

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 includes important information about changes to the RHI, our decision on recovered heat for heat pumps and details about a new approved list for non-woody biomass.

Accreditations update

Between October and December 2016, we accredited 566 full applications and 4 preliminary applications. Over the same period we registered 13 biomethane producers.

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This brings the total to 16,067 accredited installations and 66 registered producers of biomethane in Great Britain.

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News in brief



[Important changes to the RHI](#)

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has published [its response](#) following a consultation on changes to the Non-Domestic RHI. These include changes to tariff guarantees, heat pumps, feedstock requirements and biogas tariff bands.

Subject to Parliamentary approval, these changes to the Regulations are expected to come into force in spring 2017.

[Further information](#)



[New fuel list for non-woody biomass](#)

There's a new approved fuel list, [the Sustainable Fuel Register \(SFR\)](#) for non-woody biomass fuels. The SFR has been approved by the Government and is an independent register similar to the [Biomass Suppliers List \(BSL\)](#).

If you have a solid biomass installation on the RHI that generates heat, you can now demonstrate compliance with the sustainability requirements by using fuel on the SFR or the BSL.

[See further details](#)



[Decision on Heat Pumps published](#)

Ofgem has published its position on heat pumps and recovered heat following a consultation earlier this year. We asked for views on the proposal that recovered heat would no longer need to be stored in the ground before circulating a heat pump unit in order to be eligible for the Non-Domestic RHI scheme.

Details about our decision are on [our website](#).

[More on our decision](#)

Other news and updates

Top 5 tips on getting your Periodic Data Submissions right

1. Take readings within the 7 day window (+/- 3 days of the submission date) and submit within the 28 days.
2. Double check meter readings before entering them for typos and entries against the wrong meters.
3. Make sure your submission is showing 'in review' before exiting the RHI Register.
4. Enter your sustainability information in the right format e.g. BSL0000000-0000 and check it's correct against your fuel receipts.
5. Enter a clear explanation into the Submission Exceptions comments when prompted.

For further information see our [Easy Guide to Submitting Periodic Data](#).

How to ensure you stay compliant with the scheme

See our [Easy Guide to Compliance](#)

Want to know if you are eligible for the RHI?

See our [Easy Guide to Eligibility](#)

Fees for the BSL

Fees have been introduced to the [Biomass Suppliers List](#) (BSL). This affects all new applicants to the BSL submitted after 1 January 2017 and existing authorised suppliers on the BSL. Details about the charges are in the [final BSL charges and consultation feedback report](#) and further information can be found in the [BSL Charges - Questions and Answers](#).

Changes to the support for biomass CHP

BEIS has introduced legislation on the support for biomass-Combined Heat and Power (CHP). There has been a reduction in the power efficiency requirement for new solid biomass CHP plants which came into effect on 1 January 2017. For further details, see [our website](#).

Degression

From 1 January 2017, there was a 25 percent reduction to the small, medium and large biogas tariff and a 10 percent reduction to the biomethane for injection tariff. The small biomass tariff was reduced by 5 percent. You can find out more about these tariff changes on [our website](#).

Future events

Come and meet us

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

If you are going to one of these events and have a query about the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive, or want to find out more about the other schemes we administer, please come and speak to us.

7-9 March	Ecobuild ExCel, London Find out more
10-11 May	All Energy SECC, Glasgow Find out more
23-24 May	edie Live NEC, Birmingham Find out more

Forward Work Programme Consultation

Ofgem's Forward Work Programme is now out for consultation. It covers the big projects we'll be working on, as well as our core business activities. The consultation closes on 15 February and we'll publish a final version in March.

In February, we'll be hosting three Forward Look events, in London, Glasgow and Cardiff. They're an opportunity to share your ideas and feedback on our work plans. You can register below, or [contact us by email](#).

- [Register for Glasgow – 6 Feb](#)
- [Register for Cardiff- 6 Feb](#)
- [Register for London – 9 Feb](#)

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 GB 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.
