

## Government heating grants

Winter is on the way - often the time when we are reminded about our heating systems – their age, cost, reliability and when we might consider replacing them with something better.

The Government is currently offering up to £1250 towards the cost of a new renewable heating system – often cheaper to run and at least as reliable as your existing system and better for the environment.



### What support is available?

- The RHPP is a grant for householders towards the cost of purchasing a new renewable heating system.
- The grant values and the eligible technologies are:

HOW MUCH ARE THESE GRANTS WORTH?	
ALL HOUSES	HOUSES NOT HEATED BY GAS FROM THE GRID
£300 – solar thermal – voucher valid for 3 months	£950 – biomass boiler – voucher valid for 6 months
	£850 – air to water source heat pump – voucher valid for 5 months
	£1250 – ground source or water source heat pump – voucher valid for 6 months

To apply for the RHPP, call the *Energy Savings Trust* on 0300 123 1234 (England, Northern Ireland and Wales) or 0800 512 012 (Scotland) or online at [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/RHPP](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/RHPP).

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## What are renewable heating systems?

- The renewable technologies for which you can apply for a grant are heat pumps (ground source, water source and air to water), biomass boilers and solar thermal panels
- Renewable heating systems reduce your dependence on scarce and expensive fossil fuels and for many households off the gas grid will reduce your heating bills. They also help the environment by reducing your carbon emissions

## Who can apply for the RHPP?

- You currently use oil, liquid gas, solid fuel or electricity to heat your home<sup>1,2</sup>
- You live in England, Scotland or Wales<sup>3</sup> and you didn't receive funding during the first phase of the RHPP
- Your system was installed after 21 July 2011

## What other Government financial support is available?

- The **Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)** is the Government's main incentive scheme to support the generation of renewable heat and the RHI for the non-domestic sector launched in November 2011.
- We have drawn up proposals for the RHI for the household sector and these proposals, including the proposed tariff levels, are currently out to public consultation<sup>4</sup>. We aim to launch the domestic RHI in Summer 2013 once we have finalised the policy and the support levels we will offer.

## If I receive a grant from the RHPP will I also be able to apply for the RHI?

- By applying for the **RHPP** now, you can get financial support towards the purchase cost of your new heating system and, provided you are eligible<sup>5</sup>, the **RHI** will provide further financial support next year.
- **Combining applications to both the RHPP and RHI in this way means that you maximise your financial support - a contribution now to help you finance your purchase plus an RHI tariff once the scheme launches**
- To ensure that Government is not overcompensating the generation of renewable heat, we intend to reduce the RHI tariff payable to householders by the amount of support already received through the RHPP
- While we cannot guarantee that you will be eligible for the RHI<sup>6</sup>, we would recommend that householders installing systems now and who intend to apply for the RHI once that scheme opens comply with the proposed RHI scheme criteria where possible.

<sup>1</sup> If you currently use gas heating, you will only be able to apply for support for solar thermal panels

<sup>2</sup> To ensure that you can meet all your space heating and hot water needs from renewable sources, you will be able to apply for a grant for solar thermal panels in combination with a grant for a heat pump or biomass boiler

<sup>3</sup> If you live in Northern Ireland, support is available through the [Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Premium Payment](#)

<sup>4</sup> [www.decc.gov.uk/rhi](http://www.decc.gov.uk/rhi)

<sup>5,6</sup> The proposed eligibility criteria for the RHI are currently out to public consultation and set out in detail on page 26 of the RHI consultation document. Our proposals for the RHI, including the scheme's eligibility criteria, are subject to public consultation and Parliamentary approval; therefore it is not currently possible for us to guarantee that households in receipt of the RHPP will be eligible for the RHI.