



# Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

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## Welcome to our latest newsletter!

As well as our latest news and figures on scheme performance, this issue summarises important changes to scheme requirements that will be introduced in October 2015, information on how to comply with ongoing fuel requirements, and tips to help you submit a Non-Domestic RHI application form.

We hope you find the update useful. If you have thoughts on what you would like to see in the newsletter we'd welcome your [feedback](#).

## Accreditations update

Between January and March 2015, we accredited 1667

### Quick links:

[Forthcoming regulatory changes to the Non-Domestic RHI](#)

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new full applications and 9 preliminary applications, an increase of 96% on the same quarter in 2014.

In total, 8913 installations are currently accredited onto the scheme.

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## News in brief



### Application tips

Complete our revised Letter of Authorisation (LOA) and upload it in PDF format to your application form. Please use the [new version](#) available on our website – previous versions will not be accepted.

Post [identity and bank documents](#) as soon as you submit your application.

Read these documents to ensure you understand the application process and scheme requirements:

- [Easy guide to applying](#)
- [Guide to the Non-Domestic RHI application form questions](#)



### Important ongoing fuel requirements

Existing participants must comply with **all** ongoing fuel requirements, including **only** burning fuel that is listed on your emissions certificate, and retaining fuel records.

Our [webpage](#) provides important tips on keeping your fuel dry, as all participants must use fuel that meets the maximum moisture content threshold shown in your emissions certificate. Failure to comply with any ongoing obligation may delay or affect RHI payments.



### Important changes to scheme requirements

In addition to existing ongoing fuel requirements, from October 2015 **all** installations using biomass fuels will need to comply with sustainability criteria. This will affect the fuels you buy now if you use them after the new rules are introduced.

The easiest way to comply for most participants is to buy approved fuels from suppliers on the Biomass Suppliers' List (BSL), specifying that you are looking for authorised fuel only (as suppliers may stock non-approved fuel too). [Click](#)

- [Guidance on metering requirements](#)

[here for more information on the BSL.](#)

Click [here](#) for more information on how to comply and see the 'Forthcoming Changes' section below for next steps.

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## Recent news

### Revised tariffs

#### From 1 April 2015:

- There was a 15% reduction to the small commercial biomass tariff, for installations with an accreditation date on or after 1 April 2015.
- All existing tariffs have also been adjusted in line with Retail Price Index (RPI).

To see the new tariffs, please visit [our website](#).

### Date of accreditation

It is important to note that the applicable tariff and the date that RHI payments are calculated from will be the latter of:

- a. the first day that we receive your application on which both the application was 'properly made' and the eligibility criteria were met and;
- b. the day your installation was commissioned.

A 'properly made' application must include all information we ask for in the application form to a suitable standard, so we can make a decision on the eligibility of your installation.

If you submit an application on a particular date (e.g. shortly before a tariff degression) and the application is not 'properly made' (or the installation is not eligible or commissioned), you are not entitled to a tariff or RHI payments from this date.

Your applicable tariff and entitlement to payments will only begin from the date that your application becomes 'properly made' – which is the date you provide all outstanding information that is required and we are satisfied your installation is eligible for the scheme (if the installation was commissioned before then).

It is in your interest to ensure that your application has all the necessary information when you submit it, or that any outstanding information is submitted to us as soon as possible.

Please note that our enquiry line is receiving a high volume of calls about this and processing applications may take longer than usual during this busy period. We aim to process applications and answer any queries as soon as we can.

### Updated guidance documents

We have published revised guidance documents to reflect recent regulatory changes that came into effect on 12 February 2015. Please see [Guidance Volumes 1 & 2](#) and [our website](#) for more information.

## Forthcoming changes

### Important changes to scheme requirements: Introduction of biomass sustainability criteria

To help you prepare for the introduction of [biomass sustainability criteria](#), we will be contacting affected applicants and participants over the coming months. We will give guidance on how to comply with the criteria once they are introduced and will be asking all affected applicants and participants to complete a voluntary questionnaire on whether they are already using fuel that would comply with the sustainability criteria, or how they intend to comply once the criteria become mandatory in October 2015.

### About the Non-Domestic RHI

The Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) is a government environmental scheme that provides financial incentives to increase the uptake of renewable heat. The Non-Domestic RHI scheme supports industrial, commercial, public sector, and not-for-profit organisations by making incentive payments to eligible renewable heat generators and producers of biomethane in Great Britain.

Ofgem administers the scheme on behalf of government and provides quarterly reports as part of its statutory obligations.

For more information visit the [RHI web pages](#) on the Ofgem website.

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