

## Energy Company Obligation (ECO4)

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# Summary of Updates

### **ECO4 Guidance: New Measures and Products**

This document summaries the updates contained in each version of the above publication. Any references to paragraph numbers in this document apply to the version in question and may not be accurate references in other versions.

These updates reflect changes made by the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025 and the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Order 2025. The new version contains general formatting and drafting improvements as well as specific updates described below.

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### Title page

- Amended "V1.1" to "V2.0".
- Amended "by the 2022 Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Order" to "by the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2022 ("ECO4 Order") and Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2023 ("ECO4A Order") and Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025".
- Added "All references to the ECO4 Order in this document are to the ECO4 Order as amended".

### Chapter 1: Introduction

- Paragraph 1.4: Under Standard Alternative Methodology, "(PAS) 2030:2019" has been changed to "(PAS) 2030:2023".
- Footnote removed, to reflect that inclusion in SAP appendix Q does constitute being recognised in SAP.
- Paragraph 1.4: Under Data light measures (DLM), amended "Each DLM will be capped at 1,250 qualifying actions per annum" to "Each DLM will be capped at 5,000 qualifying actions".
- Paragraph 1.5: Amendments to wording in this paragraph to highlight the role of the supplier in submitting applications, and that neither SAP 2012 nor SAP 10.2 must provide an appropriate methodology for scoring DHCs in order for a supplier to apply for an alternative methodology. Addition of "From 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025, suppliers may apply for shared ground loop GSHPs to be approved as an innovation measure as a result of the legislative amendments to the ECO4 Order".

- Paragraph 1.6: Amended "AMs" to "SAMs". Added "the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation Order 2023 (ECO4A Order) and the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025."
- Footnote removed.
- Paragraph 1.7: Added "Updates to this document"
- Footnote 6: Added 'For the avoidance of doubt, references to the ECO4 Order and ECO4A Order in this document are to their amended versions'
- Paragraph 1.13 and paragraph 1.14: New text added, reiterating the intended purpose of the guidance and responsibility for stakeholders to adhere to the legislation.
- Personal data paragraph added below this.
- Associated documents: link to amended orders provided.

## Chapter 2: NMAP General Eligibility and Delivery Requirements

- Paragraph 2.3: Amended "an AM" to "a SAM".
- Paragraph 2.4: Added "or SAP 10.2" and "PAS 2030:2019" amended to "PAS 2030:2023".
- Table 1: References to "PAS2030:2019" amended to "PAS2030:2023". Added "except where the measure is a shared ground loop GSHP" to "DHC Measures eligible" and "IM" box.
- Paragraph 2.21: Amended wording to reflect 5,000 qualifying action cap on DLMs across the entirety of the scheme.
- Paragraph 2.22: Added "Where either cap would be exceeded, suppliers are entitled to select which measures will receive the uplift, up to the innovation measure cap. Suppliers who wish to choose which IMs contribute towards the cap must contact Ofgem supplier compliance. Where an innovation measure is being installed and notified, all evidence contained within the relevant innovation measure description must be retained by the supplier regardless of whether the supplier intends for the innovation measure to receive the uplift. Innovation measures, regardless of whether the supplier intends for the innovation measure to receive the uplift, must meet the eligibility requirements for the underlying measure type."

## Chapter 3: Alternative Methodology Routes

- Paragraph 3.7: Amended "[ECO@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:ECO@ofgem.gov.uk)" to "[NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk)".
- Paragraph 3.28: Amended "SAP or RdSAP..." to "SAP10 and RDSAP10..."
- Paragraph 3.36: Amended wording to make clear that neither SAP10 nor SAP2012 can provide a methodology for calculating annual cost savings.

Removed "For the purposes of this requirement, SAP does not include SAP Appendix Q. A SAM applicant can be made for a technology in Appendix Q."

- Footnote removed.
- Paragraph 3.37: removed "If the technology is recognised in SAP Appendix Q, the application must state this and provide a link the relevant Appendix Q worksheet."
- Paragraph 3.38: Removed "if the technology cannot be modelled by SAP Appendix Q."
- Paragraph 3.40: Amended "SAP or RdSAP" to "SAP10 or RdSAP10".
- Paragraph 3.53: Amended "PAS 2030:2019" to "PAS 2030:2023".
- Paragraph 3.54: Amended "PAS 2030:2019" to "PAS 2030:2023".
- Paragraph 3.56: Amended "[ECO@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:ECO@ofgem.gov.uk)" to "[NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk)".
- Paragraph 3.61: Amended "[ECO@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:ECO@ofgem.gov.uk)" to "[NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk)".
- Footnote removed.

