



Renewable Energy Grants

Feed in Tariffs (FITs)*

The Feed in Tariffs (also known as FITs) are very similar to the Renewable Heat Incentive and is the electricity part of what some people call Clean Energy Cashback, a scheme that pays people for creating their own “green electricity”.

The Tariffs give three main financial benefits:

- A fixed guaranteed payment for every unit of electricity you produce, even if you use it yourself.
- An additional bonus payment for electricity you export back into the grid.
- A reduction on your electricity bill, from using the free energy you have generated.

As with the Renewable Heat Incentive, the Feed in Tariff is for everyone, including both domestic and commercial applications. In addition to this, as part as our commitment to customer service we will also assist you in your grant application process with any of the renewable energy schemes.

You’ll notice below that there are several different tariff levels shown. Once registered with the MCS scheme you will receive a minimum payment from your chosen energy supplier for each and every unit you generate. The ‘pence per unit’ amount paid will depend on not only the size of your system but also the date that your system was installed.

Once you are registered with the MCS at your set ‘pence per unit’ figure, that is the absolute minimum you will be paid throughout the 25 year contract term but please do bear in mind that all the figures quoted are linked directly to the Retail Performance Index (Inflation) so they are likely to rise in coming years.

For example, a 3.96 kW Solar PV system that is installed and registered in August 2011, will enter the MCS contract at a minimum of 43.3p for each unit generated (linked to inflation) for 25 years. The same system registered in May 2012 will enter exactly the same contract however will only be paid a minimum of 37.8p (linked to inflation) for each unit generated.

Tariff level for new installations in period - (p/kWh) [NB tariffs will be inflated annually]					
Technology	Scale	1 April 2011 31 March 2012	1 April 2012 31 March 2013	1 April 2013 31 March 2014	Tariff lifetime (years)
PV	≤4 kW (new build)	37.8	33.0	30.2	25
PV	≤4 kW (retrofit)	43.3	37.8	34.6	25
PV	>4 - 10kW	37.8	33.0	30.2	25
PV	>10 - 100kW	32.9	28.7	26.3	25
PV	Standalone system	30.7	29.3	24.5	25

*Correct at time of printing – April 2011



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Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

The tariffs have been introduced by the Government to help increase the level of renewable energy in the UK towards our legally binding target of 15% of total energy from renewables by 2020 (up from under 2% in 2009). In July 2011 the Renewable Heat Incentive will come into force within the UK. The scheme will allow the end user to claim back a guaranteed annual payment from the treasury and also benefit from lower heating costs. The scheme will be introduced in two phases.

Phase 1 – RH Premium Payment

Domestic installations installed and registered after the 29th July 2011 and before October 2012 will be able to qualify for the RH Premium Payment. This is effectively a ‘one off payment’ to compensate those who invest in renewable technologies early but are unable to claim their annual payments until October 2012 when the government will introduce Phase 2.

Premium Payment* ‘not yet confirmed – but likely levels’	
Heat Technology	Payments per installation
Air Source Heat Pump	£850
Ground Source Heat Pump	£1,250
Solar Water Heating	£300

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Phase 2 – Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

In October 2012 Phase 2 of the RHI will be implemented. Those domestic installations that were registered during Phase 1 (and would have received the ‘one off premium payment’) will now begin receiving annual payments. However their 20 year contract term will be backdated to the original date of commissioning. Those domestic installations that are installed and registered after October 2012 will continue to receive annual payments for 20 years from the date of commissioning (as set out by the RHI) but the ‘one off premium payment’ will no longer be available.

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Tariff Name	Eligible Technology	Eligible sizes	Tariff rate (p/kWh)
Small Ground Source	Ground Source Heat Pumps; Water Source Heat Pumps; Deep Geothermal	Less than 100 kWth	4.3
Large Ground Source		100 kWth and above	3.0
Solar Thermal	Solar Thermal	Less than 200 kWth	8.5

*In order to qualify for the Renewable Heat Incentive (or the Feed in Tariffs) you must ensure that you choose an MCS Installer (like ourselves) otherwise you will not be eligible to claim your annual payments.