

Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (NDRHI) Guidance Volume 2 Summary of updates in version published 26 June 2026

Introduction

This document outlines updates that we have made in the version published 26 June 2026. The version before this was published on 23 November 2022. The paragraph numbers referred to in this document relate to the paragraph numbers at the time of updating.

Overview of amendments to NDRHI Volume 2 guidance

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Throughout the document

- Updates made to reflect that the scheme closed to new applications in March 2021.
- References to the former government department, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) updated to Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)
- Minor amendments to improve clarity.
- Paragraph numbering, table numbers and associated references updated to reflect changes.

1. Introduction

- Paragraph 1.8: Updated to indicate that the Northern Ireland RHI scheme is now closed, and Ofgem will administer the scheme on behalf of the Northern Ireland government until autumn 2026.

4. Ongoing fuel requirements – how to remain compliant

- Paragraphs 4.28, 4.58 and 4.65: References to the temporary suspension of wood fuel quality wood pellet requirements updated to reflect that this ended 22 November 2023.
- Paragraph 4.58 (3): Updated to reflect that any equivalence certification scheme for woodfuel quality will now be assessed by DESNZ (previously Kiwa Limited).

6. Tariffs and periodic support payments

- Paragraph 6.3: Reference to degression chapter of guidance removed.
- Paragraph (previously paragraph 6.11) describing degression mechanism removed.
- New section added at paragraphs 6.65 and 6.6: Subsidy Control Reporting. Provides details of change from EU state aid and competition reporting to reporting against the government's Subsidy Control Act 2022.

7. Maintenance

- Paragraph 7.1 updated to indicate annual maintenance requirement for biomass boiler maintenance also applies to log gasification boilers.
- Paragraph 7.4: Footnote added to indicate that if required, the Secretary of State would assess an equivalent body to HETAS for the maintenance standard MCS 040. Paragraph removed which indicated that Kiwa Limited would do this.
- Paragraph 7.7: term 'payment' removed from sentence regarding meters and steam measuring equipment maintenance responsibilities
- Paragraph 7.9-7.10: Additional bullet points and paragraph added to provide an inclusive (not exhaustive) list of meters required to demonstrate compliance with the regulations.
- Paragraph 7.11: Updated to provide clarification that all individual components which form the meter must comply with requirements.
- Paragraph 7.13: Reference to paragraph 7.9 added in relation to types of meters required to be recalibrated or replaced.

8. Degression

- Sections on 'how and when degression will be determined' and 'our role when a degression occurs' have been removed. These are no longer applicable now that the scheme is closed to applications.

10. Additional Capacity

- Updates to reflect that additional capacity can no longer be applied for now that the scheme is closed to applications.
- Paragraphs (what would have been 10.14 to 10.24) removed. These referred to determining tariffs for additional capacity; additional capacity first commissioned more than 12 months after the original installation; additional capacity for solar thermal technologies and biogas technologies.

- Paragraphs (what would have been 10.27 to 10.34) removed relating to processes associated with additional capacity applications for biomethane.

11. Change of ownership, change of producer and relocation of an accredited RHI installation

- Paragraph 11.1: Updates made to indicate that ownership of an RHI tariff without ownership of all or part of a plant does not meet the ownership criteria for the scheme.
- Paragraph 11.8: Addition to sentence to indicate an incoming owner will not be entitled to payments after the 12-month period if regulatory requirements have not been met, *unless we consider it is just and equitable to extend the period.*