

# Renewable Heat Incentive

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On 10 March 2011, the Government announced the details of the Renewable Heat Incentive policy to revolutionise the way heat is generated and used in buildings and homes. This is the first financial support scheme for renewable heat of its kind in the world, for which the government is providing £860m of funding for schemes starting in the years 2011-14.

In the government's words: "The RHI will provide a continuous income stream over twenty years to any organisation that installs an eligible renewable heating system, ensuring that it becomes more commercially attractive than fossil fuel alternatives. The RHI is important because it will help increase significantly the level of renewable heat in the UK, which is key to the UK meeting its renewable energy targets, reducing carbon emissions, ensuring energy security and helping to build a low carbon economy. The Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) will help accelerate deployment by providing a financial incentive to install renewable heating in place of fossil fuels."

The first phase of the scheme, which will start soon, supports the non-domestic sector, including large and small businesses, hospitals, schools etc as well as district heating schemes.

The support tariff for solar thermal systems is 8.5p/kWh, payable for 20 years. The payments are calculated by system metering and are paid quarterly.

Currently solar thermal systems up to 200kW are supported. Our Solar Slates and other solar roofing products are eligible for funding in the range 45-200kW.

The RHI scheme will be administered by Ofgem. Details of the scheme, including eligibility criteria, tariff levels and technologies supported, along with other information, are set out in the RHI Policy Document which is available on the DECC website: [www.decc.gov.uk/RHI](http://www.decc.gov.uk/RHI). In due course, Ofgem will produce guidance on the scheme.

We will publish more information here as it becomes available.