
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ENERGY CONSERVATION, WALES

**The Home Energy Efficiency Scheme
(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000**

Made - - - - *5th April 2000*
Coming into force - - *6th April 2000*

The National Assembly for Wales makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by Section 15 of the Social Security Act 1990⁽¹⁾, which are now exercisable by it in Wales⁽²⁾:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 1st April 2000.

(2) These Regulations apply to Wales only.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations,

“the 1997 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 1997*”) means the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme Regulations 1997⁽³⁾.

Amendments to the 1997 Regulations

3. In Regulation 5(1) of the 1997 Regulations, for “...not more than one...”, substitute “...one or more...”.

4. In Regulation 6 of the 1997 Regulations (Calculation of amount of grant)—

(1) For Regulation 6 (1) (a), substitute—

“(a) in the case of a works application, the amount properly charged for the works or £500, whichever is the lower, and”.

(2) For Regulation 6 (1) (b), substitute—

(1) 1990 (c. 27); section 15 was amended by section 142 of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 (c. 53).
(2) See the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (SI 1999/672).
(3) SI 1997/790.

“(b) in the case of a materials-only application, the amount properly charged for the materials purchased for and used in the works carried out, or £250, whichever is the lower.”

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998(4).

5th April 2000

D. Elis Thomas
The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

The present Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (“the Scheme”) is a scheme for providing grants towards the cost of work or advice to improve thermal insulation or otherwise to reduce or prevent energy wastage in dwellings.

The Scheme is set out in the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme Regulations 1997 (“the principal Regulations”). The principal Regulations create Area Agencies to administer the scheme, and set out who is eligible to receive a grant. The principal Regulations also prescribe the type of work and the purposes for which grants may be approved. They provide a method for calculating grants, and set out the maximum sums which may be awarded as grants. The principal Regulations set out the procedures for applying for and approving grants and arranging for works to be carried out or materials to be supplied.

The principal Regulations were made under Section 15(1) of the Social Security Act 1990 (as amended by Section 142 of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996). Section 15 (1) provides that the Secretary of State may make or arrange for the making of grants towards the cost of work or advice to improve thermal insulation or otherwise to reduce or prevent energy wastage in dwellings. No grants can be made under Section 15(1) of the Social Security Act 1990 (“the 1990 Act”) except in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary of State.

Regulation 3 changes the limitation on the purposes for which a grant may be awarded under the principal Regulations, from “...not more than one..” to “...one or more...” of the purposes set out in the principal Regulations. Regulation 4 of these Regulations provides new maximum amounts for grants under the principal Regulations.