

# Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture

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#### **Energy Efficiency Scheme**

#### **Guidance Document**

## **How to Apply**

Applicants for a grant under the Energy Efficiency Scheme should complete the <u>Application Form</u>, and submit it to the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, together with the information specified in the form.

## Reducing Emissions and Fuel Bills

The Energy Efficiency Scheme to assist residents with their fuel bills and reduce usage of fossil fuels was announced at Tynwald in December 2017. This includes a series of measures to deliver on a pledge in the <a href="Programme for Government">Programme for Government</a> and contribute to targets set in the Climate Change Mitigation Strategy.

None of us want to pay more for our energy than we have to. But saving money doesn't mean we should use less energy than we need; it is important to have enough light and warmth to stay safe and comfortable at home.

#### **Grant Support**

The Energy Efficiency Scheme 2018 can provide grants of up to 75% of the cost of energy efficiency improvement works permitted under the scheme, or up to a maximum of £250 for each item of work (whichever is the lesser sum). Any costs in excess of the grant would need to be met by the applicant. The scheme is open to homeowners and private renters (with landlord's consent). The objective of the scheme is to assist people to make their homes more energy efficient by investing in improvements. As such, the scheme is not ridged in what it will pay grants towards, but the Department must believe that the grant payment will help to achieve energy efficiency in the home.

The grant could cover an energy efficiency survey, loft insulation materials, associated works to access roof space for insulation works, draught-proofing of windows and doors, installation of room thermostat and thermostatic radiator valves or any other home improvement to achieve greater energy efficiency.

Examples of estimated costs and contributions include:

Energy Efficiency	Total Cost	Grant Contribution	Applicant Contribution
Thermostatic Radiator Valves	£200	£150	£50
Energy survey	£300	£225	£75
Loft insulation	£350	£250 (maximum)	£100

The total grant or grants approved in respect of any property cannot exceed £1,000.

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# Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for a grant under the Energy Efficiency Scheme an applicant must be a resident in the Isle of Man.

An eligible individual applicant may have an income of up to £29,000 per annum and an eligible jointly taxed couple may have an income of up to £43,000 per annum combined. This is calculated as your tax allowance plus £15,000.

#### Premises

The scheme applies to residential premises or flats of any age, including rented accommodation (subject to landlord consent), which are the applicant's ordinary place of residence. It does not apply to premises owned by an Isle of Man Government Department, local authority, Statutory Board, or Public Sector Older Persons (Sheltered) Housing or housing owned by a housing association or housing trust.

## Making an Application

Applicants for a grant under the scheme should complete the Application Form, and submit it to the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, together with the information specified in the form.

If it approves an application, the Department will send the applicant an authorisation notice stating that the authorised work may commence.

The Department may impose conditions, including conditions in individual cases.

Applicants must seek independent advice and make their own decisions regarding the work that needs to be undertaken. Any assistance given by the Department does not constitute advice regarding such work.

All authorised works must be completed by suitably qualified contractors within 6 months from the date of the authorisation notice or such further period as the Department may, in any particular case, allow.

The Department may, after giving notice to the applicant, inspect the eligible premises and any authorised work in progress or completed under this scheme.

If an applicant is satisfied with the authorised work, the applicant must submit the contractor's invoice to the Department.

Payment of a grant under this scheme shall be made to the applicant.

#### Contact details for further information

More Information on the Energy Efficiency Scheme 2018 may be accessed here.

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