

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 information about staying compliant with the sustainability requirements, changes to the scheme and details about degression tariffs.

Accreditations update

Between January and March 2016, we accredited 734 full applications and 6 preliminary applications, a decrease of 56% on the same quarter in 2015. Over the same period we also registered 7 Biomethane producers.

This brings the total to 14262 accredited installations and 45 registered producers of Biomethane.

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News in brief



Sustainability compliance mistakes

There are a couple of common mistakes people make when providing details of their sustainability compliance during their periodic data submission. Some participants are incorrectly selecting the Renewable Obligation option when inputting the data and others aren't providing a valid [Biomass Supplier's List](#) (BSL) number.

It's part of your ongoing obligations to get this information correct and if you don't it can lead to delayed payments. Chapter 5 of our [RHI Register External User guide](#) has steps on correctly and accurately demonstrating compliance when submitting your periodic data.

Staying compliant



Changes to the scheme

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has announced a number of minor changes to the RHI schemes that came into force on 24 March 2016. These amendments include:

- adjusting tariffs by the Consumer Prices Index instead of the Retail Prices Index for participants with a tariff start date from 1 April 2016
- aligning the RHI sustainability land criteria with that of the Renewables Obligation
- an update to reflect that biogas CHP plants can be deemed to meet the sustainability requirements if they are meeting the sustainability criteria on the Renewables Obligation scheme

DECC has also announced its intention to introduce a new budget control mechanism to ensure the scheme remains within budget.

More information



Sustainability audit report

If you are self-reporting against the sustainability requirements and your installation is biomethane or solid biomass or biogas, including CHP, and has an installation capacity of $\geq 1\text{MWth}$ then you will need to submit an annual sustainability audit report to Ofgem.

These reports must be prepared in accordance with the ISAE 3000 framework and be prepared by someone other than the participant or someone connected to that person. From 6 April 2016 these reports are due every year within three months after your installation tariff anniversary.

Further information is available in the Sustainability Audit Guidance for Participants and Auditors, available on our main [guidance page](#).

Further details

Other news and updates

Northern Ireland scheme suspended to new applicants

[The Northern Ireland RHI scheme](#) is now suspended to new applicants. The Great Britain RHI scheme is not affected by this change.

Degression

From 1 April 2016, there was a 10 per cent reduction in the biomethane injection tariff and in the small, medium and large biogas tariff. The small biomass tariff was reduced by 5 per cent. More information about these tariff changes can be found on [our website](#).

Correct contact details

It's important you make sure the contact details you provided to Ofgem are up to date. We often have to send you important information about your payments and changes to the scheme so we need your correct details to get this to you. If you need to change your contact details log onto the [RHI Register](#) and update your information.

Future events

Upcoming events

ecoShowcase roadshows

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

- 17 May: Wembley Stadium, London
- 7 June: Bramall Lane Stadium, Sheffield
- 5 July: King Power Stadium, Leicester

We will be presenting on the Non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive including an update on biomass sustainability and other changes to the scheme. This presentation will also cover eligibility requirements and further information regarding the Domestic RHI and the Government's Spending Review.

Want to know when to take meter readings?

Our [date calculator spreadsheet](#) will help you plan when to take your meter readings.

Applying to the scheme?

Make sure you have the [right documents and evidence](#).

May-
July

ecoShowcase roadshows

Various locations

[Read more](#)

4-5
May

All Energy 2016

SECC, Glasgow

[Read more](#)

Meet us at All Energy

Ofgem E-Serve will also be at the All Energy event. Look out for our stand and come and speak to us if you have any questions about the Non-Domestic RHI or other schemes we administer.

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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