

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**2009 No. 195**

**The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

**Purposes for which grant may be approved**

4.—(1) An application for a Warm Homes grant may be approved for one or more of the following purposes—

- (a) to provide insulation in any accessible roof space in the dwelling, including the insulation of any cold water tank and any water supply, overflow and expansion pipes in such a space;
- [<sup>F1</sup>(aa) to provide insulation in any accessible roof space in a dwelling surveyed in the affordable warmth survey including the insulation of any cold water tank and any water supply, overflow and expansion pipes in such a space;]
- (b) to provide insulation between the internal and external leaves of cavity walls of the dwelling;
- (c) to provide insulation to any water heating system or to provide any part of such a system with insulation incorporated in it.

[<sup>F2</sup>(1A) An application for a Boiler Replacement grant to replace a heating boiler with a new more energy efficient heating boiler may be approved, where the existing boiler—

- (a) is at least 15 years old; and
- (b) the applicant is the homeowner and lives in the dwelling as their sole or main residence.]

(2) Where the Department, or its administering agency, considers further works are necessary and the household meets the conditions set out in regulation 5(2), a Warm Homes Plus grant may be approved for one or more of the following purposes—

- (a) for any of the purposes set out at regulation 4(1) (a), (b) or (c) where the total cost of such works would exceed the maximum amount of grant payable under regulation 6(1);
- (b) to provide a mains gas, oil or biomass central heating system;
- (c) to convert an existing solid fuel central heating system, liquid petroleum gas heating system or electric storage heater system to a mains gas, oil or biomass central heating system;
- (d) to provide a central heating system connected to the local community heating grid;
- (e) to provide water heating systems that use energy from renewable sources, including solar panels;
- (f) to provide insulation in homes of solid wall construction.
- [<sup>F3</sup>(g) <sup>F4</sup>.....]
- (h) to service a boiler in a dwelling surveyed in the affordable warmth survey.]

[<sup>F5</sup>(2A) An Affordable Warmth grant may be made by the Department or its administering agency for one or more of the following purposes—

- (a) to provide a mains gas, oil or biomass heating system where none exists;

- (b) to replace a boiler system where the conditions set out in regulation 4(2D) are met;
- (c) to convert a liquid petroleum gas or solid fuel heating system to a mains gas, oil or biomass heating system;
- (d) to convert an Economy 7 heating system to mains gas or oil heating system, or to a high energy efficiency storage system;
- (e) to provide or replace ineffective insulation to any water heating system or to provide any part of such a system with insulation incorporated in it;
- (f) to provide, where there is no draught proofing to external doors and or windows, or remove and replace where it is ineffective;
- (g) to replace defective radiators in an ineffective heating system;
- (h) to install thermostatic radiator valves to an existing heating system;
- (i) to replace exterior window frames which are ineffective and beyond repair;
- (j) to facilitate the removal of asbestos from the dwelling;
- (k) to provide insulation in homes of solid wall construction.

(2B) A grant shall not be payable under regulation 4(2A) unless the works are recommended as a result of a technical inspection.

(2C) Where an affordable warmth survey is completed, the householder shall also be provided with energy advice and offered a benefit entitlement check.

(2D) Subject to regulation 4(2A)(b) a replacement boiler may be provided where the following conditions are met—

- (a) the householder or their spouse/partner is aged 65 or older; or
- (b) the householder or their spouse/partner have a dependent child or children aged under 16 years and for whom they receive child benefit; or
- (c) a member of the household is in receipt of disability living allowance under section 71 of the 1992 Act or personal independence payment under Part 5 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015; and
- (d) the existing boiler is at least 15 years old.]

(3) Where an application is made for one or more of the purposes set out at paragraph (1), the householder may also receive a benefit entitlement check..

(4) Where an application is approved for one or more of the purposes set out at paragraph (1), the householder shall also be provided with energy advice.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, “accessible roof space” means space between the roof of the dwelling and the ceiling of any room used or available for use for the purpose of living accommodation, where that space—

- (a) is not wholly separated from the roof by any other room; and
- (b) is accessible through a properly constructed opening.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Reg. 4(1)(aa) inserted (21.3.2014) by [The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2014 \(S.R. 2014/52\)](#), regs. 1(1), **4(1)**
- F2** Reg. 4(1A) inserted (7.10.2016) by [The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/333\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(1)**
- F3** Reg. 4(2)(g)(h) inserted (21.3.2014) by [The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2014 \(S.R. 2014/52\)](#), regs. 1(1), **4(2)**

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- F4** Reg. 4(2)(g) omitted (7.10.2016) by virtue of The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/333), regs. 1(1), **5(2)**
- F5** Reg. 4(2A)-(2D) inserted (7.10.2016) by The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/333), regs. 1(1), **5(3)**
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**Commencement Information**

- I1** Reg. 4 in operation at 1.7.2009, see **reg. 1**

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