

Feed-in Tariffs (FIT)

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Feed-in Tariff Quarterly Report January to March 2021 (Issue 44)



Welcome to our Quarterly Report, bringing you information about the Feed-in Tariffs (FIT) scheme.

This report summarises statistics for the fourth quarter of FIT Year 11 (1 January – 31 March 2021) and FIT activity since the start of the scheme. The statistics in this report are based on information held on our Central FIT Register (CFR)¹.

The latest quarterly figures can also be viewed on our website.²

¹ The CFR is a database of all FIT accredited installations.

² [Link to FIT quarterly statistics](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/fit/contacts-guidance-and-resources/public-reports-and-data-fit/feed-tariffs-quarterly-statistics): <<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/fit/contacts-guidance-and-resources/public-reports-and-data-fit/feed-tariffs-quarterly-statistics>>

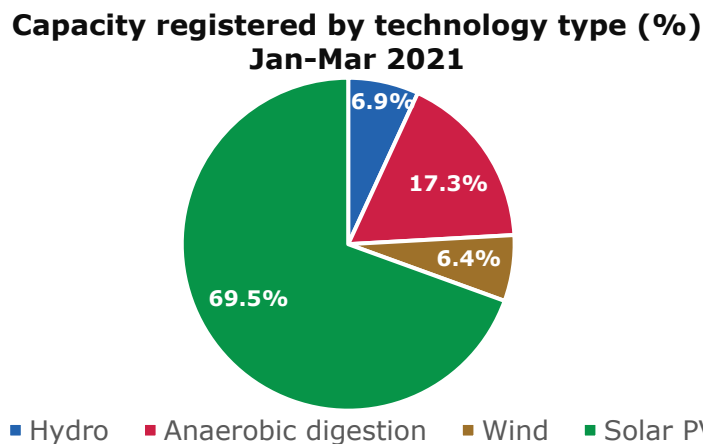
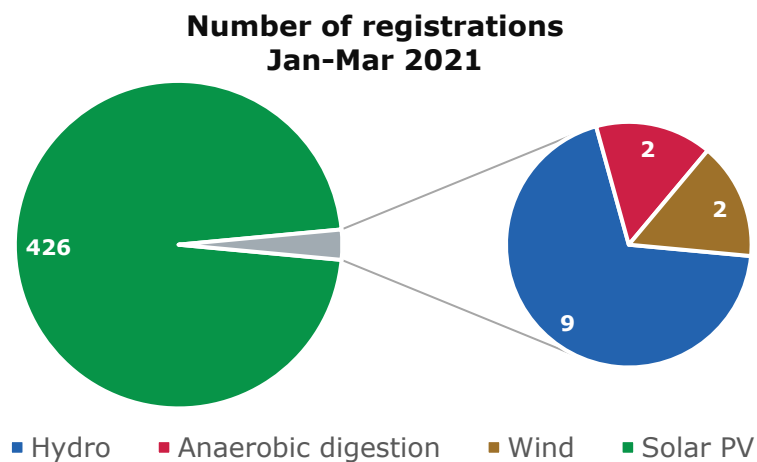
Headline statistics

(1 January – 31 March 2021)

- A total of **439** FIT installations were registered this quarter bringing the total number of registrations on the scheme to **869,976**.
- Total Installed Capacity (TIC) increased by **14.1MW** this quarter bringing the total to **6,427MW**.
- **£333,130,473.58** of FIT Export and Generation payments were claimed this quarter and the levelisation fund totalled **£280,454,492**.

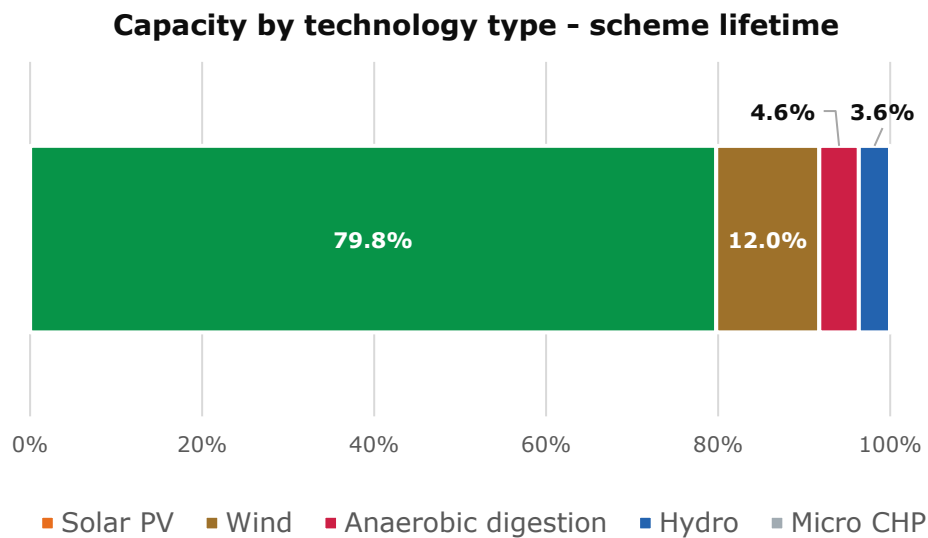
Accredited installations by technology type

Of the 439 installations accredited in this quarter, just 3% (or 13) are non-solar photovoltaic (PV) technologies. However, non-PV technologies combined account for just over 30% of the new capacity installed.



