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Important information about discounts available on your earthquake insurance



CEA POLICYHOLDER OR CURRENT RESIDENT

About Retrofitting

(888) 933-9876

About Your CEA Policy

Call your residential
insurance company

Beginning in 2016, CEA will offer a bigger premium discount—the “Hazard Reduction Discount”—to policyholders who have strengthened, or “seismically retrofitted,” their houses to better resist earthquake shaking. You may be eligible for a discount of up to 20%.

How does it work? The price for CEA earthquake insurance depends, partly, on the features and age of your house. If you seismically retrofit it, you make your house stronger and better able to resist earthquake shaking, which reduces damage and insured loss, and improves safety for people in your home.

Houses built before the California Building Standards Code addressed earthquakes are generally more likely to be damaged by earthquake shaking, so they are more expensive to insure. But a house that has been retrofitted is stronger and less likely to be damaged, allowing us to offer you this Hazard Reduction Discount.

You may be eligible to receive the retrofit discount if **all** of these things are true:

1. Your house was built before 1979.
2. Your house is of wood-frame construction.
3. Your house is built on a raised foundation. If your house has a post-and-pier foundation, the retrofit must comply with state building codes.
4. Your house’s wood frame is secured to the concrete foundation.
5. Your water heater is secured to the house’s wood frame.
6. Your house’s cripple walls (any walls under the main floor that are less than full-story height—not all houses have them) are braced with plywood or equivalent, in accordance with state building codes.

CEA records show that you currently are receiving a 5% discount on your CEA policy premium.

If you wish to retain the 5% self-verified credit you are receiving, there is no additional action needed.

If a structural engineer or licensed contractor can verify your house’s seismic retrofit, have them complete and sign the enclosed *CEA Earthquake Insurance Dwelling Retrofit Verification Form*. Return it to your home insurance company so that you may qualify for a 20% policy-premium discount.

To learn more about how to become eligible for a bigger Hazard Reduction Discount, visit EarthquakeAuthority.com or call (888) 933-9876.

To qualify for a 20% Hazard Reduction Discount, or to discuss your policy, call your agent or insurer.

Thank you for choosing earthquake insurance from the California Earthquake Authority (CEA).

Respectfully,

Glenn A. Pomeroy
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