



NIRHI Report – Restricted

The NIRHI scheme incentivises the use of renewable heat for (initially) non-domestic applications. Ofgem E-Serve accredits and approves payments for renewable heat installations in accordance with legislative requirements from DETI.

Accreditations Summary:

	May	June	July	Cumulative scheme to date
Applications Received	54	54	43	768
Applications Accredited (Inc preliminary & exclusive of rejections & amendments)	32	35	82	599
Amendments Approved	0	1	0	28
Preliminary Approvals	0	0	0	1
Rejected Applications	0	0	1	2
* Applications with applicant at month end	69	74	51	-
* Applications with Ofgem at month end	124	139	124	-
Capacity Installed MW	3	3	7.5	57.3**
Active Full Accredited Cumulative Installations	-	-	-	594

* These numbers are indicative as they are a snapshot in time and may fluctuate dependent upon the month-end reporting cycle.

** Please note the cumulative total shows only active Full Accredited Installations.

Accreditations: We received 43 applications in July c.17% decrease on June. There were 82 applications approved, c.134% increase on June.

Rejections: 1 rejection in month due to dormancy follow up and no return of outstanding information from the applicant. Total rejections for the NI scheme is 2.

State Aid: In line with our agreement, DETI continues to conduct state aid analysis on NIRHI applications which are in receipt of public support which is not a grant (e.g. Carbon Trust loans). Their decision on whether the state aid received amounts to the provision of other public support when the EU de minimis aid regulation is applied is fed back to us to inform our accreditation decision. This month, four installations in receipt of state aid were accredited, bringing the total to 34.



Periodic Data: 211 live submissions were received in this month; 214 submissions had reviews completed; 43 of 214 (20.09%) were sent back to participant to correct errors.

Enquiries: We received 265 calls and 72 email enquiries during July compared to 182 calls and 160 emails in June.

Grants: Any applicant in receipt of a grant from public funds or other public support can now repay to the person or authority who made it in order to access NIRHI support. In contrast to the GB scheme, DETI has not included the option for a reduced tariff payment which is available under the GB Regulations in limited circumstances.

Payments: RHI payments made in July 2015 totalled £1,003,775 for 17.1 GWh of eligible heat. Total payment to date is £8,530,468 for 148.3 GWh of eligible heat. 1596 individual payments have been made to date since the inception of the Scheme.

Suspected Fraud Investigations: As at 1 August 2015 we have no cases of suspected fraud under investigation on the Northern Ireland (NI) NDRHI scheme.

Audits: A review of the NI audits completed scheme to date has been completed and will be used to inform our targeting for this financial year. We expect to complete 6 audits (based on 3% of GB audits undertaken). The team will be looking to select some sites for audit by the end of August.

Compliance: There are 12 open compliance cases. Of these 6 cases have not yet been started, 1 is in review, 4 are with applicant and 1 is with PDS team.

Complaints: No NI complaints open or received this year to date.

Disputes: No NI disputes open or received this year to date.

NIRHI Development: DETI have decided on a number of policy proposals which detail proposed amendments to the scheme, based upon the outputs of the Phase 2 consultation. We have completed the feasibility study and sent it to DETI at the end of July. DETI would like two of the proposals (CHP tariffs and extension of the medium biomass banding along with tiering) to go live in October and the rest likely to be early 2016. We have started discussions with IT on automating the banding and tiering changes.