The number of new registrations continues to fall, with the lowest number of quarterly registrations since the scheme began. In line with the falling number of registrations the TIC accredited also decreased, with 14.1MW installed against the 24.3MW of the previous quarter.

The capacity breakdown by technology since the scheme began is shown below. Micro CHP cannot be seen on this chart as it makes up less than 0.01% of installed capacity.



National and Regional breakdown of FIT deployment

Installations in England make up 86% of the total number of accreditations. Installations in Scotland and Wales amount to 7.5% and 6.5% of total accreditations, respectively. When looking at the national breakdown by capacity the numbers are 79.9% for England, 12.4% for Scotland and 7.7% for Wales.

Regionally the largest proportion of installed capacity lies within the South West, at a total of 18% (1.16 GW) of the total deployed. This is followed by Scotland with 12.2% (0.78 GW), and the South East with 11.3% (0.73 GW) of the total capacity installed to date. In Scotland however, solar PV makes up only 38.4% of installed capacity whereas in all other regions it makes up a minimum of 75%. The difference in Scotland is accounted for by much higher levels of capacity coming from hydro and wind installations.

FIT Levelisation

The levelisation process for Quarter Four was completed on the 25 May 2021. Licensed electricity suppliers reported a total of 72,021,705 MWh of electricity supplied during this period of which 5,087,924.877 MWh was exempt. 2,723,365.955 MWh due to being renewable electricity sourced from outside of the UK and 2,364,558.922 MWh due to being exempt supply to Energy Intensive Industries.³ The cap on exempt electricity sourced from outside of the UK was not breached this quarter.

The levelisation fund totalled £280,454,492.07, with £288,165,791.94 claimed in FIT generation payments and £44,964,681.64 in export payments.⁴

The first quarterly periodic levelisation process of FIT Year 12 covering 1 April - 30 June 2021 will start on 01 July 2021.⁵

FIT Levelisation Payments

In respect of Quarter Four of FIT Year 11, four suppliers failed to make their levelisation payment by the deadline of 14 May 2021.

The supplier listed below failed to make their levelisation payment by the deadline of 14 May 2021, and as of the time of writing their full FIT obligation remains outstanding for this quarter:

Supplier	Amount outstanding as of deadline date
Nabuh Energy Limited	£177,635.47

The following suppliers failed to make their levelisation payments by the deadline, but did subsequently pay in full:

Eddington Energy Supply Limited
Avro Energy Trade BV
Eneco Energy Trade BV

³ Further information on exemptions and the levelisation process can be found in our Guidance for Licenced Electricity Suppliers. [Link to Guidance for Licenced Electricity Suppliers](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/feed-tariffs-guidance-licensed-electricity-suppliers-version-13): <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/feed-tariffs-guidance-licensed-electricity-suppliers-version-13>

⁴ [Link to FIT Levelisation Reports](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/fit/contacts-guidance-and-resources/public-reports-and-data-fit/levelisation-reports): <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/fit/contacts-guidance-and-resources/public-reports-and-data-fit/levelisation-reports>

⁵ [Link to FIT Year 12 levelisation timetable](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/feed-tariff-levelisation-schedule-year-12): <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/feed-tariff-levelisation-schedule-year-12>

Late and missed payments are incidents of non-compliance and will be added to the Supplier Performance Report.⁶

Other news and updates

Consultation on Biennial Meter Readings Verification

With the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions on access to people's homes, our approach to Biennial Meter Verification has evolved to ensure that FIT licensees can continue to meet their obligations but with safety as our utmost priority. We have permitted the temporary use of photographic evidence in lieu of a physical inspection during the period in which government guidance on social distancing is in place in order to protect consumers while enabling their FIT payments to continue.

We have consulted on proposals to allow the use of photographic evidence to continue and are currently considering stakeholder responses to this.⁷

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⁶ [Link to information on the Supplier Performance Report](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/environmental-programmes-ofgem-s-role-and-delivery-performance/environmental-programmes-supplier-performance-report): <<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/environmental-programmes-ofgem-s-role-and-delivery-performance/environmental-programmes-supplier-performance-report>>

⁷ [Link to consultation on the use of photographic evidence for biennial meter verification](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/feed-tariff-fit-scheme-consultation-use-photographic-evidence-biennial-meter-verification)
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