

Installers guide to

The Microgeneration

Certification Scheme



The Certification Mark for Onsite
Sustainable Energy Technologies

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Introduction to

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Certification Scheme



The Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) is owned by the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and is administered by Gemserv.

The scheme is designed to evaluate products and installers against robust criteria for microgeneration technologies, providing greater protection for consumers and ensuring that the Government's (i.e. taxpayers) grant money is spent in an effective manner.

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The aim of

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The MCS supercedes other product and installer registration schemes (Clear Skies and the PV programme) and its purpose is to help:

- Build a rapidly growing Microgeneration industry based on quality and reliability
- Substantially reduce the UK's CO₂ emissions
- Reduce the UK's dependency on fossil fuels
- Ensure consumer confidence in products and installers, by imposing robust standards

There are certification schemes for products and installers and both are open to applications from the following areas of technology:

- Heat Pumps (ground and air source) - including Ecodan
- Solar heating collectors
- Solar PV
- Micro Wind
- Biomass

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What it means to installers



As Government Grants are available to consumers that use both products and installers certified under the MCS, it makes good commercial sense for an installer to be MCS accredited. The MCS covers the supply, design, installation, commissioning and handover of microgeneration technologies and is open to all companies/installers involved in such.

An assessment is undertaken at the Installers office/s and at least one installation site to ensure that policies and procedures meet the requirements of the scheme and that the work that has been undertaken is consistent with the system design. Subsequent annual checks are carried out to ensure that standards are maintained.

The MCS replaces the Clear Skies and PV programme schemes which are in the process of being phased out. From 31 January 2008 any Clear Skies scheme or PV programme listed companies that had not applied to join the Microgeneration Certification Scheme were withdrawn from the Clear Skies scheme and PV programme lists and are no longer eligible to obtain grants under the Low Carbon Buildings Programme.

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The benefits of

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Although not mandatory the benefits of being approved by this independent third party scheme are many and should enable you to expand your business by providing:

- Assurance to consumers on the quality of product and installation services
- Realistic expectations for the performance of microgeneration systems in practice
- Recognition of good quality products and services in the market place
- Increased take up of renewable energy technologies and support for the growing renewables industry
- A means of ensuring that taxpayer's grant money is spent in an effective manner

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Meeting standards

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All applicants for the Microgeneration Installer Scheme will have to demonstrate that they have signed up to a code of practice that meets the guidelines set by the Office of Fair Trading's (OFT's) consumer code approval scheme.

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How to apply to join

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To become MCS certified, installers and product manufacturers may select which Certification Body they apply to. Visit the website below for a full list of the Certification Bodies and their contact details.

www.microgenerationcertification.org/Certification+Bodies

Please contact the individual Certification Body to find which technologies they cover and any information about their application process and fees.

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Certification mark



As an approved installer you'll be able to use the new MCS certification mark:

APPROVED INSTALLER



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Further information



If you have any further enquiries or would like more information on how the Microgeneration Scheme could benefit you and your business, please contact:

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MCS Helpdesk: **020 7090 1082**

The scheme requirements and standards are available to review and download free of charge from the installer or product pages of the MCS website:

www.microgenerationcertification.org