

ECO4 and Great British Insulation Scheme

Summary of Updates

ECO4 and GBIS Local Authority Flex Guidance

This document summarises 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.

ECO4 and GBIS Flex Local Authority Guidance V3

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This section outlines the updates that we have made to the ECO4 and GBIS Local Authority Administration Guidance. These updates reflect the extension of ECO4 by nine months to 31 December 2026. The new version also contains general formatting and drafting improvements.

General

Changes have been made to reflect the updated amendments to the ECO4 Order 2022 and government consultations.

Publishing an SoI

Paragraph 3.3: A new section has been added to clarify that LAs do not need to publish a new SoI just to remove references to GBIS, but any LAs who onboard after this date can use the updated SoI template which references ECO4 only.

Sharing Declaration Notifications with Ofgem

New paragraph 12.14 to confirm that “following the extension of the ECO4 scheme, LAs can submit declaration notifications to the flex portal until the 28th February 2027”.

Interaction with Funding from Other Schemes

Paragraph 12.25: Footnote added to reflect government response on ‘Amending the ECO4 Order to allow cost recovery via grant funding’. The full list of named additional schemes from which funding cannot be blended has also been included.

Protection Checks for Householders

New Paragraph 13.10 added to reflect that 'Consumers should only agree to receiving ECO measures upon receipt of a contract. Consumers may be approached by multiple companies offering a variety of measures. It is for consumers to determine the company, cost, and measures that are most suitable for them. While consumers may be offered packages from multiple companies with different costs or measures, a consumer does not have to agree to, or sign a contract for, any works they do not consider suitable for their home.'

ECO4 and GBIS Flex Local Authority Guidance V2

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This section outlines the updates that we have made to the ECO4 and GBIS Local Authority Administration Guidance.

Throughout the document

- Amendments to text to improve clarity.
- Amendments to formatting to improve readability and accessibility.
- Restructuring of chapters and sections to improve structure and minimise repetition.
- Updates to incorrect or out-of-date weblinks or naming conventions.
- Replacements of footnotes with weblinks, where possible.

Route 1: Household Income

- Interpretation of “gross annual income” added for Route 1: Household Income.
- Information regarding evidencing expanded to support interpretation for Route 1: Household Income.

Route 3: Medical Referrals

- Interpretation of “relevant health provider” added for Route 3: Medical Referrals.

Submitting Declaration Notifications

- Language updated to reflect umbrella conditions no longer needing to be specified for Route 3 referrals.

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- Information added on data sharing.
- Information added on interaction with other schemes.

Audits

- Language amended to improve accuracy.

Appendix

- Update to Flowchart of GBIS and ECO4 Flex Process.
- Removal of 'Summary of key changes between ECO4 Guidance for Local Authorities V1.2 and Draft Great British Insulation Scheme and ECO4 Local Authority Administration Guidance'.

Great British Insulation Scheme and ECO4 Local Authority Administration V1

Publication date: 1st August 2023

Version number: V1

This document outlines the updates that were made between the ECO4 Guidance for Local Authorities V1.2 and the Great British Insulation Scheme and ECO4 Local Authority Administration Guidance. These updates followed the launch of the Great British Insulation Scheme under ECO.

Scope of Document

- Document updated to cover both ECO4 Flex and new Great British Insulation Scheme Flex.

SAP Bands

- Clarification added to confirm that LAs are not responsible for checking SAP bands.
- Differences are noted in SAP band requirements between ECO4 and GBIS Flex.

Statement of Intent

- New combined Statement of Intent (SoI) template published.
- Guidance added on republishing SoIs using combined template.

Declarations

- New combined Declaration template published.
- Guidance specifies that Ofgem no longer requires a signature on the declaration.

Declaration Notification

- New combined Declaration Notification template published.
- New field added to Declaration Notification template to indicate whether an LA has published an SoI for ECO4 Flex only, or for both schemes.

Route 2, Proxy 7

- Guidance updated to clarify that proxy 7 cannot be used in combination with proxy 5 or 6.

Evidence Requirements

- Suitable evidence types updated for Route 1.
- Suitable evidence types updated for Route 2 Proxy 3.
- Suitable evidence types updated for Route 3.

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