

Renewable Heat Initiative (still in consultation period)

Website	http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/consultations/rhi/rhi.aspx					
Available to	All properties located within England, Wales or Scotland (excluding Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands)					
Eligible technologies	Technology:	Heat Output:	Proposed Tariff:	Deemed or Metered?:	Tariff lifetime:	Product accreditation required:
	Air Source Heat Pump	0-45 kW	7.5 p/kWh	Deemed (SAP assessment)	18 years	MCS
		45-350 kW	2.0 p/kWh	Deemed (SAP assessment)	20 years	Unknown (probably MCS)
	Ground Source Heat Pump	0-45 kW	7.0 p/kWh	Deemed (SAP assessment)	23 years	MCS
		45-350 kW	5.5 p/kWh	Deemed (SAP assessment)	20 years	Unknown (probably MCS)
		>350 kW	1.5 p/kWh	Metered	20 years	Unknown (probably MCS)
	Solar Thermal	0-20kW	18 p/kWh	Deemed (SAP assessment)	20 years	MCS <u>or</u> Solar Keymark
		20-100kW	17 p/kWh	Deemed (SAP assessment)	20 years	MCS <u>or</u> Solar Keymark
Others	Biomass boilers, biogas, biomethane, bioliquids, renewable combined heat and power (CHP), renewable district or community heating					
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MCS certified installer - SAP assessment based on basic minimum levels of energy efficiency (not based on actual insulation values of building) - Planning permission (if required) - Regular evidence of maintenance and repair - Signed declaration by owner of equipments that they agree to meet obligations of scheme 					
Application process	Small and medium generators (MCS)	Proof of installation (certificate) sent to Ofgem by certified installer to register applicant on scheme				
	Large-scale generators (outside MCS)	Installation must be accredited directly by Ofgem (similar to Renewables Obligation (RO) process)				
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The scheme will commence in April 2011 - Transitional arrangements will apply from 15th July 2009 to April 2011 - Site can contain multiple technologies. SAP assessment will allocate deemed heating to each technology - Not eligible in conjunction with other government grant aid. Any grants received may have to be repaid to be eligible for RHI 					
Transitional Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Installations completed after 15th July 2009 that meet the RHI eligibility can receive RHI as if they were installed in April 2011 - This payment is not back-dated - Other domestic government grants received in the transition period do not need to be repaid (this is a window of opportunity) - The deemed heat demand will be determined in this period by a SAP/SBEM assessment produced by at least 2 MCS certified installers (existing buildings) or by the building's Energy Performance Certificate (EPC for new buildings) - Systems with backup boilers will not be eligible for the RHI transitional arrangement 					