

# 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 information about proposed changes to the scheme, how to stay compliant with emission certificates and what you need to do if your annual declaration is due.

We hope you find the update useful. If you have thoughts on what you would like to see included in the newsletter, we'd welcome [your feedback](#).

Accreditations update

Between January and March 2018, we accredited 362 full applications and 1 preliminary application. Over the same period we also registered 3 biomethane producers. This brings the total to 18,184 accredited installations and 85 registered producers of biomethane in Great Britain since the scheme was launched.

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# News in brief



## [Update on changes to the RHI](#)

As we mentioned in our last newsletter the RHI Regulations 2018 are due to come into force this spring. These include tariff guarantees being introduced for certain technologies and changes to eligible heat uses and shared ground loops. Subject to parliamentary approval, these Regulations are expected to come into force in spring 2018.

Find out more about the Regulations and what it means for you on [our website](#).

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## [Staying compliant with emission certificates](#)

We are seeing cases of solid biomass fuels being used on the RHI that aren't compliant with an emission certificate. Air quality requirements for biomass boilers were introduced in 2013 to ensure boilers don't exceed maximum levels of harmful pollutants.

You must only burn fuels in your installation, which are permitted within the scope of your emissions certificate. If you change or use additional fuels, you must provide us with a new emissions certificate to cover this new fuel. You must also operate your plant in line with the manufacturer's instructions and not use fuel with a moisture content greater than that specified on your certificate. We will take action where we find you are not meeting these requirements. See [Guidance Volume 1 Chapter 9](#) for more details.

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## [Is your annual declaration due?](#)

Every year we'll ask you to confirm a number of statements relating to you and your RHI installation, including that you continue to meet the eligibility criteria for the scheme and are complying with your responsibilities.

To sign an annual declaration, the Authorised Signatory will need to log into the [RHI Register](#) and select the [Declarations](#) link. You must respond within 28 days, or we may suspend your payments. For further information see [Guidance Volume 2 Chapter 2](#).

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## Other news and updates

### Top tips on staying compliant: loose temperature probes

1. The probes must be installed in line with manufacturer's guidelines
2. The probes must be fully inserted into the pipes
3. The probes must be fitted with a tamper proof security tag
4. Grease must be used as a bonding agent
5. You must provide evidence that you are compliant with the above and we may ask for photos or videos to prove this.

For further information see our [Easy Guide to Compliance](#).

### Tariffs updated for RPI and CPI

Tariff rates on the Non-Domestic RHI were adjusted on 1 April in line with the relevant price index. Applications submitted before 1 April 2016 have their tariffs adjusted in line with the Retail Prices Index (RPI) and applications submitted on or after 1 April 2016 have their tariffs adjusted in line with the Consumer Prices Index (CPI). See [our website for the updated tariffs](#).

### Keep receiving our newsletter

New rules about people's personal data mean we are changing the way people sign up for our newsletter. For new applicants and participants on the scheme, you won't automatically receive the newsletter and you will now have to subscribe.

For those already receiving the newsletter, after a certain period of time, if you don't open it, we will remove you from our mailing list. We will let you know we are doing this before we do it. The newsletter has important information about the scheme so if you want to continue to receive it then please read it or subscribe on [our website](#).

## About the Non-Domestic RHI

The Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) is a government environmental scheme that supports the uptake of renewable heat through financial incentives. We administer the scheme on behalf of government and provide quarterly reports as part of our statutory duties. [View the full scheme details](#).



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### UK AD and World Biogas Expo 2018, Birmingham

We will be speaking about the RHI scheme and how changes to the Regulations affect AD and biogas installations.

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