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Eco 4 grant eligibility

Eco (Energy Company Obligation) Grants [ECO4] applications can be complicated to navigate. Initial advice can be sought from Stretton Climate Care but Marches Energy Agency Keep Shropshire Warm are the experts in this field. See their contact details below.

Benefit Recipients that qualify for ECO4 grants

The following benefits that could make you are eligible for the ECO4 scheme are:

Pension Credit

Universal Credit

Income based Jobseekers allowance

Income related Employment & Support Allowance

Income Support

Housing Benefit

Tax Credits (Child or Working Tax Credit)

NB Some long term health issue may also qualify, eg limited mobility, arthritis, asthma, COPD, Diabetes, angina and other similar heart conditions.

You also qualify if you claim Child Benefit and have an annual income below a threshold. The limit varies between single people and couples and depends on the number of children you have.

Energy performance rules

As well as being in receipt of one of the benefits listed above, eligibility for the ECO4 scheme is dependent on the energy rating of your home. This rating is shown on the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for your property. See [Information Sheet No. 33](#) for information about EPCs.

To qualify under ECO4 your property must have an EPC rating of D, E, F or G.

What kind of insulation and heating improvements will a grant cover?

The grants are very generous for the properties that qualify and the grants can include:

Air Source Heat Pumps / in some circumstances PV panels

Boiler Upgrades (non-condensing boilers and for homeowners only)

Cavity wall insulation

Electric storage heaters (homeowners only)

First time central heating (providing there was a gas connection prior to 31 March 2022)

Internal wall insulation

Loft insulation

Room in roof insulation for a loft that has been converted into a room

Underfloor insulation

You may be offered enough to fund the entire cost of improving insulation or installing other measures. However, some people receive only some of the money and need to contribute the remaining amount.

How do I apply for the eco scheme?

Contact your local council to find out if they're taking part in the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) scheme, or contact an energy supplier directly. Shropshire is.

Which Energy Suppliers offer Eco Grants?

The ECO scheme means that medium and large gas and electricity suppliers – including British Gas, EDF Energy, Eon, Ovo, Scottish Power, and SSE are obliged to help households with energy efficiency measures. Contact your energy supplier to find out.

Eco Flex Grants

ECO Flex is a government scheme which provides funding for energy efficiency improvements in the home such as a new central heating system, upgrades to the existing heating system and/or insulation.

It is administered by Local Authorities. Shropshire Council are taking part.

Contact for Marches Energy Agency and their Keep Shropshire Warm Scheme.

Email ksw@mea.org.uk Tel: 01743 246007

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See <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>