

Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)



The RHI is a government scheme to encourage householders to heat their homes and water using renewable energy. Payments are made for any heat that is produced this way.

The RHI is open to everyone and applies to biomass boilers, heat pumps and solar thermal panels. The amount you are paid is based how much energy is needed to heat your home and/or hot water (your home's 'heat demand'). Your home's heat demand, measured in kWh, will be shown on your Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). This table shows how much you could be paid:

Technology	Tariff
Air-source heat pumps	7.3p / kWh
Ground and water-source heat pumps	18.8p / kWh
Biomass-only boilers and biomass pellet stoves with integrated boilers	12.2p / kWh
Solar thermal panels (flat plate and evacuated tube for hot water only)	19.2 p / kWh

The scheme is designed to bridge the gap between the cost of renewable technologies and traditional fossil fuel systems. Payments will be made to you for seven years. You don't have to be located off of the gas network to apply.

More information about applications and eligibility is available on the [Ofgem](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk) website.



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