

## Fact Sheet

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### Low Carbon Buildings Programme

## Facts at a glance:

### LCBP Phase 1 Grant Value

The grant is 30% of total costs or £1200 whichever is the lower amount.

### Applying for the grant

The grant can be applied for on line at [www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk](http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk)

### Approved products

Only products that are approved under the scheme qualify for the grant. From Dec 09 these should be MCS approved

### Approved Installers

Responsibility should be taken for the project by a MCS approved Installation company

### Timing

Do not order the heat pump before applying for the grant and getting approval for this. You then have 6 months to install and commission the heat pump.

### What you need to know

- The grant is 30% of total costs or £1,200, whichever is the lower amount.
- The grant is essentially for the heat pump, its installation, and the ground arrays, although the full grant value is usually claimed against the heat pump invoice only.
- You can install the ground arrays (slinkies/boreholes) before you apply for your grant.
- A householder should be eligible for a grant but qualifying criteria apply, see Guidance Notes at [www.est.org.uk/myhome/generating/application/](http://www.est.org.uk/myhome/generating/application/)
- The invoices for the GSHP system can be made out to a builder or plumber provided you can prove an audit trail back to yourself to the EST's satisfaction
- The grant is valid for 6 months from the date on the Grant Offer Letter. Extensions to this are only rarely granted.
- The LCBP operates in Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales, but not the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

### What you need to do to apply for the grant

There are two ways you can apply for the grant,

#### 1. On-line at

[www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/how/householders/onlineapplicationForm1StartPublic.action](http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/how/householders/onlineapplicationForm1StartPublic.action)

On-line applications are approved or rejected within 24 hours.

For on-line applications **Kensa recommend you apply for the grant three months before your required delivery date for the heat pump**

#### 2. Paper based applications

Paper based applications usually take 4 weeks for approval. Kensa recommend that you apply for your grant at [www.est.org.uk](http://www.est.org.uk) **four months before your required delivery date for the heat pump**

#### For either application

You do not need a written quotation from Kensa to apply for the grant, however, in order that you have all the information to complete the forms, Kensa are happy to issue a quotation when requested.

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There are a number of conditions which need to be satisfied by the homeowner to qualify for the grant, these are:

- 1) That you are the homeowner.
- 2) That any cavity walls are filled.
- 3) That there is some sort of control device for the heating system, i.e. a thermostat.
- 4) That low energy lightbulbs are fitted throughout the property.

Other conditions of the grant are that the grant is only applicable to heat pumps of up to 45kW which are used for heating only, (cooling is seen as a luxury and any cooling on the heat pump disqualifies the project from any grant).

A MCS approved (or Clear Skies listed up to Dec 09) product must be used, see

<http://www.greenbooklive.com/search/productsearch.jsp?sectionid=10063&partid=10016&companyName=&productType=&productName=&Submit=Search>

A MCS approved company should be responsible for the supply, design, installation, set to work commissioning and handover of the microgeneration heat pump.

Kensa heat pump systems are designed to be installed without any specialist training by a competent installer, who is capable of installing an oil or gas boiler. This allows you to select a contractor whom you are familiar with for your project. Kensa will require a no-fee contract to be signed with your chosen installer to ensure that the heat pump is installed correctly and that the requirements of the Microgeneration Certification scheme are met. All works will be paid for directly by yourself to your chosen contractor. Kensa will provide full technical support for the installation, a commissioning service and take responsibility for the installation, hence allowing access to the appropriate grants.

Alternatively if you are more comfortable using a renewable technology installer, Kensa can provide you with access to our Approved Installer network around the UK.

Apply on-line for an instant response or return the application form to the EST.

**After** receiving the Grant Offer Letter, order and pay for the heat pump from Kensa, and the installation can begin.

**Do not order, pay for the heat pump, or have it delivered, without a Grant Offer Letter – or you will not get a grant**

After the installation is completed and ready to run, telephone Kensa's technical department

Your plumbing and heating engineer will commission the heat pump using guidance from Kensa's technical help line, and provide Kensa with the required commissioning data.

Kensa will issue you with a Commissioning Certificate, which you submit to the EST along with a copy of the invoice from Kensa, and the documents that the EST sent with the Grant Offer Letter.

The grant claim is checked and, if in order, your payment should be issued within 15 working days of receipt of all the documentation.

#### **Other non-LCBP GSHP Grant Schemes**

In Scotland, there is a separate grant funding scheme called **SCHRI** which gives a higher grant funding level of 30% of expenditure up to a maximum of £4,000. This cannot be co-funded with the LCBP grant. In Northern Ireland, there is a new scheme run by Action Renewables called the **Environment and Renewable Energy Householder** fund, details of which are at [www.actionrenewables.org/fundingeref.htm](http://www.actionrenewables.org/fundingeref.htm)