



Rates reduction from the Energy Efficiency Homes Scheme

The Energy Efficiency Homes Scheme is a new rate relief scheme which will come into effect on 1 April 2010. It aims to encourage home-owners to bring their home up to modern standards of insulation.

This fact sheet answers any questions that you may have about the scheme.

What is the Energy Efficiency Homes Scheme?

The Energy Efficiency Homes Scheme is a new scheme which provides a one-off reduction in rates to home-owners who install cavity wall insulation or loft insulation, or both, in their home.

Who can apply?

You can apply for this one-off reduction in rates if you own and occupy your own home and install either cavity wall or loft insulation, or both, to the required standards.

How much rate relief will I receive?

For loft insulation, this will depend on the amount you spend. If the cost of installing the loft insulation is £300 or more, your rates will be reduced by £150. If the cost is between £100 and £299.99, the reduction will be £75. The lower amount will most likely be payable to those homeowners who already have loft insulation but improve it to meet modern standards.

For cavity wall insulation, the cost of the works must be £300 or more to receive a reduction in your rates of £150.

If you carry out both works you could receive a reduction of up to £300.

How do I apply?

This is an application based scheme. An application form must be requested from the Energy Saving Trust before the works are carried out. The Energy Savings Trust contact details are at the end of this fact sheet.

Your application form will require supporting documentation. This will include an invoice for work done and a Building Control Completion Certificate.

Do any conditions apply?

Yes. A number of conditions apply such as a registered installer must be used; Building Control must be notified before the works are carried out and a Building Control Completion Certificate must be provided in support of your application along with an invoice for the works done. You must also be in occupation of your home when making the application.

Who do I contact?

For more information contact the Energy Saving Trust (EST) Helpline. Their free phone number is 0800 512 012.

www.nidirect.gov.uk also has more information about the Energy Efficiency Homes Scheme.

The Energy Saving Trust is managing the scheme on behalf of Land & Property Services.