

# Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

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## Welcome to your latest quarterly update on the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

In this newsletter, we discuss planning permission evidence requirements, scheme statistics and the importance of keeping fuel receipts. We also highlight the 40 day payment period, and the closure of the BEIS consultation on biomass in urban areas.

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 October and December 2018, we accredited 231 new full applications, 1 preliminary application, a decrease of 27.4% on the same quarter last year.

This brings our total to 19,134 active accreditations since launch with a total renewable heat capacity in GB of

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4,433MW. Use the button below for the scheme's full performance round-up.

View latest quarterly figures

## News in brief



### [Do you have planning permission?](#)

Please be aware that where an application for accreditation is made on or after the 22 May 2018, we require proof that any necessary planning permission has been granted in relation to the installation.

Applicants must provide this evidence from the relevant planning authority, or equivalent evidence that planning permission is not required. Failure to do so within the stipulated timescales will result in applications being rejected from the scheme.

It is also a requirement for all applicants and participants to ensure their installation has any



### [View our scheme statistics](#)

For important statistics on the Scheme, visit our Public Report page [here](#).

The report provides overall accreditation data by each country in Great Britain. With a page for each, figures are on:

- Number of accredited installations by technology, and their total installed capacity
- The total heat generated (or Biomethane produced) by installation type; and
- The total payments made, to date, for each technology type.

This page is automatically updated every day.



### [Keep those fuel records](#)

We have recently revoked all of a participant's installations, and permanently withheld just under £20,000 of their payments, for failing to present adequate fuel records to our compliance team. To date, 14 accreditations have been revoked from the GB Non-Domestic RHI because we did not receive satisfactory evidence that participants were meeting their ongoing obligations.

We treat breaches of the Non-Domestic RHI regulations very seriously. So if you have an installation which generates heat using solid biomass (including that contained in waste) or biogas, make

necessary environmental permits, and that it complies with any local and national laws - including those relating to the protection of the environment.

To find out more about these requirements, read Chapter 4 of [Guidance Volume 1: General eligibility requirements](#)

[Guidance Volume 1](#)

We also publish quarterly reports on our website, which provide snapshots of the Scheme's progress. Alongside these reports you can find copies of our previous newsletters (find our last one in the link below)

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sure that you keep accurate records of all of the fuel purchased (if applicable) and used in each installation.

Any accredited installation may be selected for audit, and records would be asked for where applicable: we may take enforcement action on any of the participant's accreditations if they are not available or forthcoming. Ongoing obligations relating to biomass fuel records are detailed in our [Guide to keeping fuel records](#) for biomass, as well as in Chapter 4 of [Guidance Volume 2: Ongoing Obligations and payments](#).

[Guide to keeping fuel records](#)

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## Other News

### Payments

We now aim to make quarterly payments within 40 working days of receiving the information we require to release them. We ask that participants only enquire about payments if they have not received them within this time.

### Consultation on biomass in urban areas

From 16 October to 27 November 2018, The Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) ran its consultation on ending further RHI support for biomass in urban areas. You can view the proposals [here](#).

### Update on degression

There was a 15% tariff degression on 1 Jan 2019 for new biomethane and large biogas installations. You can see a full list of historical tariffs 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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