

Feed-in Tariffs (FIT)

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Feed-in Tariff Quarterly Report January to March 2023 (Issue 52)



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 13 (1 January – 31 March 2023) and FIT activity since the start of the scheme in 2010¹. The statistics in this report are based on information held on our Central FIT Register (CFR)².

¹ The installation statistics shown in this report represent only those installations that remain eligible for support. This means that installations where the eligibility period has expired are not included.

² The CFR is a database of all FIT accredited installations.

Headline statistics

(1 January – 31 March 2023)

- A total of **41** FIT installations were registered this quarter bringing the total number of registrations on the scheme to **870,544**.
- **8.3 MW** of Total Installed Capacity (TIC) was installed this quarter bringing the total to **6,920 MW**.
- **£347,267,269** of FIT Export and Generation payments were claimed this quarter and the levelisation fund totalled **£317,471,093**.

Accredited installations by technology type

Of the 41 installations accredited in this quarter, 17.1% (or 7) are non-solar photovoltaic (PV) technologies. Overall, non-PV technologies account for 31.2% of the new capacity installed.

Figure 1: Number of registrations January to March 2023

This figure shows Solar PV (34) registrations form the majority of registrations during the quarter, followed by hydro (6) and wind (1). There were no registrations for anaerobic digestion.

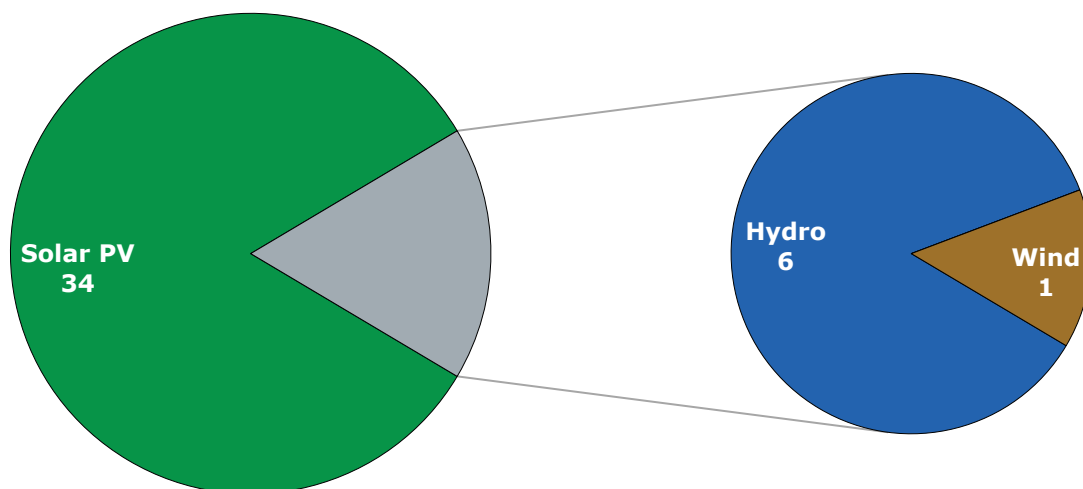
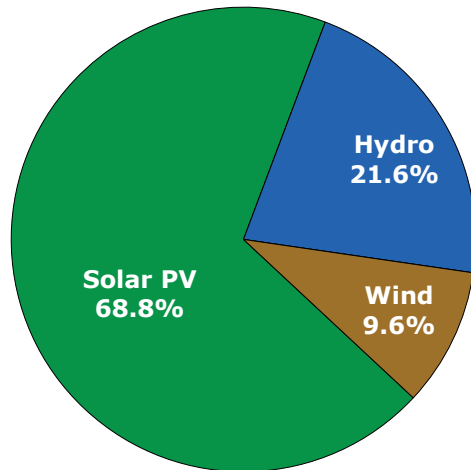


Figure 2: Capacity registered by technology type January to March 2023

This figure shows solar PV (68.8%) forms the highest proportion of capacity registered from January to March 2023, followed by hydro (21.6%) then wind (9.6%). There was no capacity registered for anaerobic digestion.

