

Low Carbon Buildings Programme update – 23.05.07

Stream 1 – Householders

The Low Carbon Buildings Programme householder grant scheme will re-open for applications on **Tuesday May 29th at 9am.**

Please note that applicants using provisional installers will now be able to apply online for a grant.

While paper application forms will continue to be made available, it is in an applicant's advantage to apply for a grant online, where instant notification of grant award is provided.

Key changes to Stream 1:

- Provisional installers are available for selection on the online system. Please note that the 5 installations limit still applies to provisional installers.
- The monthly cap on grant allocations has been removed.
- Some grant levels have changed (see table below).
- There is a £2,500 grant cap per household.
- Grant offer validity periods have changed for some technologies, and New Build application grant offers are valid for 6 months (see below).
- Householders must have in place any required planning consents before applying to the scheme.
- We will only allow extensions of up to two months where the delay results from circumstances outside of an applicant's control. Any extension requests must be made in writing and are subject to approval.
- The paper application form has been revised. Please be aware that previous versions of the application form that have been issued by the programme will not be acceptable to the re-launched scheme. Please ensure that if a paper application is required, applicants use the application form referenced **ST1Hv6**.

More information:

Please see following table for the funding levels available for each microgeneration technology.

Technology	Maximum Amount of Grant
Solar photovoltaics	Maximum of £2,000 per kW of installed capacity, subject to an overall maximum of £2,500 or 50% of the relevant eligible costs, whichever is the lower
Wind turbines	Maximum of £1,000 per kW of installed capacity, subject to an overall maximum of £2,500 or 30% of the relevant eligible costs, whichever is the lower
Small hydro	Maximum of £1,000 per kW of installed capacity, subject to an overall maximum of £2,500 or 30% of the relevant eligible costs, whichever is the lower
Solar thermal hot water	Overall maximum of £400 or 30% of the relevant eligible costs, whichever is the lower
Ground source heat pumps	Overall maximum of £1,200 or 30% of the relevant eligible costs, whichever is the lower
Automated wood pellet fed room heaters/stoves	Overall maximum of £600 or 20% of the relevant eligible costs, whichever is the lower
Wood fuelled boiler systems	Overall maximum of £1,500 or 30% of the relevant eligible costs, whichever is the lower



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Under the re-launched scheme grant offer periods will be as follows:

- Solar thermal grant applications will be given 3 months to complete installations
- Wind and solar PV will applications be given 4 months to complete installations
- Ground Source Heat Pump and Biomass will be given 6 months
- Hydro will be given 12 months
- Technologies being installed on buildings under construction will have a grant offer validity of 6 months (except hydro which has a 12 month grant offer period)

More detail on these changes is available here: <http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/how/householders/>

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