



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:

	September	October	November	Cumulative scheme to date
Applications Received	27	41	42	376
Applications Accredited (Inc preliminary & exclusive of rejections & amendments)	12	43	28	249
Amendments Approved	0	2	0	13
Preliminary Approvals	0	0	0	1
Rejected Applications	0	0	0	1
* Applications with applicant at month end	34	27	31	-
* Applications with Ofgem at month end	81	92	100	-
Capacity Installed MW	1	4		24**
Active Full Accredited Cumulative Installations	-	-	-	244

* 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 42 applications in November, which was on a par with the applications received in October. There were 28 applications accredited, which although a decrease of 35% on October's figure is still the second highest month to date.

Rejections: There has been 1 rejection on the NI scheme, reported in September 2013. The rejection reason: Carbon Trust – loan from public funds. However, following subsequent Statutory Review process the installation has now been accredited onto the scheme. Total rejections for the NI scheme: 1

State Aid: Last month we agreed with DETI that they will be responsible for state aid analysis of RHI applications in receipt of public support, and that they will report their findings to us so that we can make the accreditation decision. We have since accredited 10 applicants who had received a Carbon Trust loan towards the purchase of their installation, after DETI confirmed that the de minimis value of their state aid is within the permitted limits. Added to the 4 installations funded by state aid that were already



accredited to the scheme, we now have 14 installations accredited that have been funded by Carbon Trust loans.

Periodic Data: 89 submissions were received in November; 84 submissions had reviews completed; 24 of 84 (29.76%) were sent back to participant to correct errors.

Enquiries: We have received 173 calls and 117 email enquiries during November compared to 222 calls and 114 emails in October.

Grants: We are awaiting confirmation from DETI as to when the legislation will be amended so that all applicants have the option to repay their grant or other public support. DETI have previously stated their intent to remove the current restriction based on completion and commissioning dates.

Payments: RHI payments made in November 2014 totalled £214,147.34 for 3,404 MWh of eligible heat. Total payment to date is £1,695,313.21 for 29.2 GWh of eligible heat. 452 individual payments have been made to date since the inception of the Scheme.

Suspected Fraud Investigations: As at 2 December 2014 we have no cases of suspected fraud under investigation on the Northern Ireland (NI) NDRHI scheme. No cases have been closed since 2 November 2014.

Audits: 5 audits have been carried out YTD, of these 3 were non compliant (60%). However only 2 of the installations presented non-compliances with a material impact (i.e. 33% material non-compliance rate). A further two audits have been carried out but have not yet been finalised.

Communications: Not applicable yet.

NIRHI Development: We are awaiting further instructions from DETI as to how and when they would like to progress their Phase 2 consultation proposals. We are also in the process of agreeing a Data Sharing Protocol with DETI – the content for this is nearly finalised.

