



# Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019

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### *Fuel poverty strategy*

#### **6 Preparation and review of strategy**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare a fuel poverty strategy.
- (2) The fuel poverty strategy must—
  - (a) set out the approach the Scottish Ministers intend to take or consider should be taken to ensure that the fuel poverty targets are met,
  - (b) set out the approach the Scottish Ministers intend to take in relation to each of the four drivers of fuel poverty to ensure that the fuel poverty targets are met,
  - (c) set out the approach the Scottish Ministers intend to take or consider should be taken towards meeting the fuel poverty targets in each local authority area,
  - (d) set out the cost of the approach set out under subsection (2)(a),
  - (e) set out organisations, or types of organisations, with which the Scottish Ministers intend to work to ensure that the fuel poverty targets are met,
  - (f) set out how the Scottish Ministers intend to identify households in fuel poverty,
  - (g) identify characteristics of households which—
    - (i) are likely to be in fuel poverty, or
    - (ii) for which getting out of fuel poverty presents particular challenges,
  - (h) set out the approach the Scottish Ministers intend to take to identifying residential buildings—
    - (i) which are used as homes by a household in fuel poverty,
    - (ii) where improvements would be required to achieve, by 2030, an energy performance certificate band C or higher (within the meaning of the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2008), and
    - (iii) where it is technically feasible, cost effective and affordable to achieve an energy performance certificate band C or higher, and
  - (i) set out how the Scottish Ministers intend to assess—
    - (i) progress towards meeting the fuel poverty targets, and

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- (ii) whether the fuel poverty targets are met.
- (3) The approach set out under subsection (2)(a) must include provision for how to remove low levels of energy efficiency as a driver of fuel poverty.
- (4) The fuel poverty strategy may include such other information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers are to keep the fuel poverty strategy under review and may at any time revise it.
- (6) Unless the context requires otherwise, a reference in this Act to the fuel poverty strategy includes a reference to the fuel poverty strategy as revised following a review under subsection (5).
- (7) Within 5 years after publishing the fuel poverty strategy under section 8(1)(a), the Scottish Ministers are either—
  - (a) to revise the strategy, or
  - (b) to publish an explanation of why they have decided not to revise it.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b), “four drivers of fuel poverty” has the same meaning as in section 14(10).