

What is it?

It is a grant to help domestic home owners install renewable heat energy appliances.

How much is it?

The following levels apply to each technology

Heat Technology	Grant available
Air Source Heat Pump	£1,300
Ground Source Heat Pump	£2,000
Biomass Boiler	£2,300
Solar Water Heating	£600

How long is the scheme open for?

The scheme will run until March 2014 when it will be replaced by the Renewable Heat Incentive.

Is everyone eligible?

Unfortunately not! With the exception of solar thermal, which is available to any household, other technologies (heat pumps and biomass) are only available to households not using mains gas.

Households in England, Scotland and Wales can apply for their main residential home and if they have basic energy efficiency measures installed (250mm loft insulation and cavity wall insulation where appropriate)

Can anybody install the equipment?

No! to ensure that basic design and installation standards are met, the installer has to be accredited on the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS).

Can I install any equipment I want?

No! The system you choose to install must be an accredited product under the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS).

You can check if your installer and equipment is accredited on the MCS web site:

www.microgenerationcertification.org/consumers/

Are there any catches?

In order to qualify for the RHPP, you must have a Green Deal Assessment, this is likely to cost in the region of £150, RHPP is repayable by deduction if you go on to claim RHI.

See <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Generating-energy/Getting-money-back>