

Energy Company Obligation (ECO3) Summary of updates in the ECO3 Guidance: Delivery v1.6

Introduction

This document outlines the amendments we have made to our ECO3 Guidance: Delivery v1.5 that was initially published on September 30 2020. All amendments are included in Version 1.6 of the document.

Overview of amendments to ECO3 Guidance: Delivery

About this guidance

- Revised date to show that measures installed from 8 March 2021 should follow guidance v1.6

Chapter 2

- Paragraph 2.76: Added paragraph to expand on PAS operative requirements
- Paragraph 2.78: Added paragraph to expand on Gas Safe Engineer requirements
- Paragraph 2.79: Line added – ‘Under ECO3, DHS measures are considered to be the installation and / or connection of a wet central heating system of a property to the heat network. Therefore, the appropriate skill and experience must be in relation to the installation and / or connection of a wet central heating system in domestic premises.’
- Paragraph 2.87: Wording changed on PAS uplift eligibility to better reflect ECO order
- Paragraph 2.92: Footnote 28 added linking to further guidance on the effects of the UK’s withdrawal from the EU on compliance with building regulations
- Paragraph 2.99: Changed ‘solid underfloor insulation to ‘solid floor insulation’
- Paragraph 2.105: Added to expound on clarifications to IWI insulation requirements

Chapter 3

- Paragraph 3.41: added to clarify in-fill measures requirements
- Paragraph 3.100: Added paragraph to state that suppliers should check LA declarations are legitimate.
- Paragraph 3.117: Reworded point D

- Paragraph 3.127: Addendum added – ‘Note that a post-installation EPC can be used where the property remains within bands E, F and G after the measure is installed (D, E, F and G for innovation)
- Paragraph 3.128: Addendum added - Please note that the ‘date... of lodgement’ of the EPC for this and any other relevant paragraph is the date it was issued – not the date it was assessed
- Paragraphs 3.174: replaced with clarification of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) eligibility for HTHG. Those in receipt of any income-related ESA are eligible for ECO, regardless of the amount of contribution-based ESA they receive. We have corrected our guidance to reflect this. When looking at a sample of measures, we found that this scenario occurs in around 0.1% of cases. Please contact us if you have any queries on this

Chapter 4

- Table 14: Amended to reflect the eligibility for PRS F and G Band properties for Broken ESH measures if those measures are powered by renewables
- Table 14: Key amended to include ‘fuel cell mCHP’ as a renewable heat source
- Paragraph 4.20: Paragraph reformatted slightly and line added – ‘[confirm] that no loft insulation... has previously been claimed under ECO’
- Paragraph 4.22: Line added - ‘We would recommend a clear photo of the loft declaration fixed in the loft.’
- Paragraph 4.23: New paragraph on loft insulation evidence added
- Paragraph 4.36 iv: Information added on insulation damaged by flooding
- Paragraph 4.56: Added ‘If a heating system has been removed from the property, it can be replaced with a boiler or ESH measure under the broken heating system cap, however the associated uplift cannot be applied’
- Paragraph 4.57: Removed line ‘Suppliers should contact Ofgem if they intend to notify the replacement of a broken warm air system’
- Paragraph 4.72: Updated to clarify ESH upgrade requirements
- Paragraph 4.90: Updated to include ‘Fuel cell mCHP’ in list of heating measure types which may be installed as a FTCH measure
- Paragraph 4.103: Link in footnote 117 updated
- Paragraph 4.158: added – ‘Please note that a secondary heating measure cannot be claimed under ECO unless another primary measure can support it.’
- Paragraph 4.190: New guidance on the interaction between ECO and WHD

Chapter 6

- Paragraph 6.37: Updated to include 'Fuel cell mCHP' in list of heating measure sources in the deemed scores matrix
- Table 18: Reworded to improve clarity
- Paragraph 6.50: Line added – 'For IWI measures, they should also retain evidence to demonstrate that the IWI Interim Approach Flowchart has been followed.'
- Paragraph 6.87: Removed the phrase 'For insulation measures'
- Table 19: Amended wall u-values
- Table 21: Updated with new minimum thickness requirements
- Paragraph 6.101: Clarification added that minimum thickness criteria 'applies even to insulation bonded to plasterboard.'
- Paragraph 6.104: New paragraph clarifying interaction between new IWI rules and POMI requirements
- Paragraph 6.140: Addendum added that suppliers should '[collect] evidence where Solar PV is installed that the electric heating system in the property is efficient.'

Chapter 8

- Paragraph 8.1: Changed paragraph to reflect the new transition date to Trustmark Technical Monitoring of July 1st 2021
- Paragraph 8.7: Removed the phrase 'from 1 October 2020'

Appendix 1

- Table 27: Table amended to expound on 'person of appropriate skill and experience' requirements

Appendix 3

- Paragraph 11.13: Removed line 'Suppliers should contact Ofgem if they intend to notify the replacement of a broken warm air system'

Appendix 4

- Paragraph 12.10: added – ‘Electric storage heater installations will not be considered complete unless the property is on an off-peak electricity tariff
- Paragraph 12.29: Changed ‘suppliers **must** continue to collect the installation warranty’ to ‘suppliers **should** continue to collect the installation warranty... **where possible**’