



Warmer Homes Scotland

Who Is It For?

Warmer Home Scotland is designed to assist vulnerable people to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. The Scottish Government is offering assistance to homeowners and tenants of private-sector landlords who meet the qualifying criteria and have lived in the property for at least 6 months to heat their homes.

What Support Is Available?

The support available will depend on a survey which must be carried out on the property. You may still be eligible if you have applied for another Government scheme if you meet the criteria. Assessors will recommend measures to improve the efficiency of the property. In most cases the costs will be met by the Scottish Government however some cases may require consumer contribution for more expensive measures e.g. Solid Wall Insulation.

The available measures under the scheme include:

- Solid Wall Insulation
- Loft Insulation
- Draught-Proofing
- Central Heating Systems
- Renewables

Who Is Eligible?

An over-the-phone assessment with Home Energy Scotland will be done to assess a customer's eligibility. They will ask various questions about the customer's benefits and the property. It is almost like an EPC done over the phone.

The household must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be homeowners or the tenants of a private-sector landlord;
- Live in the home as their main residence;
- Have lived there for at least 6 months (unless in receipt of a DS1500 certificate);
- Live in a home with an energy rating of 54 or lower.



And must meet ONE of the following requirements:

- Be aged 60 or over, have no working heating system and be in receipt of a passport benefit;
- Be aged over 75 and in receipt of a passport benefit;
- Pregnant and / or have a child under 16 and in receipt of a passport benefit;
- Have a disability and be in receipt of any level of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independent Payment;
- Be a carer in receipt of Carer's Allowance;
- Have been injured or disabled serving in the Armed Forces and be in receipt of Armed Forces Independence Payment/War Disablement Pension;
- Have an injury or disability from an accident or disease caused by work and be in receipt of Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

The Passport Benefits are:

- Guarantee element of the Pension Credit;
- Attendance Allowance;
- Universal Credit or any of the benefits due to be replaced by Universal Credit (Income Based JSA, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit);
- Council Tax Reduction;
- Carer's Allowance;
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Armed Forces Independence Payment;
- War Disablement Pension;
- Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

Who Will Install Their Measures?

All installation work will be dealt with through Warmer Homes Scotland. They will then decide whether to do the work themselves or pass the work out to installers in that area.

Installers must be properly certified for the work they are doing. For energy efficient measures, Green Deal Certification is required. Microgeneration technologies will need MCS approval.



Other Available Schemes in Scotland

The **Interest Free Loan Scheme** is available as well. Interest free, unsecured loans of up to £10,000 are available for householders to get installations of new boilers, insulation and new glazing.

The scheme is open to owner occupiers and registered private sector landlords in Scotland. The repayment period varies based on the amount you intend to borrow but those taking out high value loans will be able to pay back over 10 years.

Work carried out under the scheme must be completed by a Green Deal Approved Installer and must be certified for the measure you wish to install.

To make an application, you can call Home Energy Scotland (0808 808 2282) who will arrange for an application form to be sent out.

You will need a Green Deal Advice Report (GDAR) before you apply as any measures you wish to have installed must appear in the 'Recommendations for Improvement' list on the Energy Performance Certificate section of the GDAR.

Along with the application form and GDAR you will need to send at least one quote for each measure you wish to install.

Once your application has been received, the Energy Saving Trust will assess the eligibility and carry out a credit check. If you are successful you will be offered the loan. No work must be carried out until the loan offer has been received.



Measure	Max Loan Value
Solid Wall Insulation (Internal or External)	£10,000
Cavity Wall Insulation	£900
Loft Insulation (0mm – 270mm)	£500
Loft Insulation Top-up (120mm – 270mm)	£500
Room-in-Roof Insulation	£1,500
Floor Insulation (Solid Floor)	£750
Floor Insulation (Suspended Timber)	£750
Flat Roof Insulation	£2,500
Boilers – Gas, LPG or Oil	£3,000
Cylinder Thermostat	£500
Double/Triple Glazing	£4,500
Secondary Glazing	£500
Fan Assisted Electric Storage Heaters	£3,500
Warm Air Units	£3,500
Insulated Doors	£1,000
Waste Water Heat Recovery Systems	£1,000
Draught Proofing	£500
High Heat Retention Storage Heating Systems	£7,000
Flue Gas Heat Recovery Systems	£500
Hot Water Tank Insulation (Uninsulated Tank)	£500



Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland (HEEPS) Cashback scheme is another available scheme in Scotland. Similar to the recent Green Deal Home Improvement Fund (GDHIF) the Scottish Government is offering owner occupiers, private and social tenants and registered private sector landlords a rebate of up to £5,800 towards installing eligible energy efficient measures for properties that are in council tax bands A to C.

Any measure to be installed must be recommended on the GDAR for the property.

Funding is divided into categories with up to £500 available for installing a new boiler, up to £400 for insulation measures and up to £300 for other measures like draught proofing or secondary glazing. 75% of the cost of Solid Wall Insulation up to £4,500. Additional premiums are available to households classed as living in remote rural areas of Scotland. £100 is also available towards the cost of their GDAR.

Installers must be Green Deal certified to carry out the work and must be certified for the measure being installed.

The **Home Renewables Loan Scheme** is also available. An interest free loan is available of up to 75% of the total cost of your domestic renewables system. Or you could borrow up to 100% of your costs up to £5,000 for connecting to an approved district heating scheme.

Feed in Tariffs and Renewable Heat Incentive payments can be used to pay back the loan. How much you can borrow – and for how long – depends on the type of renewable system you want.

You could borrow:

- up to £2,500 (for up to 5 years) for a solar photovoltaic (PV) system or a micro wind or hydro turbine
- up to £5,000 (for up to 8 years) to connect to an approved district heating scheme that's powered by renewable energy
- up to £5,000 (for up to 8 years) for a solar water heating system
- up to £7,500 (for up to 8 years) for a hybrid PV/solar water heating system
- up to £10,000 (for up to 12 years) for an air, ground or water source heat pump or a biomass stove or boiler

Any owner-occupier can apply whose home is in Scotland. Installers must be MCS certified to do the installation.