# Introduction to Weatherization Quiz Answer Key

# Weatherization Energy Auditor – Single Family

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Learning Objectives

By attending this session, participants will be able to:

* Discuss the historical perspective of the Weatherization Assistance Program.
* Name characteristics of the client base served by the program.
* Recognize that building science guides the selection of measures installed with program dollars.
* Describe the principles of cost-effectiveness and the savings-to-investment ratio.
* Recognize modern weatherization measures.
* Cite communication guidelines for working with clients.
* Describe how energy audits guide weatherization work.

Questions and Rationale

**Objectives:**

* Describe the principles of cost-effectiveness and the savings-to-investment ratio.

**Question:**

1. The savings-to-investment ratio (SIR) is calculated by:

1. The cost of a measure divided by program support.
2. The amount of energy savings divided by the cost to install a measure.
3. The amount of energy savings multiplied by cost to install a measure.

**Rationale:**

**A** **& C** are incorrect because SIR is savings divided by cost.

**B** is correct because the proper formula for calculating SIR is savings divided by cost.

**Objective:**

* Discuss the historical perspective of the Weatherization Assistance Program.

**Question:**

2. A feature of the weatherization program that was typically non-existent in the 1980s was:

1. Comprehensive diagnostic technology.
2. Structured training and technical assistance.
3. Volunteer labor used to install measures.

**Rationale:**

**A** is correct. In the 1980s the availability of equipment and/or adequate training was limited.

**B** is incorrect. Structured training and technical assistance became more formalized and common in the 1990s.

**C** is incorrect. Volunteers installing measures was more typical of the late 1970s to mid ‘80s.

**Objective:**

* Recognize that building science guides the selection of measures installed within program dollars.

**Question:**

3. Which of the following **BEST** identifies the criteria for selection of measures to be installed in a home with WAP funds?

1. Cost-effectiveness based on building science and energy prices.
2. Availability of fiberglass or cellulose insulation for dense-packing.
3. Skill and resources of local crews/contractors.

**Rationale:**

**A** is correct. These are what guide measure installation with program funds.

**B** is incorrect because local availability should not be a deciding factor for measure installation. Resources should be located to meet the priority list or individual audit recommendations.

**C** is incorrect because the local workforce should be trained and equipped to install the appropriate measures.

**Objective:**

* Name characteristics of the client base served by the program.

**Question:**

4. Which of the following is true about the energy burden of low-income households?

1. The average energy expenditure in low-income households is $552 annually.
2. More than 90% of low-income households have annual incomes less than $22,000.
3. 17% of annual income in low-income households is spent on energy vs. 4% by other households.

**Rationale:**

**A** is incorrect. The average energy expenditure in low-income households is $1,800 annually.

**B** is incorrect. More than 90% of low-income househoulds have incomes of less than $15,000 annually.

**C** is correct. (Source data: Brown, Marilyn, and Linda Berry. “Weatherization Assistance: The Single Family Study.” *Home Energy* Sept./Oct. 1993. <www.homeenergy.org>.)

**Objective:**

* Recognize modern weatherization measures.

**Question:**

5. An example of a relatively new weatherization measure is:

1. A storm window.
2. Blower door guided air sealing.
3. Mobile home skirting.

**Rationale:**

**A & C** are incorrect because these were measures applied in the very early days of the program and were found not to be cost effective.

**B** is correct because use of the blower door was proven extremely effective in locating larger air leaks.

**Objective:**

* Cite communication guidelines for working with clients.

**Question:**

6. Communication of attitudes and feelings are expressed in a number of ways. Which of the following makes up 55% of a person’s communication?

1. Tone of Voice
2. Words
3. Body language

**Rationale:**

**A** is incorrect at 7%.

**B** is incorrect at 38%.

**C** is correct at 55%.

(Source: Mehrabian, Albert, and Ferris, Susan R. “Inference of Attitudes from Nonverbal Communication in Two Channels.” Journal of Consulting Psychology 31.3 (1067): 248-258.)