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Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive

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GB vs Northern Ireland RHI key changes - general

Topic	GB	NI
Administration	On behalf of DECC, made possible by 2008 Energy Act	On behalf of DETI, made possible by 2011 Energy Act
Guidance documents	DECC branded	DETI branded
IT System	Operational on the RHI Register	All applications will be manual from go live date (1 Nov); Operational on the RHI Register in 2013
Commissioning date for eligibility	15 July 2009	1 September 2010
Feed In Tariffs Scheme	Relevant in GB	Not relevant in NI
Reporting requirements	Biomass sustainability reporting	Biomethane Sustainability reporting
Domestic vs. Non-domestic premises	Council tax bandings are used to decipher between the two	Domestic and business rates are used to decipher between the two
Support for single domestic premises	RHI Phase 3	NIRHI Phase 2?

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GB vs Northern Ireland RHI key changes - specific

- No reference to < than 45kWth
- No reference to emission limits
- A structure has to be planned for > 2yrs (no = to Building Regs (2010) schedule 1 pt11)
- Anaerobic digestion biogas in NI is detailed in the Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997
- DETI has powers to recover overpayment as civil debt (after Ofgem exercised all its controls)
- Ofgem provide Regulatory review but DETI the Statutory Review
- Metering volumes: no reference to contracts, Network Entry Agreement information, Uniform network code as not relevant in NI
- Only equipment approved of by the NI Utility Regulator can be used for measuring the CVG of gas.
- For waste criteria in NI refer to Pollution and Control regs (NI) 2003

GB vs Northern Ireland RHI – tariff changes

Tariff name	Eligible technology	GB Eligible sizes	NI Eligible sizes	GB Tariff rate (pence/kWh as of 1 Nov 2012)	NI Tariff rate (pence/kWh as of 1 Nov 2012)
Small commercial biomass	Solid biomass including biomass contained in municipal solid waste and CHP	Less than 200kWth	Less than 20 kWth	Tier 1: 8.3 Tier 2: 2.1	6.2
Medium commercial biomass		200 kWth and above; less than 1,000 kWth	20 kWth and above up to but not including 100kWth	1.0	1.5
Large commercial biomass		1,000 kWth and above	100 kWth and above up to but not including 1000kWth	1.0	1.5
Small commercial heat pumps	Ground-source heat pumps; Water source heat pumps; deep geothermal	Less than 100kWth	Less than 20 kWth	4.7	8.4
Medium commercial heat pumps		N/A	20kWth and above up to but not including 100 kWth	N/A	4.3
Large commercial heat pumps		100 kWth and above	100 kWth and above	3.4	1.3



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All solar collectors	Solar collectors	Below 200kWth		8.9	8.5
Biomethane and biogas combustion	Biomethane injection and biogas combustion except from landfill gas	All Biomethane injection and biogas combustion below 200kWth		7.1	3.0

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