

Renewable Heat Incentive

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Key Facts

- Accredited renewable heat installations (e.g. solar thermal, biomass, ground and air source heat pumps) commissioned since 15 July 2009 are eligible for **per-unit heat payments**
- Modelled on existing feed-in tariff system for clean electricity, but tax-funded and a world first for green heat systems
- Payments are **guaranteed for 7 years**, and RPI index-linked
- A Green Deal assessment is required to claim domestic RHI

Background

The UK Government consulted for some time on a more effective way to drive rapid growth in clean, low-carbon heat. This is because heat production—often overlooked—is responsible for **nearly half of UK carbon emissions**, and green heat has a major part to play in meeting our 2020 targets.

The age of grants is gone, but a new incentive system, whereby premium guaranteed rates are payable for most types of green heat produced, commenced in late 2011 for *non*-domestic installations. Domestic installations launched in April 2014, after many delays. The UK scheme is the world's first, and it proved complex to design. The RHI is managed for the government by Ofgem, who make the quarterly payments.

The arrival of the domestic Renewable Heat Incentive means there has never been a better time to consider green heating systems in your home.



See our separate fact sheet for **NON-domestic information!**

RHI Rates

Below are the confirmed support rates for retrofit domestic installations published by DECC, which apply from the April 2014 launch. Tariffs are paid per-kWh based on deemed consumption, however in some circumstances metering will be required. Installations must be MCS-accredited, the product must be listed on the RHI product eligibility list, and a Green Deal assessment is needed. In addition the property must have cavity wall insulation and 250mm of loft insulation installed where possible to the eligible.

- **Biomass boiler system** 12.2p
- **Ground source heat pump** 18.8p
- **Air to water heat pump** 7.3p
- **Solar thermal hot water** 19.2p

RHP Payments

For domestic customers who received RHPP grants (now closed), the amount received will be deducted from your RHI payments. For full details, see the guidance from Ofgem.

Further Information

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Ofgem domestic RHI information pages —
www.ofgem.gov.uk/domestic-rhi

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