

Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme

Non-Domestic RHI spring 2014 amendments

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Factsheet



What is the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme?

On 28 May 2014, a number of changes were made to the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI). This factsheet highlights the key changes. We will continue to provide further details on any other changes.

New technologies

- Support for air-source heat pumps. Only air-to-water heat pumps will be eligible, and must not be designed to provide cooling. Air-to-air heat pumps are not eligible for the scheme
- Biogas capacity limits extended beyond 200kW.
- Energy from waste will be extended to include industrial and commercial waste.

Eligibility of heat pumps

Applications submitted for ground-source and air-source heat pumps are now required to include the following:

- a design seasonal performance factor (SPF) of at least 2.5
- measurement of electrical input to calculate SPF and provide quarterly meter readings

- ground-source heat pumps capable of simultaneous heating and cooling will have to measure heat drawn from the ground and provide quarterly meter readings
- ground-source heat pumps capable of cooling must provide a capacity value based on the heating function only
- in addition to using naturally occurring energy in the form of heat, ground-source heat pumps will be able to use heat from:
 - heat gathered and stored in the ground using solar collectors, providing no other subsidy for this heat is being received
 - heat from space cooling or process cooling
 - waste heat from industrial processes

Biomethane registration

A number of amendments have been introduced which affect biomethane producers applying to the scheme on or after 28 May 2014:

- provision to apply for additional capacity
- provision to apply for preliminary registration
- power for Ofgem to inspect equipment producing the biomethane or biogas from which the biomethane will be produced before registration.

Grants

The opportunity to repay a grant to be eligible for the scheme has been extended to all applicants. The amended regulations also allow, in certain circumstances, for grants to be repaid through tariff payment reductions.

Future developments: biomass sustainability

Legislation is being developed to introduce biomass sustainability requirements for the RHI scheme. Subject to parliamentary approval, we understand that these changes will apply from Spring 2015 to both existing participants and new applicants. More information is available on our [website](#).

Introduction of domestic RHI scheme

An amendment to the Non-Domestic regulations has been introduced which excludes accrediting an installation on the Non-Domestic RHI scheme if an installation:

- has been an accredited domestic plant
- has applied for the domestic scheme and the application has not been withdrawn by the applicant or rejected by Ofgem
- provides heat to the same property as an accredited domestic plant or a plant for which an application for accreditation on the domestic scheme has been made and neither withdrawn or rejected.

Contact us

Contact the Non-Domestic RHI team if you would like to apply for the scheme, if you require support with the application process, or if you have queries regarding the Spring Changes, progress of your application, the eligibility requirements or our published guidance.

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