

The Scottish Executive Central Heating Programme **A Guide for the Private Sector**

This leaflet describes a new grant scheme for home owners and people who rent their home from a private landlord. It provides free central heating and insulation. The scheme begins in April 2001 but you can register an interest now and Page 3 tells you how to do it.



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Making it work together

The package

The package will be:

- a central heating system
- loft, tank and pipe insulation, cavity wall insulation, and draughtproofing, in each case where appropriate
- advice on how to use the heating system and on best use of energy and budgeting
- a carbon monoxide detector (except where the heating system is electric); a mains linked smoke detector and a cold alarm.

The heating source and system

Subject to certain limits on cost, you can choose the heating source from gas, electricity, oil or solid fuel systems. The heating system will be one of a range approved for this programme. It will cover the main living areas appropriate to the size of the household, such as the living room, the hall, the bathroom and the main bedroom(s).

If you want to extend the system to other parts of the house you can pay to have the additional work carried out, subject to agreement with the installer.

Eligibility

You or your spouse must be aged 60 or over and must own your home or have a tenancy agreement with a private sector landlord. The house must normally lack a central heating system. But if there is an existing system it must be completely broken and beyond repair.

Conditions

If you are a tenant, you must have the landlord's permission for the works.

You must agree to have the insulation installed, where it is possible to do so. If you do not agree the application will be void.

Grant may be refused if it appears that you do not intend to continue to reside at the house after the work is done.

Previous grants

Previous grants under such schemes as the Home Insulation Scheme, the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (HEES) and the Warm Deal will be disregarded.

Public sector tenants

If you are a tenant of a local authority or a housing association you may be eligible for central heating and insulation if your home has no central heating at all. The works will be carried out by your landlord. You do not need an application form. Your landlord will contact you. You do not need to do anything just now.

Registering an interest

If you think you are eligible for a grant **and** you own your own home, or rent it from a private landlord, you should write to the following address to register an interest:

**The Scottish Executive Central Heating Programme
PO BOX 23408
EDINBURGH
EH6 6XY**

All you need to do is ask for an application form, giving your address and telephone number. It will be sent in the Spring.

This leaflet is a guide only. It does not constitute a guarantee of grant in individual cases. Getting an application form is not an offer of grant. The rules for the grant scheme will be set out in legislation.

Further copies of this leaflet can be obtained from:

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