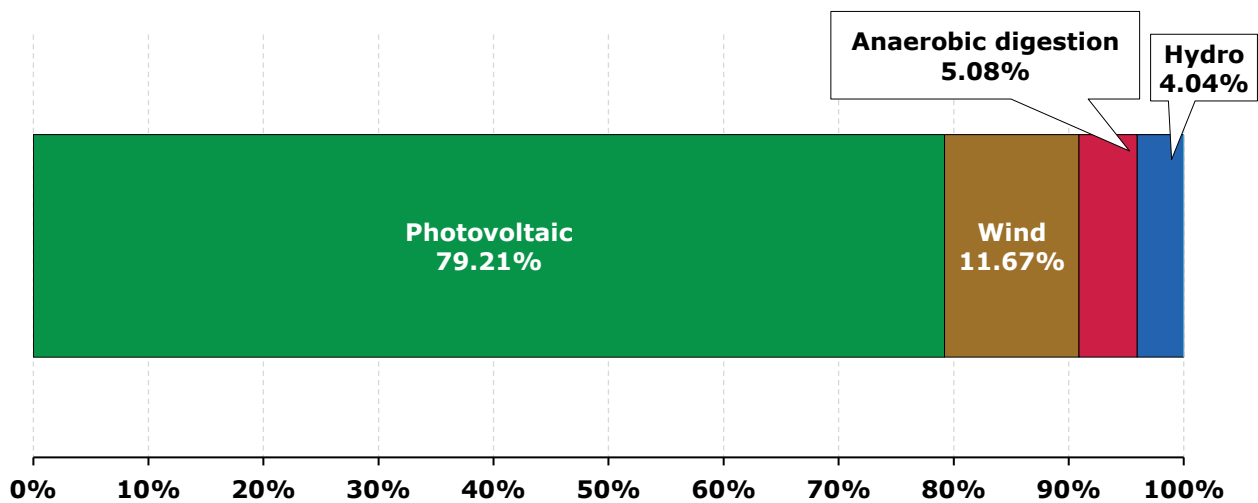


The number of new registrations decreased to 41 from 69³ in the previous quarter. In contrast with the fall in registrations, the TIC accredited rose to 8.3 MW installed against 5.5 MW reported in the previous quarterly report.

The capacity breakdown by technology since the scheme began is shown below. Micro-CHP is not shown as it makes up less than 0.01% of installed capacity.

Figure 3: Capacity by technology type – scheme lifetime

This figure shows Solar PV (79.21%) forms the largest proportion of capacity, followed by wind (11.67%), anaerobic digestion (5.08%) and hydro (4.04%).



³ New registrations reported in the previous quarterly report for October-December 2022 have been revised up from 67 to 69 due to an update in the source data.

National and Regional breakdown of FIT deployment

Installations in England make up 85.87% of the total number of accreditations. Installations in Scotland and Wales amount to 7.52% and 6.53% of total accreditations, respectively. When looking at the national breakdown by capacity the numbers are 78.30% for England, 11.78% for Scotland and 7.69% for Wales.⁴

Regionally the largest proportion of installed capacity lies within the South West, at a total of 18.22% (1.26 GW) of the total deployed. This is followed by the Scotland with 11.78% (0.82 GW), and the South East with 11.32% (0.78 GW) of the total capacity installed to date. In Scotland solar PV makes up only 37.10% 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.

Installations reaching end of support

FIT generators receive support for between 10 to 25 years depending on technology type, capacity, when their installation was commissioned and whether it was previously accredited under the Renewables Obligation scheme.

As of 31 March 2023, a total of 478 FIT installations have now reached the end of their support period and exited the scheme. The expired installations are all micro-CHP technology types which are eligible to receive support for 10 years.

The number of installations exiting the scheme was higher than the new registrations this quarter, leading to a small fall in the total number of installations. The total number of FIT installations fell by 47 from 870,591 in the previous quarter to 870,544 this quarter.

⁴ During registration applicants provide details of where an installation is located. Where a postal address cannot be provided for an installation a grid reference is used. In these cases the region is not recorded, therefore the regional accreditation and capacity percentages do not total 100%.

FIT Levelisation

The levelisation process for quarter four was completed on 25 May 2023. Licensed electricity suppliers reported a total of 69,632,638 MWh of electricity supplied during this period of which 5,906,971 MWh was exempt. 5,266,250 MWh of renewable electricity was reported as being sourced from outside the UK, but as the cap on electricity sourced from outside the UK was breached, this was capped at 3,595,053 MWh. In addition, 2,311,918 MWh of exempt supply to Energy Intensive Industries was also reported.⁵

The levelisation fund totalled £317,471,092.70, with £335,293,219.03 claimed in FIT generation payments and £11,974,049.55 in export payments.⁶

The first quarterly periodic levelisation process of FIT Year 14 covering 1 April - 30 June 2023 will start on 01 August 2023.⁷

FIT Levelisation Payments

In respect of quarter four of FIT Year 13, four suppliers listed below failed to make their levelisation payment in full by the deadline of 16 May 2023 but did subsequently pay.

Supplier
Cilleni Energy Supply Limited
EDF Energy Customers Ltd
ESB Energy Limited
Vattenfall Energy Trading GmbH

When they occur, late and missed payments are incidents of non-compliance and will be added to the Supplier Performance Report.⁸

⁵ Further information on exemptions and the levelisation process can be found in our Guidance for Licenced Electricity Suppliers. [Guidance for Licenced Electricity Suppliers](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/feed-tariffs-guidance-licensed-electricity-suppliers): <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/feed-tariffs-guidance-licensed-electricity-suppliers>

⁶ [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>

⁷ [FIT Year 13 levelisation timetable](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/feed-tariff-levelisation-schedule-year-13): <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/feed-tariff-levelisation-schedule-year-13>

⁸ [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>

Other news and updates

Use of previously accredited equipment

Following requests from generators and industry groups, we changed our policy to permit the use of equipment in FIT installations that had previously been part of another accredited installation. We hope that this change will support generators and enable recycling of equipment.

An update to the Feed-in Tariffs: Guidance for renewable installations was published by Ofgem on the 3 April 2023. This update includes information on the change to permit the use of previously accredited equipment in installations.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/feed-tariffs-guidance-renewable-installations>

Green Import Exemptions Consultation

The Feed-in Tariffs (Amendment) Order 2023 came into force on 1 April 2023. The amendment will apply in FIT Year 14 (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024) and in each subsequent FIT year. The amendment removes the availability of the green import exemptions for the Contract for Difference and Feed-in Tariff schemes.

An update to the Feed-in Tariffs (FIT) guidance for licenced electricity suppliers was published by Ofgem on 3 April 2023. It has been updated to reflect the removal of the green import exemption from FIT year 14 onwards.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/feed-tariffs-guidance-licensed-electricity-suppliers>

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