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National Home Energy Upgrade Scheme



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INTRODUCTION

The new National Home Energy Upgrade Scheme provides grants to upgrade the energy efficiency of your home. When the work is completed your home should have an energy efficiency rating of B2 or above.

There are grants available to improve the energy efficiency of your home. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) administer these grants, which fall under 3 general schemes:

- **Better Energy Homes Scheme:** a scheme for homeowners and landlords who want to do certain individual energy upgrade grants, and would prefer to manage the process yourself through an approved SEAI Contractor
- **Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme:** a scheme for people on low incomes that provides free home energy upgrades.
- **National Home Energy Upgrade Scheme:** a scheme for homeowners, landlords and approved housing bodies (AHBs) who want to bring their homes up to a BER rating of B2 or above. The SEAI administers the grants and a private company manages the work for you. These companies are called *One Stop Shops*, and the scheme is also known as the One Stop Shop Service.

The next page describes the first scheme, the Better Energy Homes Scheme.

HOW DO I FIND OUT IF MY HOME WOULD BENEFIT FROM ENERGY-SAVING WORK?

You can get a Building Energy Rating (BER) done in advance of any work. A BER assessor will rate the energy efficiency of your home and provide you with a report, which identifies areas that could be improved to increase the energy efficiency of your home. *The SEAI has information on their website about the BER and how it works.*

WHAT IS A BER?

A BER Certificate is an indication of the energy performance of your home. It must be carried out by a registered BER assessor.

WHAT INDIVIDUAL GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO MAKE MY HOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT?

Under this scheme, you can get a grant for:

- Attic insulation
- Wall insulation - including cavity wall, internal dry lining and external insulation
- Heating controls upgrade
- Solar thermal solutions
- Solar PV panels and battery systems
- Heat pump systems
- A Building Energy Rating (BER) after the energy-saving work is carried out

HOW MUCH ARE THE INDIVIDUAL ENERGY GRANTS?

On 8 February 2022, these home energy grants were increased. The table below shows the new grant amounts for each individual energy upgrade. The amount you get for each upgrade depends on the type of home you have. For example, the grant you get to insulate a detached house is more than the grant you get to insulate an apartment.

MEASURE	GRANT VALUE
ATTIC INSULATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Apartment ● Mid-terrace house ● Semi-detached or end of terrace house ● Detached house 	€800 €1,200 €1,300 €1,500
CAVITY WALL INSULATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Apartment ● Mid-terrace house ● Semi-detached or end of terrace house ● Detached house 	€700 €800 €1,200 €1,700
WALL INSULATION - INTERNAL DRY LINING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Apartment ● Mid-terrace house ● Semi-detached or end of terrace house ● Detached house 	€1,500 €2,000 €3,500 €4,500
WALL INSULATION - EXTERNAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Apartment ● Mid-terrace house ● Semi-detached or end of terrace house ● Detached house 	€3,000 €3,500 €6,000 €8,000
HEAT PUMP SYSTEMS AIR TO WATER, GROUND SOURCE TO WATER, EXHAUST AIR TO WATER, WATER TO WATER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Apartment ● House ● Air to air Technical assessment – needed before you apply for heat pump grant	€4,500 €6,500 €3,500 €200
HEATING CONTROLS UPGRADE	€700
SOLAR WATER HEATING	€1,200
SOLAR ELECTRICITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solar PV panels ● Battery energy storage system 	€2,400 (max) €600
A BER assessment after works are done (maximum of one grant per home)	€50

Applications received from *specific offshore islands* are eligible for 50% additional grant support.

DO I QUALIFY FOR THE GRANTS?

To qualify for a grant you must:

- Be the owner of a property built before 2011 for insulation and heating control systems
- Be the owner of a property built before 2021 for heat pumps and renewable systems such as, solar thermal and solar PV grants
- Use a contractor from the *SEAI's registered list*
- Use newly fitted materials and products
- Have work done that meets the required standards
- Get a BER **after** the works are done using a *BER assessor from SEAI's National Register*

MANAGING THE PROJECT YOURSELF

If you decide to manage the upgrades to your home yourself, you will need to:

- Decide the energy upgrades you want to do
- Apply to the SEAI for the grants yourself
- Choose and pay a contractor such as *iHeating & Cooling Ltd* from the SEAI's registered list
- Get a final BER using a BER assessor from SEAI's National Register

APPLYING FOR THE GRANT

If you are managing the works yourself, you apply for the grants yourself. You can *do this online* or by post. If you are applying by post you can download *the application form*, or you can contact the SEAI to get an application form sent to you. Then complete the form and return it to the SEAI.

You will need the MPRN number from your electricity bill and the name of your SEAI-registered contractor when applying. Online applications get an immediate response. Postal applications should get a response within 5 working days. The SEAI publishes a detailed *guide to help with your application (pdf)*.

The grants are paid after the work is completed and you have paid your contractor.

CHOOSING A CONTRACTOR

Before choosing a contractor from the *SEAI's registered list*, the SEAI recommends that you:

- Ask friends, family, and neighbours who have done building work recently, for advice and recommendations on contractors
- Get a number of quotes and compare them
- Request and check the contractor's references
- Formalise the relationship with your chosen contractor by drawing up a contract detailing the required works, prices, timescales, payment terms and warranties. The SEAI have a *sample contract on their website*.

GETTING THE WORK DONE SAFELY

You must have grant approval before you buy materials or start any grant-funded work. If you have already started work, you will not be eligible for a grant. Once approved, you have 8 months to get the works done and claim the grant.

Under regulations governing safety, health and welfare at work, you must ensure that construction work on your home is carried out by competent people. Read more, including a guide for homeowners (pdf) and some Frequently Asked Questions, on the website of the Health and Safety Authority.

See the SEAI's Application Guide (pdf) for technical specifications, as well as information on insurance, contracts, inspections, grant limits and how to apply. Your contractor must carry out the works in accordance with standards set out in the Contractor Code of Practice and Technical Specification (pdf).

WHERE TO APPLY

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