

Application to join the Benchmark Scheme – Product Suppliers

Product Suppliers may become members of the Benchmark Scheme provided that they are members of HHIC or an affiliated Trade Association, supply products within the scope of the Scheme and adhere to the Benchmark Scheme Requirements.

To participate, please complete this form in full using capital letters and return it with the appropriate licence fee (if applicable) to The Benchmark Administrator, HHIC by post: Camden House, Warwick Rd, Kenilworth CV8 1TH; by e-mail to info@hhic.org.uk or by fax: 01926 855017

If you require assistance in completing this form contact HHIC on 01926 513747

Contact Details			
Company name			
Address			
Town			
County		Post code	
Contact name			
Telephone number		Fax number	
Mobile number		Email address	
Company Registration Number (if applicable)			

Please indicate which products you wish to be included within the scope of the Benchmark Scheme	
Gas-fired space heating and hot water systems	
Hot Water Storage Cylinders	
Water Treatment	
Solar Thermal	

Please indicate your membership status	
HHIC Member	
HWA Member*	
DWTA Member*	

**If you are a member of an affiliated trade association, you will be subject to an annual Licence Fee chargeable by HHIC (refer to separate Benchmark Scheme Licence Fees document). If you are not a member of any of the above associations, please contact HHIC to discuss membership requirements.*

Please indicate the level of turnover that applies to the scope of your application / renewal as listed on the Benchmark Scheme Licence Fees document (affiliated members only)	
Turnover (related to products declared to be within the scope of the Benchmark Scheme) (£m)	Licence Fee (£)

Purchase Order Number (if applicable)	
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Please provide the name and membership number of any Registration Scheme(s) covering the work carried out by your employed installers, or indicate "N/A" if you do not employ installers:

See overleaf for Licence Agreement ...

Benchmark Licence Agreement

Between: Heating and Hotwater Industry Council (“HHIC”, “we”, “us”, “our”) and the party as detailed on the front page (“you”, “your”)

Agree

1. You are granted a non-exclusive licence to use our trademarks in relation to the Benchmark Scheme in accordance with any guidance that we may provide; provided that such use is limited to the scope of your membership and which are subject to this Agreement. Your right to use our trademarks will continue until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with Section 4 below.
2. You must comply with any guidance provided by HHIC and in particular the Scheme Requirements, Code of Practice, Brand Identity and Document Guidelines and Licence terms, such as may be amended from time to time.
3. You must at all times preserve the reputation and integrity of the Benchmark Scheme. You must not engage in any activity or practice which may result in public criticism of us or the Benchmark Scheme.
4. This Agreement may be terminated by immediate written notice to you if:
 - a) you cease to participate in the Benchmark Scheme by failing to renew your membership with HHIC or affiliated Trade Association or your membership is either suspended or revoked;
 - b) you go into liquidation or an administrative receiver or receiver and manager or administrator is appointed for you or your assets or you enter into a voluntary arrangement with your creditors or suffer any similar insolvency process or process which affords you protection from your creditors;
 - c) you commit a breach of this Agreement and, following our disciplinary processes, we conclude that this licence should be withdrawn;
 - d) you challenge the validity of our trademarks.
5. Termination of this Agreement will not affect any existing rights and/or claims that we may have against you, and will not relieve you from fulfilling your obligations which accrued prior to termination.
6. If for whatever reason this Agreement terminates, to protect the reputation of HHIC and ensure its continued operation:
 - a) you must immediately cease use of our trademarks;
 - b) you must not purport to be associated with the Benchmark Scheme and must not make negative comments about HHIC or the Benchmark Scheme.
7. HHIC may enjoy the benefit and enforce the terms of this Agreement Clause 6 in accordance with the provisions of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
8. HHIC will handle your data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Data will be used for membership purposes and details may be shared with relevant government departments or government appointed scheme operators if it is relevant to your status as a Benchmark Scheme member. HHIC will share your data with The Benchmark Scheme Committee.

Declaration

On behalf of the above company, I certify to the best of my knowledge that all the information given on this form is correct. I understand that any misleading statement or omission may disqualify the company from membership of the Benchmark Scheme. I have read and understand the Scheme Requirements contained in the Benchmark Scheme Document and confirm that the company will submit itself to any Licence Fees, if applicable (*proportional to the annual fee due from the beginning of the quarter in which membership commenced*) and an audit programme and pay any audit fees that arise.

Signature			
Name			
Position		Date	