

The Green Homes Grant is a government-funded voucher scheme designed to help with the installation of energy efficiency measures on homes in England to reduce energy bills and carbon emissions.

The voucher which offers a maximum government contribution of £5,000 will cover at least two thirds of the cost of some energy-saving home improvements. Some homeowners on qualifying benefits can get a voucher for up to £10,000, covering 100% of the cost of these home improvements.

Low carbon heating including Air Source Heat Pumps, Ground/Water Source Heat Pumps, Solar Thermal and Biomass Boilers are included in the Green Homes Grant scheme as primary measures. To be eligible for a voucher, the low carbon heating must be installed by an MCS certified Contractor who is also TrustMark approved.

The scheme launched on 30 September 2020 and closes at the end of March 2021.



1. Check your eligibility and which measures you can install

Before applying for a voucher, the government advises that you use the Simple Energy Advice (SEA) [website](#) to check that you are eligible for a voucher (and for how much) and to see what energy efficiency improvements may be suitable for your home.



2. Get quotes for the work from approved Green Homes Grant installers

Search the SEA database to find an accredited tradesperson to undertake your chosen improvement(s). It is advised that you obtain at least three quotes to make sure they that you are getting the best value for money, but you can choose which quotation to go with.



3. Apply for your voucher

Once you have chosen which MCS certified Installer you would like to go with you can apply for your voucher here: www.green-homes-grant.service.gov.uk/homeowner-and-landlord-application

You will be asked to sign up to the [Terms and Conditions of the scheme](#).

You will need to upload your chosen quote. You also need the TrustMark registration number of your installer as part of the application process.



4. Once you have your voucher, your chosen installer can start work

Vouchers will be issued by the Scheme Administrator from early November onwards.

Your installer can only begin work once the voucher has been issued to you. Any work that was started before that date cannot be claimed under the scheme.

The work must be completed and the voucher redeemed by you before the expiry date of the voucher. Vouchers expire after 3 months or on 31 March 2021, whichever is earlier.



5. Confirm work as complete and pay any outstanding costs

Once the work is complete, your installer will invoice you for any installation costs over and above your grant amount. This needs to be paid to your installer before the voucher can be redeemed.



6. Take receipt of your Handover Pack

Your installer will need to provide you with a handover pack

This should contain:

- The MCS certificate
- The Insurance Backed Guarantee
- Any relevant manufacturers' instructions for operating and maintaining their system
- An invoice for the installation marked paid in full
- If you have had a Biomass system installed, you also need to be provided with the 'Biomass Suppliers List'.



7. Redeem your voucher with the Scheme Administrator by providing:

- a. Your reference number (received when you first applied for the grant)
- b. The post code of the property where the measure has been installed
- c. The email address that you used to make your application
- d. Your voucher number
- e. The final cost of the measure (including VAT, as applicable)
- f. A digital copy of your dated invoice. (You will need 1 invoice per measure)

You will also need to provide:

- a. Confirmation the installation has been completed
- b. Confirmation you have received your handover pack
- c. Confirm you have paid any outstanding costs to your chosen installer
- d. Provide a copy or image of the invoice issued to you by your installer
- e. where the Eligible Measure is a biomass fuelled low carbon heating system, submit a valid Biomass Suppliers List (BSL) fuel number for your intended fuel



8. The voucher is paid

Voucher payment will be made directly to your installer by the Scheme Administrator.



9. Claim Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (DRHI)

If you are also claiming DRHI, you need to notify Ofgem and let them know how much of a Green Homes Grant was used towards your installation.

You can complete your DRHI application here: domesticrhi.ofgem.gov.uk/apply

For any further help, support or guidance you can contact the MCS Helpdesk on 0333 103 8130 or email: hello@mcs-certified.com.

You can also contact the Green Homes Grant Scheme Administrator directly via telephone, webchat or email here: www.green-homes-grant.service.gov.uk/contact