

# 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).

It's now three months since the new sustainability requirements came into effect. This issue includes important information about staying compliant with these requirements as well as information about a new consultation on heat pumps and degradation tariffs.

### Accreditations update

Between October and December 2015, we accredited 991 full applications and 14 preliminary applications, a decrease of 17% on the same quarter in 2014. Over the same period we also registered 8 Biomethane producers.

This brings the total to 13,542 accredited installations and 38 registered producers of Biomethane.

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## News in brief



### Sustainability - are you compliant?

Whether you are applying to the scheme or an existing participant its your on-going responsibility to ensure you are compliant with the new sustainability requirements that came into force on 5 October 2015. If you are using the [Biomass Suppliers List](#) (BSL) fuel must be BSL approved on the date you receive it. You must keep good quality [fuel records](#) and provide Ofgem with the authorisation number as part of your Periodic Data submissions.

Chapter 5 of our [RHI Register External User Guide](#) has detailed steps of how to demonstrate compliance when submitting Periodic Data. See below for further information on valid BSL numbers.

**Staying compliant**



### Self-reporter – what you need to know

If you are self-reporting as part of the recent sustainability requirements you will need to fill out a [Fuel Measurement and Sampling Questionnaire](#). When you submit Periodic Data you must declare that you are compliant with the land criteria and enter your emissions figure. You'll need to keep evidence to support your land criteria declaration and the calculations you have used to determine your emissions figure.

We are currently developing a tool to help calculate the emissions figure for those that are able to use the Default Value method and we are working with self-reporters to agree fuel measurement and sampling procedures.

**Further details**



### Consultation begins on heat pumps

Ofgem is looking for views on a proposal to change the operational approach for ground source heat pumps using recovered heat. We are proposing that recovered heat will no longer be required to first be stored in the ground prior to circulating in the heat pump. However, it will still remain a requirement that some proportion of energy which is used to generate heat must be extracted from the ground.

This proposal covers RHI applications made on or after 28 May 2014 and with a date of first commissioning of the plant that is on or after 4 December 2013. The consultation closes on 23 February 2016.

**Take part today**

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# Other news and updates

## BSL numbers – getting it right

To stay compliant with the sustainability requirements, if you are using the [Biomass Suppliers List](#) you need to ensure you have a valid BSL number when taking delivery of your fuel and enter this number carefully when applying to the scheme or entering your Periodic Data submissions.

The BSL number for your fuel can be found on your fuel invoice(s) and delivery note(s) in the format BSLXXXXXX-XXXX, where each 'X' represents a number. If there are any obvious errors with this number (e.g. missing digits) on your invoice you should contact your fuel supplier to ask for the full number before providing it to Ofgem. This will help to prevent any delays in receiving your RHI payments.

**Want more information about staying compliant?**

Read our updated [Easy Guide](#) to staying compliant with the scheme rules

## Degression

From 1 January 2016, the biomethane injection tariff saw a 10 per cent reduction and there was a 10 per cent reduction to the small biomass tariff. More information about these tariff changes can be found on [our website](#).

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## Ofgem E-Serve now on Twitter and LinkedIn

Ofgem E-Serve has launched two new social media channels – Twitter and LinkedIn – and will be providing news and updates for stakeholders. We'll be aiming to provide a range of useful insight and information about the various government schemes we administer including the Non-Domestic RHI. We'd welcome your suggestions on what information you'd like us to share. You can follow us on Twitter [@ofgem\\_eserve](#) and [our LinkedIn page](#).

# Latest publications and future events

## Upcoming events

### ecoShowcase roadshows

Ofgem will be presenting at a number of ecoShowcase roadshows taking place at locations across the country, including:

- 9 Feb: Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester
- 15 March: Hampden Park Stadium, Glasgow
- 16 March: St James' Park Stadium, Newcastle
- 26 April: Villa Park Stadium, Birmingham

Feb-Apr

**ecoShowcase roadshows**

Various locations

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10-11 Feb

**Energy Now Expo 2016**  
Telford International Centre

Ofgem will be presenting on the Non-Domestic RHI at this renewable energy event for farmers and

Our presentations will provide an introduction to the Non-Domestic RHI including case studies, how to apply and the benefits of the scheme. They'll also cover recent policy changes including the introduction of biomass sustainability requirements.

### Meet us at Ecobuild and All Energy

Ofgem E-Serve will also be attending a number of events in the next couple of months. Look out for our stand at Ecobuild and at All Energy.

If you are going to either event and have any Non-Domestic RHI queries, or want to find out more about the other schemes we administer, please come and speak to us.

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8-10  
Mar  
**Ecobuild 2016**  
Excel, London  
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4-5  
May  
**All Energy 2016**  
SECC, Glasgow  
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## Forward Work Programme and Simplification Plan consultations

[Ofgem's Forward Work Programme](#) sets out for consultation how we plan to use our resources to make the greatest positive difference for consumers in the coming financial year. Please send your responses to us by noon on 17 February 2016.

We also have a legal duty to keep our activities under review and to publish an annual [Simplification Plan](#), explaining what we intend to do to reduce or remove regulatory requirements which have become burdensome. We'd like your ideas for what we could do to simplify, clarify and make our regulation work better. The consultation is open until Thursday 11 February.

## 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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