

Feed-in Tariffs (FIT)

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Introduction

This report summarises statistics for the first quarter of FIT Year 15 (1 April to 30 June 2024) 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.

The Feed-in Tariffs (FIT) scheme was designed by government to promote the uptake of renewable and low-carbon electricity generation. Introduced on 1 April 2010, the scheme requires participating licensed electricity to make payments on electricity generated and exported by accredited installations.

The FIT scheme closed to new applicants from 1 April 2019.

For more information about the FIT scheme, including our guidance for suppliers and generators, visit our website.

Contacts

If you would like to contact us, <u>visit the FIT contacts page</u>. For general enquiries, you can also write to us at <u>Renewable.Enquiry@ofgem.gov.uk</u>.

Feedback

We value your feedback on this report. Please contact us at <u>SchemesReportingFeedback@ofgem.gov.uk</u> with any comments or suggestions.

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.

News and Updates

Updates to FIT Guidance for generators

On 6 September 2024, we published Version 18 of our guidance for generators to improve readability and accessibility, with a new title that better reflects its focus. Several chapters have been reduced by removing outdated information following the closure of the FIT scheme. There have also been updates and additions to several sections, including guidance on generator ownership checks, co-locating installations with batteries and electric vehicle (EV) charging points, and the interactions between the FIT and Smart Export Guarantee (SEG) schemes.

The most recent version of the guidance can be found on our website.3

Updates to FIT Guidance for licensed electricity suppliers

On 23 April 2024 we published Version 17 of our guidance for licensed electricity suppliers to provide detail on interactions between the FIT and SEG schemes, and on extensions to installations through de-rating or repowering. This update also includes recommendations for battery installations, and on the methodology for calculating FIT payments over RPI uplift period. For a full summary of updates see the "updates to guidance" section on page 17 of the guidance.

Version 17.1 was published on 6 September 2024 to mirror the updates in Version 18 of the FIT Guidance for Generators on the interactions between the FIT and SEG schemes.

The updated guidance document can be found on our website.⁴

³ Feed-in Tariffs: Guidance for FIT Generators | Ofgem

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/feed-tariffs-guidance-fit-generators

⁴ Feed-in Tariffs: Guidance for licensed electricity suppliers | Ofgem

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Accreditations and Capacity

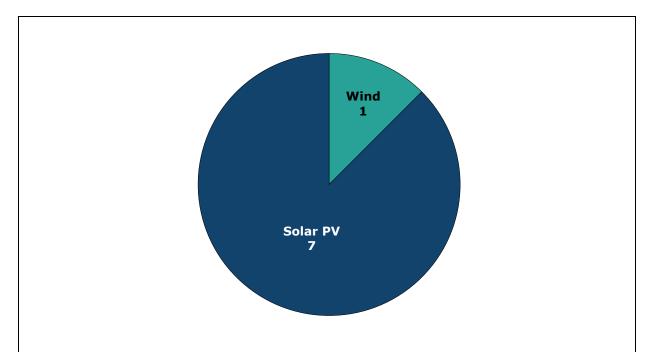
A total of **8** FIT installations were registered this quarter bringing the total number of registrations on the scheme to **869,881**.

Total Installed Capacity (TIC) of **0.2 MW** was accredited this quarter bringing the total to **6,492 MW**.

Accredited installations by technology type

Of the 8 installations accredited this quarter, 87.5% (or 7) are solar photovoltaic (PV) and the remaining 12.5% (1) are wind. Overall, PV technologies account for 97.3% of the new capacity installed this quarter.

Figure 1: Number of registrations April to June 2024



This figure shows solar PV (7) registrations form the majority of registrations this quarter, followed by wind (1). There were no registrations for anaerobic digestion or hydro.

The number of new registrations decreased from 18 in the previous quarter to 8 this quarter. The TIC accredited also fell to 0.2 MW against 0.8 MW reported in the previous quarterly report.

