

Update – 7th December 2014

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GDHIF PHASE 1

The Green Deal Home Improvement Fund (GDHIF) Phase 1 was an incentive scheme open to all householders in England and Wales wanting to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. The scheme allowed householders to choose one or both of two offers available and they were eligible to claim up to £7,600. Householders could also claim a refund of up to £100 for a Green Deal Assessment Report (GDAR).

The Green Deal Home Improvement Fund (GDHIF) opened to applications on the 9th June 2014 and closed on the 24th July 2014 when £118m of the £120m fund was accounted for (via 21,683 applications). The vouchers for the first phase of GDHIF were taken up more rapidly than expected and by the end of September £13.6 million had already been reimbursed to 3,235 households. Around 2/3rd of measures delivered so far have been solid wall insulation.

GDHIF PHASE 2

From 9am, Wednesday 10th December, the scheme will open to new applications, with up to £5,600 available to households in England and Wales to help with the cost of installing energy saving measures.

Through this second release of funding, domestic energy customers can now receive:

- up to £4000 for installing solid wall insulation;
- up to £1000 for installing two measures from an approved list;
- up to £100 refunded for their Green Deal Assessment;
- up to £500 more if applying within 12 months of buying a new home.

Up to £30 million in vouchers will be available and details of further releases will be announced on a quarterly basis with the next release expected in February 2015. The £30 million will be split into two categories:

- Up to £24 million for solid wall insulation;
- Up to £6 million for two measures from a list of home improvements:

The measures included are: Condensing gas boiler on mains gas, double or triple glazing as a replacement for single glazing, secondary glazing, energy efficient replacement external doors, cavity wall insulation, floor insulation, flat-roof insulation, insulation for a room in the roof, a replacement warm air unit, fan-assisted storage heaters, waste water heat recovery system.

Once the funding under each category has been committed, no more applications will be taken for that category – though applications will still be taken for the other category if funds are still available.

For more information see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/green-deal-home-improvement-fund-details-announced>

<https://www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures/get-money-back-from-the-green-deal-home-improvement-fund>

RECENT PROGRESS OF ECO AND GREEN DEAL

ECO & Green Deal

At the end of August 2014 around 965,000 energy efficiency measures had been installed in nearly 800,000 homes through Green Deal and ECO.

Green Deal Finance

September 2014 was the biggest month yet for Green Deal Plans with 999 more plans in the system taking the total to 5,736 by the end of the month.

Green Deal Assessments

By the end of September 2014 Green Deal Assessments had exceeded 350,000. To understand the intentions of people who have had an assessment DECC surveyed 900 of these households in August 2014 and the findings showed that having a Green Deal Assessment was a key driver in helping a household to install energy efficiency measures.

DECC's research showed that four in five households had either already installed, were in the process of installing or intended to install at least one, energy saving home improvement recommended by their Assessment.

The findings also indicated high levels of satisfaction in the Assessment process with 81% of households surveyed saying they were confident in the recommendations made by the assessor and 72% saying that the assessment was useful in helping them to understand what they can do to make their homes more energy efficient.

The research also showed positive satisfaction levels among the households which have had energy saving improvements installed following their Green Deal Assessment: 88% were satisfied with the professionalism of the installer and 86% were satisfied with the quality of the installer's work.

Supply Chain

With 4,061 registered assessors, 162 providers and 2,729 installers at the end of September, the Green Deal supply chain has been growing and evolving. Research carried out on a sample of this group over January and February 2014 revealed that for some installers it had now become a 'necessity' to enter the Green Deal supply chain since so many other installers had already done so.

References, credits and further information. See:

<https://decc.blog.gov.uk/2014/10/24/breaking-down-the-latest-green-deal-and-eco-statistics/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/green-deal-and-energy-company-obligation-eco-monthly-statistics-august-2014>

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