

# Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

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Dear Stakeholder,

Welcome to the latest Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) newsletter.

## **Degression to the biomass boilers and stoves tariff**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has announced that there will be a 10% degression to the biomass boilers and stoves tariff rate. The biomass tariff will be reduced from 4.28p/kWh to 3.85p/kWh.

This change will take effect on 1 July 2017. Members already on the Domestic RHI scheme will not be affected, only those who apply to the scheme on or after 1 July 2017 will be affected. You can read more about [tariffs and payments on our website](#).

In other news, we're pleased to say that we've hit another milestone, having accredited over 56,000 renewable heating installations to the scheme since we launched in April 2014.

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## Latest news



### Latest news on changes to the RHI

Changes to the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) regulations were expected to come into force in spring/summer 2017. While initial regulations were laid and withdrawn, final regulations to change the scheme had not been laid at the point the UK General Election was called.

Now that the election has happened, any changes to the Domestic RHI scheme will be subject to decisions taken by the new Government ministers.

We're unable to give you any more specific information until the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) provides us with more information. We'll update you on the changes in a future newsletter.



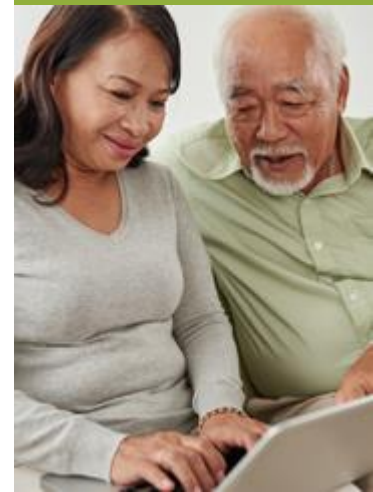
### Calling all biomass system owners!

#### **Do you purchase your biomass fuel?**

To be eligible for the scheme and receive RHI payments you must use an approved sustainable fuel from a supplier that's listed on the [Biomass Suppliers List \(BSL\)](#). Remember to keep a record of your fuel purchases which show your fuel authorisation numbers. You'll need them not only for your annual declaration, but also if we select you for our ongoing audit checks.

#### **Do you supply your own biomass fuel?**

You're required to join the Biomass Suppliers List if you supply your own biomass fuel. If you don't, you won't be eligible for the Domestic RHI. Since 1 January 2017, you must pay a BSL membership fee, which you can do by logging into the [Registered Suppliers section of the BSL website](#).



### How do I submit my meter readings?

Some people need to take meter readings from their renewable heating system and submit them to us to receive RHI payments. If we told you that you need to be metered for payments that means you need to submit meter readings to us every three months.

You'll have a four-week window to submit your meter reading. This window opens one week before your readings are due, and closes three weeks afterwards.

When you're ready to submit your readings, [log into MyRHI](#) (the online system you use to manage your Domestic RHI account).

If you're having trouble, take a look at our handy ['Helpsheet: How to submit a meter reading'](#) to guide you through the process.

The Domestic RHI scheme remains open to applicants in England, Scotland and Wales as usual.

Contact us

### Want more information on the biomass fuel rules?

You can find out more about the RHI scheme rules for biomass fuel use [on our website](#). If you need help or have any questions about the BSL, you can contact the [BSL helpdesk](#), or call 020 7090 7769.

Contact BSL Helpdesk

Handy Helpsheet

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## You said, we did!

We're always looking for ways to improve our service to you, and we welcome all your suggestions. Here's a recent example of something we've changed based on feedback our customers have given us.

- **You said...** If I'm having difficulty completing my '[Installer Metering Questions \(IMQs\)](#)' online, it would be easier if I had the option to do them over the phone instead.
- **We did!** We've now made the necessary changes to our system, and the option to complete IMQs over the phone is now available to everyone who needs assistance.

Suggest an improvement

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## About the Domestic RHI

The Domestic RHI is a government environmental programme that promotes the use of renewable heat technologies. It's designed for domestic consumers, and aims to reduce the UK's carbon emissions. We administer the scheme on behalf of government. Find out more in [About the Domestic RHI](#).