

## **Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS)**

### **Summary of updates in the BUS property owner guidance**

#### **Introduction**

This document outlines the updates that we have made in each iteration of the Boiler Upgrade Scheme property owner guidance. The paragraph numbers referred to in this document relate to the paragraph numbers at the time of updating.

#### **Overview of amendments to Boiler Upgrade Scheme property owner guidance**

##### **Version 3**

###### **Throughout the document**

- Amendments made to improve clarity of information.

###### **BUS overview**

- Paragraph 1.3 text amended to reflect latest grant levels on BUS.
- Paragraph 1.4 text amended to include information on the extension of BUS and the new budget allocation from 2025-2028.
- Paragraph 1.6 text added to provide information on the amendments made to the BUS regulations.

###### **BUS guidance**

- Paragraph 1.15 text added to clarify that BUS regulations take precedence over the guidance.
- Paragraph 1.20 text amended to clarify how Ofgem use personal data.

###### **Related publications and useful links**

- Addition of links to October 2023 grant level change notice and March 2024 government response to BUS consultation.

###### **Role of government**

- Paragraph 2.1 bullet point 4 added to clarify that the government can determine, publish and review grant levels.

###### **Role of installers**

- Paragraph 2.3 bullet point 1 added to clarify that it is the role of the installer to provide eligibility information and further information on request.
- Paragraph 2.3 bullet point 8 added to clarify that installers should pass on the discount provided by the BUS grant to the relevant property owner.

### **Role of property owner**

- Paragraph 2.4 bullet point 3 added to clarify the role of the property owner in relation to EPCs and insulation recommendations.
- Paragraph 2.4 bullet point 4 added to provide information on the role of landlords.

### **Grants**

- Paragraph 3.3 text added to refer to BUS grant level changes which came into effect from 23 October 2023.
- Paragraph 3.4-3.6 text added to provide information on the government's ability to review and change grant values.

### **Summary of eligibility requirements**

- Table 2 'type of building' text added to clarify eligibility of property developments.
- Table 2 'commissioning date' text added to highlight the new 120 day commissioning date eligibility rule.
- Table 2 'capacity limit' text added to cover new capacity limit for shared ground loops (SGL).
- Table 2 'heat pump or biomass boiler system requirements' text added to add more detail on system sizing.
- Table 2 'other funding' text added to clarify rule on previous grant funding at that address.

### **Heat pumps explained**

- Paragraph 4.6-4.8 text added to provide information on the removal of EPC insulation requirements on the scheme.

### **Heat pumps- eligibility criteria**

- Paragraph 4.13 text added to provide information on SGL systems.
- Paragraph 4.13 text added to state that shared air loop systems are not eligible on the scheme.
- Paragraph 4.18-4.23 text added to provide information on cascade heat pump systems
- Paragraph 4.22 text amended to provide clarity on air source heat pumps.
- Paragraph 4.21 text amended to provide clarity on ground source heat pumps.
- Paragraph 4.22 text added to provide information on total capacity of heat pumps.
- Paragraph 4.23 text added to provide clarity on MCS certificates for cascade systems.

### **Biomass boilers**

- Paragraph 4.26 text added to provide information on biomass boilers with a cooking function.
- Paragraph 4.27 text added to provide information on eligibility of certain biomass stoves.

### **Heating system eligibility**

- Paragraph 4.36 text added for clarity on heat pump requirements.
- Paragraph 4.38-4.42 text added and amended to highlight the new 120 day commissioning date eligibility rule.

### **Eligible properties**

- Paragraph 4.51 text amended to enhance clarity around eligible previous heating systems.
- Paragraph 4.52-4.57 text added and amended to provide information on EPCs and the removal of insulation requirements on the scheme.
- Paragraph 4.58 text amended to provide clarity on previous grant funding.
- Paragraph 4.59 text amended for further clarity on previous heating systems.
- Paragraph 4.60 text added to provide further clarity on self-build properties.
- Paragraph 4.61 bullet points amended to enhance clarity on excluded property developments.

### **Applying for the BUS voucher**

- Paragraph 5.10-5.11 text added to include information on the new 120-day commissioning date eligibility rule.
- Paragraph 5.15 text added to provide clarity on excluded property developments.
- Paragraph 5.15 bullet point 5 text added to clarify that copies of bank statements demonstrating payment of invoices is acceptable evidence on the scheme.

### **Property owner consent**

- Paragraph 5.22 bullet point 8 added to highlight that property owners cannot have had previous grant funding or support from government schemes such as ECO.
- Paragraph 5.22 bullet point 9 added to highlight that property owners should have read and understood recommendations on their EPC, this relates to the removal of insulation requirements on the scheme.

### **Audit and compliance**

- Paragraph 6.18 language amended around fraud and non-compliance.