### Chapter 4: Innovation Measures

- Paragraph 4.12: Point 3, "PAS 2030:2019" amended to "PAS 2030:2023".
- Footnote 17: Added footnote "The reference to a "district heating connection" does not include a connection to a district heating system that uses a shared ground loop. As such, suppliers may apply for measures which are shared ground loop GSHP to be approved as an innovation measure."
- Paragraph 4.83: Amended "Table 22" to "Table 21".
- Paragraph 4.84: Amended "Table 14" to "Table 13".
- Paragraph 4.87: Amended "PAS 2030:2019" to "PAS 2030:2023".
- Paragraph 4.88: Amended "PAS 2030:2019" to "PAS 2030:2023".
- Paragraph 4.89: Amended "PAS 2030:2019" to "PAS 2030:2023".
- Paragraph 4.90: Amended "[ECO@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:ECO@ofgem.gov.uk)" to "[NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk)".
- Paragraph 4.93: Amended "[ECO@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:ECO@ofgem.gov.uk)" to "[NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk)".
- Paragraph 4.95: Amended "PAS 2030:2019" to "PAS 2030:2023".

- Paragraph 4.96: Amended "ECO@ofgem.gov.uk" to "[NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:NMAP@ofgem.gov.uk)".
- Footnote 25: Added footnote "For the purposes of this statement, DHC does not include a shared ground loop GSHP. These measures must be lodged with TrustMark (or an equivalent) and delivered by a TrustMark (or an equivalent) registered business.".
- Paragraph 4.113: Added "Supporting must be annotated to clearly highlight relevant information relating to any claims made in the application".

### Chapter 5: NMAP under the Great British Insulation Scheme

- Footnote 33: Updated from "Draft Great British Insulation Scheme Delivery Guidance" to "Great British Insulation Scheme Delivery Guidance".

### Appendix 2: ECO measure descriptions

- District heating connection (DHC): "SAP 2012" amended to "SAP 10".
- Smart thermostat: Added "Where the pre-installation RdSAP assessment uses RdSAP10, the product must be listed in the PCDB as a smart thermostat, for use with the heat source of the home where it is installed.".
- Room in roof insulation (RIRI): Amended "RdSAP convention on "Room roof/Attics"" to "The SAP specification in relation to "Room roof/Attics"".

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## Title page

- Amended 'v1.0' to 'v2.0'.
- Added link to ECO4 Guidance: New Measures and Products.

## Q7 – Measure type description

- Amended 'backed-up by' to 'supported with'.
- Added information on measure type description: 'The description must contain enough technical detail to distinguish the proposed measure from existing ECO4 measure types. While not required, applicants can collaborate with manufacturers to broaden the applicability of the measure type across similar technologies.'

## Q9 – Cost saving calculation methodology

- Amended 'paragraphs 3.36 – 3.43' to 'paragraphs 3.36 – 3.42'.
- Added 'See paragraphs 3.40 – 3.42 for further information on this question'.

## Q10 – Evidence to support cost savings

- Amended 'paragraphs 3.44 - 3.51' to 'paragraphs 3.43 - 3.50'.

## Q11 – Measure lifetime

- Amended 'paragraphs 3.52 - 3.53' to 'paragraphs 3.51 - 3.52'.

### **Q12 – Appropriate installation standards**

- Amended 'paragraphs 3.54 - 3.58' to 'paragraphs 3.53 - 3.57'.
- Amended 'PAS 2030:2019' to 'PAS 2030:2023'.

### **Q13 – TrustMark suitability**

- Amended 'paragraphs 3.58 - 3.63' to 'paragraphs 3.58 - 3.62'.
- Added details on TrustMark's Framework Operating Requirements.

### **Q14 – Projected delivery**

- Amended 'AM' to 'SAM'.
- Amended 'paragraphs 3.64 - 3.65' to 'paragraphs 3.63 - 3.64'.

### **Q15 – TrustMark Quality Assurance and Score Monitoring**

- Amended 'paragraphs 3.66 - 3.70' to 'paragraphs 3.65 - 3.69'.

### **Q16 – Smart Technologies**

- Amended 'paragraphs 3.71 - 3.73' to 'paragraphs 3.70 - 3.72'.

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### Q4) Eligibility Requirements

- Added footnote: "For the purposes of this requirement, district heating connection does not include a shared ground loop GSHP."

### Q12) Installation Standards

- Amended "PAS 2030:2019" to "PAS 2030:2023".

### Q12b)

- Amended "PAS 2030:2019" to "PAS 2030:2023".

### Q12) TrustMark Suitability

- Amended "PAS 2030:2019" to "PAS 2030:2023".



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