

ENERGY EFFICIENT SCOTLAND

SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

By 2040, our homes and buildings are warmer, greener and more efficient.

This guide is intended to help you, as a small or medium-sized enterprise, understand Energy Efficient Scotland, how to get involved in our consultation and the steps you can take to improve the energy efficiency of your property. We want your opinion and encourage you to take part in the consultation by submitting your response through the Scottish Government's Citizen Space using the link at the bottom of this page.

What is Energy Efficient Scotland?

Energy Efficient Scotland is the Scottish Government's energy efficiency improvement programme. It will run over the next 20 years and remove poor energy efficiency as a driver of fuel poverty and reduce carbon emissions. Energy Efficient Scotland will ensure that our homes and buildings are warmer, greener and more efficient. To do so, the Programme will put in place a framework of standards for energy efficiency and make available a range of support, including advice and financial assistance.

What does Energy Efficient Scotland mean for Small and Medium Enterprises?

Currently, you are only required to assess and improve a non-domestic building if it is over 1,000 m² in size when it is offered for sale or rental¹. New regulations and targets for owners of non-domestic buildings will come into force in 2021 and, by 2040, you will have improved the energy and emissions performance of any building you own. If you are a tenant, this responsibility will apply to your landlord. For businesses, improvements will mean lower energy bills. By building upon the current system of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) and Action Plans, we propose to set out new benchmark targets for improvement of buildings in a way that is technically feasible and cost effective.

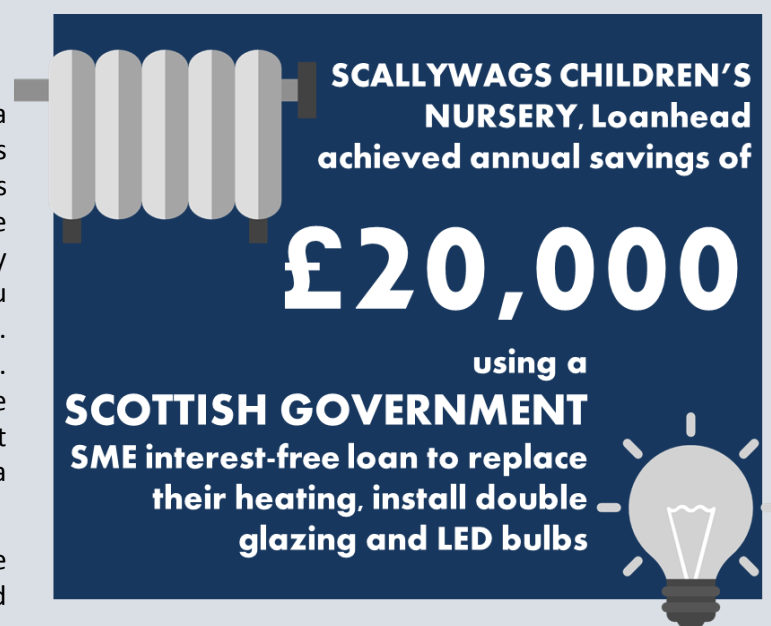
A public consultation setting out detailed proposals will be undertaken in 2019. New benchmarking, regulations and assessment tools would be published in 2020 and come in force in 2021. We are currently consulting and want your opinion on the proposed planned work to review improvement targets.

What measures can Small and Medium Enterprises take?

If you would like to improve the energy efficiency of your building ahead of the targets that will be established in 2021, you could install a variety of measures. For a more detailed list, please refer to the "Energy Efficient Scotland: Energy Efficiency Measures" guide and to the "What support is available?" section below.

What support is available?

Resource Efficient Scotland (0808 808 2268) and Local Energy Scotland (0808 808 2288) both offer free and impartial advice and support for small and medium-sized enterprises on energy efficiency. Businesses may be eligible for a 0% unsecured loan from Resource Efficient Scotland and for a limited time only, eligible small and medium-sized businesses can receive 30% cashback up to a maximum value of £10,000. Resource Efficient Scotland can provide help with your loan application.



SCALLYWAGS CHILDREN'S NURSERY, Loanhead
achieved annual savings of

£20,000

using a
SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT SME interest-free loan to replace their heating, install double glazing and LED bulbs

Source: Resource Efficient Scotland. The nursery were successful in securing an interest-free, unsecured Resource Efficient Scotland SME Loan to cover the capital costs of these measures. Savings realised in the first year of operation since improvements took place in 2016.