

PBR Greener Boiler Incentive scheme

The Heating and Hotwater Industry Council (HHIC) welcomes today's announcement in the Pre-Budget report to encourage householders to upgrade their old inefficient boilers.

HHIC is delighted that government is taking action in reducing UK carbon emissions by encouraging the take up of high efficiency condensing boilers to help secure the UK carbon emissions targets.

Statistics gathered by the HHIC estimate that there are still 4.5 million Band G rated boilers in use that are rated at less than 70% efficient. Changing from a G rated boiler to an A rated boiler could save the householder up to £235 per year. Upgrading the boiler could also make savings of 1.2 tonnes of CO₂ per year.

The following HHIC checklist of typical examples can help householders identify whether they have a band G boiler:

- For Floor Standing Boilers

Pre 2002 with permanent pilot ignition.

- Wall mounted boilers

Pre 2002 with cast iron heat exchanger and permanent pilot ignition

- Combi boilers

Pre 1998

- Back Boilers

Pre 2002

HHIC champions the approach to focus on having a well-maintained and upgraded heating system that includes efficient controls, radiators and other heating components. As the trade association representing the UK heating industry, HHIC looks forward to working with the government in formulating a simple and effective way of delivering the £400 incentive.

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