8% when a measure is recorded. Both rates leave aside, on both sides, the homes whose second certificate is worse than the first (18% of the 104,759 homes assessed twice). When a measure is recorded, the difference is clear; but two certificates for the same home do not always say the same thing.

A recorded measure is a declared improvement to equipment or insulation between the two certificates. Among energy sieves whose second certificate records none of the six tracked measures (windows, heating, ventilation, walls, roof, hot water), 6,878 out of 15,359 leave classes F and G. When a measure is recorded, 9,351 out of 11,026 leave. “No measure recorded” does not mean “no works”: the second certificate simply describes none. Nor does the study say that redoing a certificate is a way out of energy-sieve status, since the gap works both ways. For the rental decency rules, the home’s official rating is what counts.

> “An energy certificate is not a measurement to the millimetre. When an energy sieve is assessed again with no measure recorded, and the second certificate is not worse, nearly one time in two it leaves classes F and G. When the second certificate records a measure, the gap is clear: more than eight energy sieves in ten leave F and G. But as long as the gap between two certificates for the same home is not documented, we cannot say precisely what the works have changed.” — Steven Annonziata, co-founder of OneDpe and author of the study

Same visit, two certificates: 17.2% change class

A re-issue is a new document drawn up for the same visit, for example to correct a floor area or an entry: no works are possible in between. Out of 1,139,724 re-issues with the same conversion factor and calculation version, 17.2% change class: 12.8% gain at least one, 4.4% lose at least one. This is the minimum gap between two entries of the same visit.

Heating gains the most classes

When it is the only measure recorded, changing the heating system gains 1.26 classes on average. Windows, the most frequent measure (40.7% of homes where a measure is recorded), gain 0.69.

By region and by département. In Île-de-France, windows appear in 49.6% of homes where a measure is recorded; heating appears in 56.7% in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and 52.1% in Occitanie. Results are published for 12 regions and 38 départements (at least 300 homes with a measure recorded), without ranking; a regional press kit sets them out département by département.

What the study does not say

It blames no assessor: the gap between two certificates is a property of the system, and no statistic by professional is produced. A recorded measure is neither dated, invoiced nor verified. The study covers neither the cost of works nor grants.

Method and sources. ADEME public certificate database, full extraction of 25 August 2026 (19,502,445 certificates, Licence Ouverte 2.0). Of 2,040,000 certificate replacements recorded since July 2021, 91% re-issue the same visit, a normal act for an assessor; that leaves 104,759 homes assessed twice, on two separate visits (same postcode, floor area within 25%, homes assessed individually). Both certificates are brought to the same scale and to the electricity conversion factor for certificates issued in 2026 in mainland France, 1.9 (order of 13 August 2025); it is 1.7 for those issued from 1 January 2027 (order of 19 August 2026), a text that postdates our data. Method note, data by département and by region, regional press kit and graphics free to reuse with the credit “Source: OneDpe.fr”: **onedpe.fr/en/presse/travaux-renovation-dpe-2026**

The full study: onedpe.fr/en/blog/renovation-works-epc-what-really-changes

About OneDpe. OneDpe (RIANN SAS) publishes free tools for analysing French energy performance certificates, including a simulator of the effect of works on a certificate (onedpe.fr/en/renovation-works). The commercial interest is declared.

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Files: the press release and the method note as PDF; the five graphics, data by département and by region (CSV) and the regional press kit on the press page from publication, or on request before.