

Apply for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme

1. Overview

Through the Boiler Upgrade Scheme, you could get a grant to cover part of the cost of replacing fossil fuel heating systems with a heat pump or biomass boiler.

Fossil fuel heating systems include oil, gas, electric or LPG (liquefied petroleum gas).

After you've [checked you're eligible \(/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme/check-if-youre-eligible\)](/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme/check-if-youre-eligible), find out [how to apply for the grant \(/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme/how-to-apply\)](/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme/how-to-apply).

This scheme is open to people in England and Wales.

If you live in Scotland, you might be able to [get an interest-free loan or a grant to make your home more energy efficient \(https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/find-funding-grants-and-loans/interest-free-loans/overview/\)](https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/find-funding-grants-and-loans/interest-free-loans/overview/).

The Boiler Replacement Scheme in Northern Ireland is now closed. If you live in Northern Ireland, you can [find out about energy saving grants in your area \(https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/energy-saving-grants-your-area\)](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/energy-saving-grants-your-area).

2. What you can get

You can get one grant per property. Current grants are available for:

- £7,500 towards an air source heat pump
- £7,500 towards a ground source heat pump (including water source heat pumps and those on shared ground loops)
- £5,000 towards a biomass boiler

You cannot get a grant for a hybrid heat pump system (for example a combination of gas boiler and air source heat pump).

The system you install must meet certain standards, such as minimum efficiency levels (your installer can advise you on these).

The maximum capacity is 45kWth for individual systems and 300kWth for shared ground loops.

[Find out more about heat pumps and biomass boilers \(https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/heating-your-home/\)](https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/heating-your-home/).

You cannot get a grant to replace a low carbon heating system.

3. Check if you're eligible

You're eligible for a grant if both of the following are true. You must:

- own the property you're applying for (including if it's a business, a second home, or a property you rent out to tenants)
- be replacing fossil fuel heating systems - such as oil, gas, electric or LPG (liquefied petroleum gas)

You're still eligible if you've already had funding to make your property more energy efficient, for example by insulating it.

Your installer must commission and install the heat pump within 120 days of applying for the grant or it will not be eligible.

Check if your property is eligible

Your property must have a [valid Energy Performance Certificate \(EPC\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/valid-energy-performance-certificate) ([/find-energy-certificate](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/valid-energy-performance-certificate)). An EPC is valid for 10 years.

If you're not sure whether your property is suitable for a low carbon heating system, speak to an [MCS certified installer \(https://mcscertified.com/find-an-installer/\)](https://mcscertified.com/find-an-installer/). They can tell you about your options.

Biomass boilers

You can get a grant for a biomass boiler if all the following are true:

- your property is off the gas grid
- your property is in a rural location (check the [Ofgem guidance for property owners \(https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/boiler-upgrade-scheme-guidance-property-owners\)](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/boiler-upgrade-scheme-guidance-property-owners) if you're not sure)

- your boiler has an emissions certificate showing that polluting emissions are kept to a minimum

You cannot get a grant to install a biomass boiler in a self build property.

Properties you cannot get a grant for

You cannot get a grant for:

- most new build properties
- social housing
- a property that's already been given government funding or support for a heat pump or biomass boiler

If you own a new build property

New build properties which the developer is still building are not eligible.

If you move into a finished new build with a fossil fuel boiler, you may be able to get a grant for a heat pump under the scheme.

If you own a self build property

Your self build property is eligible if:

- you or the original owner built it yourself or you paid a builder to build it
- it's never been owned by a business or organisation

You'll need to show your installer proof that your property is a self build, for example, a copy of the title deeds.

4. How to apply

- 1 Contact suitable [MCS certified installers \(https://mcscertified.com/find-an-installer/\)](https://mcscertified.com/find-an-installer/) to get quotes for the work.
- 2 Confirm you're eligible (your installer will tell you).
- 3 Agree a quote with your chosen installer.

The installer will apply on your behalf on the Ofgem website.

The value of the grant will be taken off the amount you pay for installation.

What happens next

Ofgem will contact you to confirm that the installer is acting on your behalf. They might also contact you by phone or visit your property in order to check the installation.

MCS might contact you to carry out their own checks.

5. Get help

Contact Ofgem if you need help with the Boiler Upgrade Scheme.

Ofgem

BUS.enquiry@ofgem.gov.uk

Telephone: 0330 053 2006

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

Wednesday, 9:30am to 12:30pm

Friday, 9:30am to 4pm

If you have problems with your new heating system, speak to your installer first.

If you have problems with your installer, MCS can help you. Read their guidance on '[What to do when things go wrong \(https://mcscertified.com/complaints-compliance\)](https://mcscertified.com/complaints-compliance)'.

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