

Renewable Energy

The Low Carbon Buildings Programme

Solar energy continues to gain support under the new UK Government renewable grant scheme, the Low Carbon Buildings Programme (LCBP), which commits a further £78.5 million.

It replaces the Clear Skies and PV Programme, and brings funding administration under one roof.

Domestic funding details

Solar water heating grant awards of £400 are available, ex VAT.

Solar photovoltaic grant awards are available £3,000 per 1kWp, (overall maximum of £15,000), or 50% of total cost, ex VAT, whichever is lower.

Scottish properties are eligible for a grant covering 30% of the installation cost up to £4,000.

Grants will be offered on a first come first served basis

Applying for grant funding

In order for you to gain access to a grant, certain conditions, with reference to the applicant & the property, must be in place prior to making a grant application to the EST. This is the organisation managing the Low Carbon Buildings Programme.

These conditions are summarised on the backpage.

We also strongly recommend that you review the full Householder Grant Guidelines, which can be found on the EST website,

www.est.org.uk/housingbuildings/renewables.



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Government Grants



Applications must be accompanied with a quote from a fully accredited installer, which Imagination Solar is.

For grant eligibility your property must have certain energy efficiency measures installed.

Once a grant award has been offered installation work must be done **within 6 months** for the grant to be paid.

You can apply for 3 grants for the same technology over 3 properties, or for 3 different technologies for 1 property.

To apply for a solar grant the process is as follows:

- check you meet the criteria conditions, as outlined on the back page.
- complete the energy efficiency measures required
- organise a quote from an installation company.
 - complete & send off an application form.
 - a grant award offer will be sent to you.
 - installation can now go ahead and must be completed within 6 months.
 - You then claim the grant, sending in commissioning certificate, & installers receipt.

£3million has been allocated to the Scottish grants programme, SCHRI. Scottish residents can apply for a renewable energy grant under 'Low Carbon Buildings' or SCHRI. Applications should be made to the EST.



contact us to arrange a quote

Summary of Eligibility Criteria. Please Read Carefully

- Certain energy efficiency measures must be in place before any claim for grant is paid. These include roof insulation to building regulations (e.g. 270mm of glass fibre), cavity wall insulation, low energy lightbulbs in the main rooms & basic controls for the heating system - radiator thermostats in the main rooms, a timer & programmer.
- Please contact the Energy Efficiency Advice Service for advice on these measures. Call 0800 512012.
- The applicant must be an individual householder & own the property freehold or a leasehold with at least 21 years remaining.
- The property must have a valid postcode & be a permanent structure. Caravans & boats are excluded.
- The property must be used for residential only purpose only, excluding properties on a buy to let basis.
- All necessary consents & building regulation approvals must be in place before installation.
- The technology must remain installed & unmodified for at least 5 years.
- The installer must offer a free two year warranty.
- Installation work cannot have commenced on site prior the grant application.
- You must obtain a quote & have the system installed by an accredited installer, using accredited products.
- Installation works must be planned for completion within six months, as grants will expire after six months of offer.
- You should have a decision letter within 15 days, although when high volumes of applications are received this may take longer.
- Agreeing to a grant offer commits you allowing EST and/or the installer access to the property to complete checks on installation integrity and energy efficiency measures.
- If it is found that you have not installed the required energy efficiency measures your grant will become invalid and the grant money must be contractually returned to the EST.
- Once installation has been complete you can claim the grant. You must submit proof of a paid invoice & a commissioning certificate. The EST endeavours to process the claim and send you a cheque within 15 days, unless claims are received at particularly high volumes.
- Contact us for more information or visit www.est.org.uk/housingbuildings/renewables