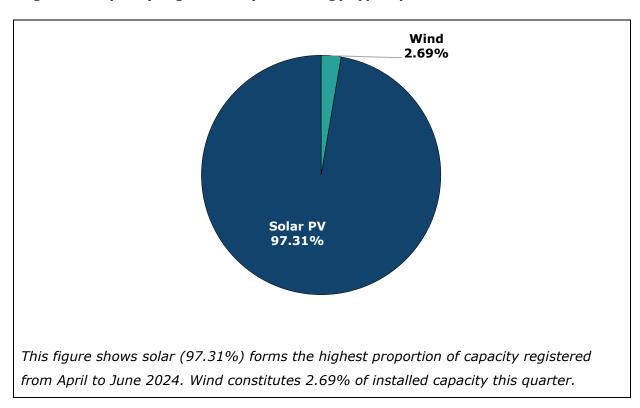


Figure 0: Capacity registered by technology type April to June 2024

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

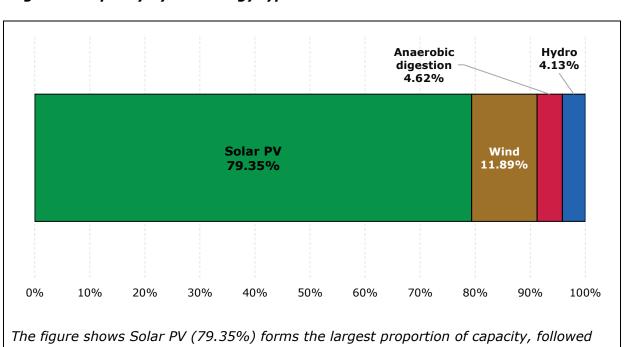


Figure 3: Capacity by technology type - scheme lifetime

by wind (11.89%), anaerobic digestion (4.62%) and hydro (4.13%)

National and Regional Breakdown

The proportion of installations and capacity located in England, Scotland and Wales on the FIT scheme is shown in **Figure 4** below.

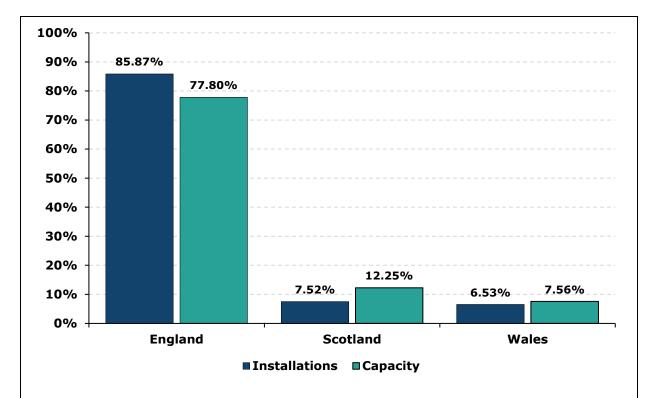


Figure 4: Installations and capacity by country, scheme lifetime

Column chart showing total percentages of installations and capacity by country. Figures for installations are 85.87% in England, 7.52% in Scotland, and 6.53% in Wales. For capacity the figures are 77.80% in England, 12.25% in Scotland, and 7.56% in Wales.

Regionally, the largest proportion of installed capacity is located in the South West at a total of 17.85% (1.16 GW) of the total deployed. This is followed by Scotland with 12.25% (0.80 GW), and the South East with 11.32% (0.74 GW) of the total capacity installed to date. In Scotland solar PV makes up only 37.89% of installed capacity, whereas in all other regions it accounts for over 74% of installed capacity. 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 (RO) scheme.

The number of FIT installations that have now reached the end of their support period and exited the scheme is 494, the same as the previous quarter. This means that no additional installations reached the end of their support period in quarter one of FIT Year 15. The expired installations are all micro-CHP technology types which are eligible to receive support for 10 years.

The number of installations exiting, withdrawn, or removed⁵ from the scheme this quarter was higher than the new registrations added during the same period. This led to a decrease in the total number of installations. Overall, the total number of FIT installations decreased by 50 from 869,931 in the previous quarter to 869,881 this quarter.

⁵ In addition to generators reaching the end of their support under the scheme, they can also cease to be accredited if they choose to withdraw, or have their accreditation removed if found to be non-compliant with scheme regulations.

FIT Levelisation

A total of £470,575,744.17 FIT Export and Generation payments were made this quarter with £447,130,726.28 claimed in FIT generation payments and £23,445,017.89 in export payments. The levelisation fund totalled £464,216,868.22. 6

The levelisation process for quarter one of FIT Year 15 was completed on 16 August 2024. Licensed electricity suppliers reported a total of 58,481,264 MWh of electricity supplied during this period of which 2,912,518 MWh was exempt to Energy Intensive Industries.⁷

The second quarterly periodic levelisation process of FIT Year 15 covering 1 July to 30 September 2024 will start on 14 October 2024.8

FIT Levelisation Payments

In quarter one of FIT Year 15, all suppliers made their levelisation payments in full by the deadline of 7 August 2024.

When they occur, late and missed payments are incidents of non-compliance and will be added to the Supplier Performance Report.⁹

⁶ <u>FIT Levelisation Reports</u>: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/fit/contacts-quidance-and-resources/public-reports-and-data-fit/levelisation-reports>

⁷ Further information on exemptions and the levelisation process can be found in our Guidance for Licenced Electricity Suppliers. <u>Guidance for Licenced Electricity Suppliers</u>:

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/feed-in-tariffs-guidance-licensed-electricity-suppliers
https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/feed-tariff-levelisation-schedule-year-15

⁹ <u>Information on the Supplier Performance Report</u>: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/supplier-performance-report-spr>