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SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE PREMIUM PAYMENT

PHASE 2 EXTENSION

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FAQ'S

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT IS THE RHI PREMIUM PAYMENT ALL ABOUT?

If you've read about the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), you may already be aware that the Renewable Heat Premium Payment is a slightly different scheme to provide one-off grants prior to the introduction of the RHI for domestic customers.

The RHPP is a UK Government scheme designed to help homeowners afford renewable technologies, such as solar thermal, ground source heat pumps and biomass boilers.

The amount received as part of the Renewable Heat Premium Payment scheme depends on which technology you are applying for. The voucher values for each of the technologies are listed below:

Technology	Voucher Value
Solar Thermal Hot Water	£600
Air to Water Source Heat Pump	£1300
Ground Source or Water Source Heat Pump	£2300
Biomass Boiler	£2000

THE RENEWABLE HEAT PREMIUM PAYMENT SCHEME - PHASE 2 EXTENSION WILL RUN FROM 20TH MAY 2013 TO SPRING 2014.

WHO CAN APPLY?

If you live in England, Scotland or Wales, you are eligible to apply for the Renewable Heat Premium Payment.

How you currently heat your home will depend on which technologies you are able to apply for.



Those who have recently removed a mains gas heating system or currently heat their home with mains gas are only eligible to apply for Solar Thermal. However, if you currently rely on oil, liquid gas, solid fuel or electricity then you could also apply for air to water source heat pumps, ground - or water – source heat pumps and biomass boilers.

New applicants from May 20th 2013 will be required to undertake a Green Deal Assessment before submitting a claim to EST for payment of their voucher. The Assessment will help consumers choose the most appropriate new technology for their home and circumstances.

For further information regarding the RHPP, call the EST Helpline on 0800 512 012.

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS?

- **A Green Deal Assessment needs to be undertaken before submitting a claim to EST for payment of their voucher.**
- **The property must be owned by you or if you are a tenant you must be purchasing the system yourself and have permission from the owner of the property;**
- **If the property is a new build, then you must retain ownership of the property either as the occupier or as the private Landlord;**
- **Property must have loft insulation to 250mm and cavity wall insulation (where practical);**
- **You should have all necessary planning and environmental permissions in place;**
- **The product and installer you go with must be certified under the Microgeneration Certification Scheme(MCS), Solar Keymark (or equivalent).**
- **Homeowners must participate fully with survey and monitoring programmes**

For heat pump installations, all householders will receive 80% of their voucher value when a valid claim is submitted, together with a signed checklist from the installer confirming whether or not the installation can be fitted with a meter.

Householders will receive the final 20% following a visit from the metering team to check that the installation is really “meter ready” and install a set of equipment, or if their installer has been trained to install monitoring equipment and installs it on EST’s behalf.

If a householder has indicated that they are not meter ready, they will receive the final 20% of the grant at the end of the scheme.

METERING AND SURVEYS

As a mandatory requirement for the Renewable Heat Premium Payment, you will be asked to submit information about how the technology you have installed is performing in its environment via online surveys. This is to support the monitoring programme and allow the Government to learn as much as possible about renewable technologies.

It is a condition of the grant that you participate fully with the survey and monitoring programmes. Refusal to do so will result in your grant being withdrawn or reclaimed.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Phase 2 of the RHPP Scheme is now open for registrations. Please visit www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/RHPP to register for your grant.

Once you have registered you will receive updates directly from the Energy Saving Trust.

WILL I GET THE RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE TOO, WHEN IT COMES IN NEXT YEAR?

People who have installed the kit under the Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme will also be eligible for support through the RHI providing they meet the eligibility criteria of the full RHI scheme, as will anybody else who has installed eligible equipment since 15 July 2009. Any RHPP payment received under the scheme will need to be paid back from any RHI payments received in the future.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Any householder in England, Scotland and Wales, who is located off the mains gas grid (for heat pumps and biomass). For solar thermal, all areas of the UK are eligible for the grant.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

THE INTERESTING BITS



PAYMENTS

- **Solar Thermal - £600**
- **Biomass - £2000**
- **Air to Water Heat Pump - £1300**
- **Ground Source Heat Pump - £2300**

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS?

- **For biomass, GSHP and ASHP, the property must be off the mains gas grid.**
- **Basic energy efficiency levels must be in place.**
- **Minimum of 250mm loft insulation and cavity wall insulation.**
- **Product and installation must be MCS accredited.**
- **Householder must agree to have the system metered.**
- **A Green Deal Assessment is required to be undertaken.**

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be made from 20th May 2013 to the Energy Savings Trust.

