

ENERGY EFFICIENT SCOTLAND

SOCIAL TENANTS

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

This guide is intended to help you, as a social tenant, understand Energy Efficient Scotland, how to get involved in our consultations 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 our consultations 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, based on Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs), and make available a range of support, including advice and financial assistance.

What does Energy Efficient Scotland mean for Social Tenants?

The social rented sector has some of the most energy efficient homes in Scotland, with over 90% already achieving an EPC Band D or above.

Your Landlord will need to meet the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (ESSH) by 2020 which requires them to improve their housing stock to EPC D or C.

We want to build on this success and are consulting on proposals to maximise the number of social rented homes achieving EPC Band B by 2032. We also propose that no social home should be let after 2025 if it is below band D.

We want to hear your thoughts on these proposals and encourage you to take part in the consultation by following the links at the bottom of this page.

What measures can Social Tenants take?

You can find the EPC rating of your home at www.scottishepcregister.org.uk. Your landlord is primarily responsible for upgrading your home to make it more energy efficient. The measures that they could implement include improving wall and loft insulation, upgrading to a more efficient boiler or installing renewable power generation technologies. As a tenant, there are also some measures that you can take to support this work and improve the energy efficiency of your home. For example, you could install LED lights or use a smart meter to monitor your energy consumption

What support is available?

Advisors at Home Energy Scotland (0808 808 2282) can offer you free, impartial and expert advice on a range of issues including energy efficiency measures and other support, and can provide you an onward referral to CITRUS Energy for advice on switching your energy supplier/ tariff. There are a variety of funding and support mechanisms in place to allow your landlord to meet the energy efficiency standards. An example of this is The Home Energy Efficiency Programmes for Scotland (HEEPS) loan scheme for registered social landlords and the UK Government's Energy Company Obligation (ECO).

If you are spending a significant proportion of your income on energy bills, you can contact Home Energy Scotland (0808 808 2282) to find out what support is available to help you improve the energy efficiency of your property.

DRAUGHT PROOFING
around **WINDOWS** and **DOORS** could
save you around
£20
per year

Source: Energy Saving Trust. Estimated figure based on gas-heated, semi-detached home using fuel prices correct as of April 2018.