

Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS)

Summary of Updates

GBIS Guidance: Supplier Administration

This document summarises the updates contained in this version, V2.0, of The Great British Insulation Scheme Supplier Administration Guidance. Any references to paragraph numbers in this document apply only to this version in question.

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This section summarises the amendments that we have made to our Great British Insulation Scheme Supplier Administration Guidance V2.0 document that was published on 07 August 2025. The previous version (V1.0) was published on 30 August 2023. 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 also contains general formatting and drafting improvements as well as specific updates described below.

Carry Over, Carry Under and Early Delivery

- Paragraph 5.6: Amended 'There are two caps in the Great British Insulation Scheme' to 'There are three caps in the Great British Insulation Scheme' and added 'c' 'a ECO4 ABS reassignment cap'.

GBIS Flexible Eligibility (Flex)

- Paragraph 1.11: Updated where information on GBIS Flex can be found, which is in the GBIS and ECO4 LA Admin Guidance document.

Legislation

- Para 1.2: Added note on updates to the document, with changes resulting from the ECO4A Order.
- Added clarification on legislation: 'Since it was originally made, the ECO4A Order has been amended by the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025 and the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company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. All references to the ECO4A Order in this document are to the ECO4A Order as amended.'
- Paragraph 1.14: Amendment made to reflect change from retained to assimilated EU law.

Notification of completing measures

- Paragraph 7.5: Amended 'Allowing for extensions, the latest a measure can be notified is on or before 30 June 2026' to 'Allowing for late notifications ("auto-lates" and extensions), the latest a measure can be notified is on or before 30 June 2026'.
- Paragraph 7.22: Added new paragraph, mentioning that the timing of the retrofit assessment will determine the version of RdSAP that should be used.
- Paragraphs 7.36 - 7.37: Detail added on guidance where there are errors in notifications.
- Paragraph 7.72: Added footnote for GBIS Privacy Notice.

Obligation period

- Table 1: Added Ofgem's role and responsibility before each obligation period begins, to 'Determine and notify suppliers of their obligation and sub-obligations in Phase A, outline the processes for early delivery'. This responsibility had previously been indicated as being during the obligation period.
- Table 1: Notification extension requests now indicated to be reviewed during obligation period.
- Table 1: Added supplier responsibility at the end of obligation period of applying to reassign ECO4 ABS to GBIS. Also clarified that suppliers must request this by 31 July 2026.
- Table 1: At the end of the obligation period, added Ofgem's responsibility of reviewing applications to reassign ABS achieved under ECO4, contributing towards GBIS total obligations. Added reference to 90% of annual targets needing to be achieved by supplier.

PAS 2035

- Paragraph 7.7: PAS references updated. Amended 'PAS 2030:2019 and PAS 2035:2019' to 'PAS 2030:2023 and PAS 2035:2023'.
- Paragraph 7.31: Added paragraph to indicate compliance with PAS is evidenced through the TrustMark Quality Assurance Framework. In circumstances where non-compliance with any of the TrustMark requirements is detected, measures may be rejected.
- Paragraph 11.1: Amended '30 September 2026' to '1 December 2026'.

Reassignment of ABS

- Paragraph 1.8: Added 'Following amendment to the ECO4A Order, suppliers may also achieve 75% of their obligation through reassignment of delivery from ECO4.'
- Paragraph 8.6: Added paragraph which mentions that achieved ECO4 ABS by a supplier can be reassigned towards their GBIS obligation, but reassignment is not possible between suppliers.
- Paragraph 8.9: Clarification added that transfer requests are for whole retrofits.
- New chapter added (chapter 9). This new chapter details the changes brought about by the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025. Now possible to reassign ECO4 delivery to be counted towards a supplier's GBIS total obligations. Suppliers must deliver at least 25% of their GBIS total home heating cost obligation through delivery of GBIS measures. Conversion factors explained and details of window for providing information on reassignment plans, and to formally request assignment given.
- This chapter also explains that for reassignment to GBIS to be accepted, ECO4 delivery must have been achieved under ECO4 rules and notified to the ECO4 scheme.
- Paragraph 10.1: Added mention of 'auto-lates' and ABS reassignment.
- Paragraph 10.1: Added mention of ECO4 ABS reassignment deadlines.
- Paragraph 10.3: Added sentence on reassigned ECO4 ABS as contributing towards the total low-income minimum requirement target.
- Paragraph 10.3: Mention of checks to ensure 25% of a supplier's GBIS obligation is fulfilled by GBIS measure, before approving reassignment requests.

SAP and RdSAP

- Appendix 4: Added reference to RdSAP 10.
- Appendix 4: Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) added.

Setting supplier obligations

- Table 6: Added Home Heating Cost Reduction Obligations for phases A to C.

General

- Updates to paragraph, footnote, and table numbering throughout.
- Amended 'This target must be achieved no later than 31 March 2026' to 'GBIS measures must be completed before 1st April 2026'.

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- Updates to weblinks in 'Useful Links' section. Added link to The Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025.
- Added additional sentences to 'About this Guidance' on energy efficiency contributing to Net Zero targets, also on ECO focusing on insulation and heating measures to support vulnerable consumer groups.
- Content for 'About this Guidance' streamlined and aligned with the ECO4 Supplier Administration Guidance. Added that 'ECO is intended to assist in reducing fuel poverty, reducing carbon emissions, and maintaining security of energy supply.'
- Added that the guidance outlines that process for 'reassignment of ECO4 delivery to the Great British Insulation Scheme.'
- Added subtitle 'Disclaimer', also changing some wording to reinforce that the document is guidance and does not constitute legal advice.
- Revised and additional guidance on submitting queries – including that suppliers should submit one e-mail per compliance process team.

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