

# Feed-in Tariffs (FIT)

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## Third Party Ownership under the FIT scheme

### What is the FIT scheme?

The FIT scheme encourages the uptake of small-scale renewable and low-carbon technologies up to a Total Installed Capacity (TIC) of 5MW in England, Wales and Scotland. The FIT scheme creates an obligation for certain Licensed Electricity Suppliers to make tariff payments for generating and exporting renewable and low carbon electricity. Installations using solar photovoltaic (PV), wind, hydro and anaerobic digestion (AD) technologies up to 5MW and fossil fuel-derived Combined Heat and Power (CHP) up to 2kW or "microCHP", can receive FIT payments, providing all eligibility requirements are met.

### Ownership

While an individual can own the solar PV panels installed at their property, there are instances where the owner of an installation may be different from the owner of the property or site at which the installation is located. This type of ownership is usually referred to as a third party ownership and most third party ownerships operate under the 'Rent-a-roof' model. The most common arrangement is that the third party installs solar PV panels on the property. The homeowner then receives the electricity generated (lowering their electricity bills) and the third party owner of the installation receives any associated subsidies, in this instance, FIT generation and export payments.

### How do I find out who owns the solar PV panels on my roof?

Where an installation is owned by a rent-a-roof company, we would expect there to be a signed 'agreement' between the relevant parties, i.e. the homeowner and the rent-a-roof company, such as a lease agreement, with the homeowner agreeing to rent their roof to the company for the purposes of installing solar PV panels.

However, we are aware that in some instances solar PV installations are sold between companies, especially when companies go out of business. This change in ownership may not be communicated to the homeowner. You can make a request for details as to who owns the solar PV panels installed at your property or the FIT licensee that the solar PV installation is registered to by submitting a Subject Access Request to the FIT Register team at [FITRegister@Ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:FITRegister@Ofgem.gov.uk).

To make a Subject Access Request we will need to verify that you are the homeowner. You should therefore provide the following information;

- Full Name
- Address

- Proof of ownership of the property to which the installation is connected (this can be documents such as property purchase contract, deed to the house or land registry documents)
- Amount of time you have owned the property
- The signed agreement with the company in respect of the property in question (if available)
- If you are making the request on behalf of someone else, you should also provide their written consent.

Please note that we may not be able to release all of the information requested and will only be able to provide details of installations that are accredited under the FIT scheme. We are unable to help in cases where an application for accreditation under the FIT scheme has not been made or if the accreditation application has not yet been approved.

### More information

If the company has gone out of business and the solar PV installation is not registered with us, Citizen's Advice provides general [guidance](#) on what to do if a company has gone out of business.