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## **FACT SHEET**

# **The Green Homes Grant Scheme**

### ***Question 1: What is the Green Homes Grant Scheme?***

This is a government-funded voucher scheme to help domestic customers install energy efficiency measures on their homes, helping them reduce their energy bills and their carbon emissions. The Green Homes Grant is a key part of the government's green economic recovery following COVID-19, which will also help us on the road towards reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

### ***Question 2: What types of properties are included?***

All domestic properties in England **except new builds** are included. This scheme does not apply to Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

### ***Question 3: Why should you take advantage of the scheme?***

As this scheme is providing warmer and more energy efficient homes, you will save on your energy bill. It has been estimated that for the average family, this will be in the region of £600 a year.

### ***Question 4: What is the value of this scheme?***

The Green Homes Grant allows you, the homeowner, to apply for a voucher that funds up to two thirds of the cost of hiring trades people to upgrade the energy performance of their homes - up to a maximum contribution of £5,000. Low income and vulnerable households will be eligible for a grant covering up to 100% of the cost, up to £10,000.

### ***Question 5: What work can I complete on my premises?***

The scheme has two components. You need to carry out primary work in order to use up to 50% of the voucher (and capped at the amount of the contribution to the primary work) on secondary work.

Primary work is limited to solid wall, under-floor, cavity wall, loft, flat roof, room in roof or park home insulation; or air source or ground source heat pump or solar thermal (where the home is suitably insulated). Secondary work can be completed

Sources: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/quality-assurance-at-heart-of-new-2-billion-green-homes-grants>; <https://www.trustmark.org.uk/ghgs>

once primary work is done on the premises. Secondary work includes draught proofing, windows and doors: double/triple glazing (where replacing single glazing), secondary glazing (in addition to single glazing), energy efficient replacement doors. This also includes heating controls and insulation: appliance thermostats, hot water tank thermostats, hot water tank insulation, smart heating controls, zone controls, delayed start thermostat, thermostatic radiator valves.

Later this month and into the beginning of September, homeowners across England will be able to check their eligibility on the Simple Energy Advice website.

**New-build domestic properties and non-domestic properties are not eligible.**

***Question 6: When will the Green Homes Grant be available?***

The scheme will start at the end of September 2020 and close at the end of March 2021.

***Question 7: Can the voucher be backdated to work that has already been completed?***

No – a voucher can only be issued for work to be completed under the scheme and not before.

***Question 8: How will payment work?***

The scheme operates on a voucher basis. You will apply for the voucher and then evidence is required that the work has been completed before the voucher can be redeemed.

***Question 9: When do I apply?***

Registration will begin later this month and into next month but you can use the scheme at any time until March 2021. Vouchers will only be issued from the end of September so you should not commence the work before this time.

***Question 10: Who can carry out work on my property?***

If they are carrying out works at your property within the Green Homes Grant Scheme, they must be registered with TrustMark. You can always check this on the TrustMark website at <https://www.trustmark.org.uk/find-a-tradesman>.

***Question 11: Is Hinds Building Services Limited TrustMark registered?***

Yes we are TrustMark registered - you can visit our website for further details: <https://hindsbuilding.co.uk/greenhomes>

***Question 12: What should I do if I have any further questions?***

For more on the scheme, visit the government website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/quality-assurance-at-heart-of-new-2-billion-green-homes-grants>) or TrustMark at <https://www.trustmark.org.uk/ghgs>. Alternately, you can get in touch with us and we will pass your queries on to our scheme provider.