

Energy Companies Obligation (ECO) Compliance Update

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This compliance update presents energy efficiency measures notified by suppliers to Ofgem by the end of August and **approved** by Ofgem by the end of September 2013. This report currently excludes excess measures carried forward from the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) and Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP). The Department of Energy and Climate Change's (DECC) latest monthly [Statistical Release](#) reports on **all measures** notified by suppliers to Ofgem for the same period, including those which are not yet approved.

What is ECO?

The Energy Companies Obligation (ECO) is a government scheme which places obligations on larger energy suppliers to deliver energy efficiency measures to domestic premises in Great Britain. Ofgem is responsible for administering ECO on behalf of DECC. Each month energy suppliers notify Ofgem of measures installed in the previous month.

The three obligations under ECO are:

- **Carbon Emissions Reduction Obligation (CERO):** solid wall and hard-to-treat cavity wall insulation alongside other insulation measures and connections to district heating systems.
- **Carbon Saving Community Obligation (CSCO):** insulation measures and connections to district heating systems in areas of low income and rural areas.
- **Home Heating Cost Reduction Obligation (HHCRO):** measures that reduce the overall cost of home heating to low income and vulnerable households, including insulation measures and the repair and replacement of boilers.

Approved measures

Fig. 1) ECO approved measures by category

The table below shows the cumulative measures approved by Ofgem.

Measure Category	CERO	CSCO	HHCRO	Cumulative Total
Solid Wall Insulation	2,842	932	-	3,774
Cavity Wall Insulation	3	11,549	2,302	13,854
Hard-To-Treat Cavity Wall Insulation¹	5,370	264	-	5,634
Loft Insulation	2,346	30,144	12,531	45,021
Other Insulation²	81	66	5	152
Boiler – Replacement	N/A	N/A	24,265	24,265
Boiler – Repair	N/A	N/A	187	187
Other Heating³	N/A	N/A	1,418	1,418
District Heating System	-	-	-	-
Micro-generation	N/A	N/A	-	-
Total	10,642	42,955	40,708	94,305

¹ Hard-to-treat cavities include narrow cavities, cavity walls in tall buildings, cavity walls in certain non-standard construction types or those which are too difficult to treat with standard materials or require works to be carried out before installation.

² Includes hot water cylinder insulation, draught proofing and window glazing.

³ Includes heating controls, heat recovery ventilation and warm air units.

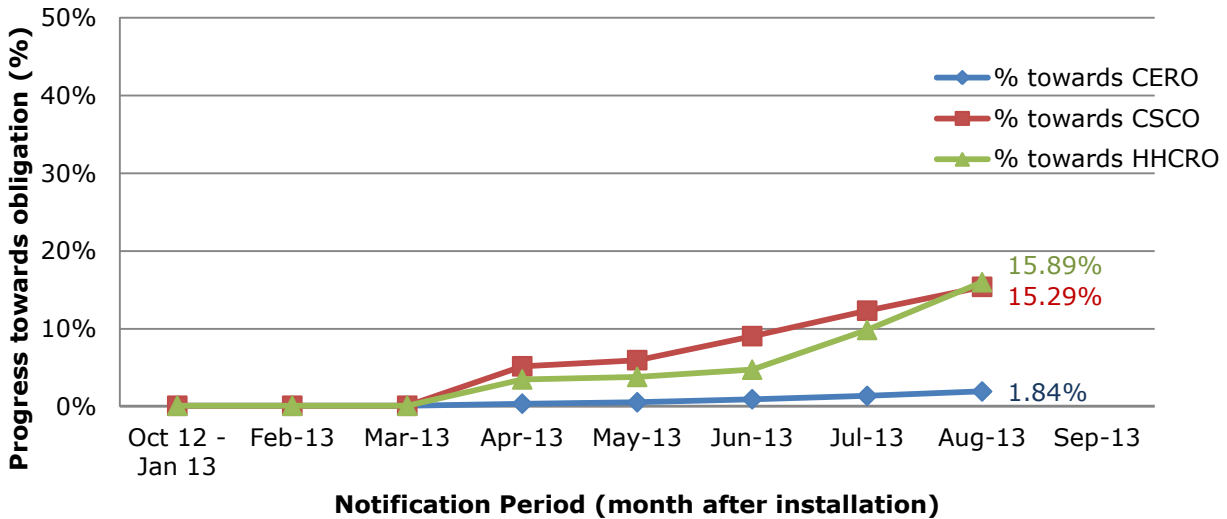
⁴ N/A - this measure category is not eligible to be claimed under this obligation.

Progress towards obligations

The scheme is currently 47% of the way through phases 1 and 2 (which cover the period 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2014).

Fig. 2) Cumulative overall progress towards phase 1 & 2 obligations (approved measures)

The graph below shows suppliers' consolidated cumulative monthly progress towards phase 1 and 2 obligations.



The run rate (as shown in Figure 2 above) will need to increase in order for suppliers to meet their obligations.

Notified measures

In addition to the 94,305 approved measures presented in Figure 1, a further 100,446 measures were notified to Ofgem by the end of August. Together, these figures constitute the 194,751 measures published in DECC's September Statistical Release.

Of the 100,446 measures which were notified to Ofgem but not yet approved, c.53,000 have been sent back to suppliers for data correction or completion of missing information. Subject to these changes being made, they will be approved once they are re-submitted. A further c.39,000 are currently undergoing further checks to ensure that they are valid measures under ECO; the majority of which are hard-to-treat cavity measures in CERO. The remaining c.8,000 measures are currently being processed and are expected to be approved shortly if the necessary information is in order. We are working closely with suppliers to resolve any issues relating to the notification of measures.

Still have questions?

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