

Funding for Domestic Woodfuel Systems

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Financial Incentives

- Home Renewables Loan (interest free up to £10,000)
(Scottish Government Loan)
- Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)
(UK Government on-going payment for renewable heat (due to be introduced in Summer 2013))
- Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP)
(UK Government voucher scheme for renewable heat technologies (Until 31st March 2013))

Have to use MCS accredited installers and products (>45kW) for any of these.

Home Renewables Loan

- A Scottish Government interest – free loan of up to £2000 towards any electricity producing system, and up to **£10,000 for heat producing systems.**
- System must be recommended to the customer in one of three energy reports.
- Re-payment term is 4 years for electricity, 8 years for heat.
- Customers can apply for 2 loans per household for different technologies.

Home Renewables Loan

Energy Report Required

- Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

- Renewable Selector

Simple online questionnaire identifying suitable renewable technologies

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/renewableselector/start>

- Home Renewable Advice Visit

2 – hour home visit incorporating rdSAP survey, thermal imaging and in-depth advice on energy efficiency and renewable technologies

Home Renewables Loan

Recently Announced Extension

- Scottish Government has announced that the loan scheme is to be extended into FY 2013 – 14
- **Existing offer deadlines are still valid** – But an extension can be requested in writing with valid reasons
- New applications are treated on a first-come-first served basis, and the loan fund is under regular review.

Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive

- Scheme similar to Feed in Tariff, but for heat producing technologies.
- Expected to start in Summer 2013, **consultation responses are under analysis at the moment, so no details confirmed yet.**
- Proposals are:
 - Scheme will support air, water and ground-source heat pumps, solar thermal, biomass boilers, renewable combined heat and power.
 - Output will not be metered, but ‘deemed’ – based upon reasonable heat requirement which the installation is intended to serve.
 - Payments will last for 7 years.
- Consultation documents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/renewable-heat-incentive-proposals-for-a-domestic-scheme--2>

Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive

Extra considerations for Biomass

- Proposed tariff range: 5.2p/kWh – 8.7p/kWh
- Fuel Sustainability Requirement (From April 2014)
 - List of Approved Fuel Suppliers
- Air Quality
 - Limits on appliance's emissions of **particulate matter (PM)** and **oxides of nitrogen (NOx)**
 - Approved list held by HETAS. How this interacts with MCS is being investigated.

Renewable Heat Premium Payment

(Until 31 March 2013)

- Precursor to the domestic RHI.
- Customers can apply for a voucher to claim back against the cost of installing a renewable heating technology.
- Will have to be paid back through the RHI

<u>Technology</u>	<u>Voucher value</u>
Solar thermal hot water	£300
Air-to-water heat pump	£850
Ground-source heat pump	£1250
Biomass boiler	£950

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questions/comments