

Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

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Dear Stakeholder

Welcome to your latest quarterly update on the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

This issue includes details on the new sustainability requirements, changes to the way you submit your periodic data and details about workshops on heat pumps.

Accreditations update

Between July and September 2015, we accredited 1,696 full applications and 15 preliminary applications, an increase of 38% on the same quarter in 2014. Over the same period we also registered 6 biomethane producers.

This brings our total to 12,568 accredited installations and 30 registered producers of Biomethane.

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News in brief



[New sustainability reporting](#)

The new sustainability requirements came into force on 5 October 2015. From this date, participants who generate heat (or heat and power) from solid biomass and biogas or who produce biomethane for injection must be using sustainable fuel.

If you're an existing participant, next time you submit your meter readings on the RHI register you will see an "Enter Sustainability Information" section. This section will appear every quarter and you must complete it before you can submit your data. See the [updated RHI Register user guide](#) for step-by-step instructions for submitting your data.

[How to comply](#)



[Periodic Data submissions](#)

Last month saw the successful implementation of the streamlined periodic data submission process for participants. It's intended to reduce the amount of time participants spend on submitting their periodic data as they no longer have to calculate and input their own heat output data. The new system does this for them based on the meter readings provided.

[The RHI IT User Guide](#) has a step-by-step explanation of the simpler way to submit meter readings.

[Further details](#)



[Heat pump workshops](#)

The number of the people using heat pumps on the Non-Domestic RHI is growing and applications have doubled since last year. The application process and eligibility criteria for heat pumps can be more complicated than for other technologies so we are running workshops to inform people of the application process and to raise awareness of ongoing obligations.

The workshops are on Wednesday 9 December (London 14:00 – 16:30) and Wednesday 16 December (London 14:00 – 16:30). Email us for further details, to register for the London workshops or if you are interested in attending a workshop in Glasgow: NDrhievents@ofgem.gov.uk

[Find out more](#)

Other news and updates

Meter readings and your ongoing obligations

Submitting meter readings is part of your ongoing obligations to the Non-Domestic RHI scheme. All meter readings must be taken within a window which opens three days before the quarterly period end date and closes three days afterwards.

To help understand when your readings are due, we've created a helpful [Date Calculator](#) spreadsheet. Late submission of data and/or the failure to take readings at the required time may result in sanctions being applied.

Want to know more about the new sustainability requirements?

[Read our new Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Degression

From 1 October 2015, the biomethane tariff saw a 10 per cent reduction and a 5 per cent reduction to the small biomass tariff. More information about these tariff changes can be found on [our website](#).

Want more information about heat pumps?

Look out for our soon to be updated [Easy Guide to heat pumps](#)

Improvements to the Ofgem website

We've made some improvements to the Ofgem website that should help make it much easier [for you to find information](#) about the environmental schemes and consumer and social programmes we administer. This includes a dedicated publication library for a number of schemes including [the Non-Domestic RHI](#) and a more detailed filtering of search results.

Latest publications and future events



Upcoming events

ecoShowcase roadshows

Ofgem will be presenting an introduction to the RHI including case studies, how to apply, the benefits of the scheme, plus recent policy changes affecting participants including the introduction of biomass sustainability requirements.

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Nov

ecoShowcase roadshows
The Royal Armouries
Museum, Leeds
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17
Nov

ecoShowcase roadshows
UWE Exhibition and
Conference Centre, Bristol
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ecoShowcase roadshows
The Emirates Stadium,
London
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There is further information about Ofgem E-Serve on [our website](#).

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 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 [Non-Domestic RHI web pages](#) on Ofgem's website.

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