



LCT Funding Guide

Boiler Upgrade Scheme

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1. Overview

The Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) is a UK Government initiative which aims to encourage property owners in England and Wales to install low carbon heating systems, such as heat pumps and biomass boilers. The scheme provides grants that can help property owners overcome the upfront costs of low carbon heating technologies.

The Boiler Upgrade Scheme is an installer-led scheme, meaning that the installer of the heating system applies for the grant on your behalf, and the value of the grant is deducted from the final price you pay.

The scheme runs from 2022 to 2025.

2. Eligible technologies

The scheme covers three low carbon heating technologies:

- [Air source heat pumps](#) – you can get £5,000 off the purchase and installation costs.
- [Ground source heat pumps](#) (including [water source heat pumps](#)) – you can get £6,000 off the purchase and installation costs.
- [Biomass boilers](#) – you can get £5,000 off the purchase and installation costs (the grant only covers biomass boilers installed in rural locations and in properties that are not connected to the gas grid).

3. Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme are:

- You must live in England or Wales.
- You must own the property (this can be a home or a small non-domestic property).
- The technology installer must be certified under the [Microgeneration Certification Scheme](#) (MCS). The MCS quality assurance scheme ensures that installers are competent and the products they use meet the correct standards.
- The installation capacity of the heating system must be under 45kWth (this should cover most properties, but a certified installer would be able to advise you on that).
- Your property must have a valid [Energy Performance Certificate](#) (EPC) with no outstanding recommendations for loft or cavity wall insulation (unless you have an insulation exemption).

- The heating system must meet certain technical standards and must also be able to meet the full space heating and hot water requirements of your property (a certified installer would be able to advise you on these).
- Your property must not be a new build (unless you are building your own home).
- Only properties that are fully replacing an existing fossil fuel system are eligible for support (the scheme cannot be used for the replacement of existing low carbon heating systems).

4. How to apply

1. Find an MCS certified installer who is able to carry out the work.
2. Installer advises you on whether an installation is eligible for a grant under this scheme.
3. Agree on a quote for the installation with the installer, which should show the grant as a deduction from the total amount (it is recommended to obtain quotes from at least two other installers to ensure that you are getting the best value for money).
4. The chosen installer applies for the grant on your behalf.
5. Ofgem (the organisation administrating the scheme) will contact you to confirm that the installer is acting on your behalf. Ofgem may also contact you to carry out checks on the installation, which may involve a phone call or a visit to your property.

5. Useful websites

For more information on the Boiler Upgrade Scheme, please visit the following websites:

[UK Government guidance](#)

[Energy Saving Trust](#)