



Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme

Eligibility Criteria

The below table outlines current measures available under Highland Council's Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme (EES:ABS) and the eligibility criteria.

Measure	External Wall Insulation	Cavity Wall Insulation	Loft Insulation	Air Source Heat Pump	Solar PV & battery storage
Eligibility Criteria					
Your property is Council Tax Band A, B or C (Band D is eligible where the EPC rating is E, F or G)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Your home is either owned by you or privately rented¹ – must be your main residence and cannot be a second home or B&B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Your property must not be a listed building	✓			✓	
Your property is currently heated by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric • Oil • LPG • Solid fuel 				✓	
Your property walls are insulated				✓	✓
Your property walls are solid stone	✓				





Eligibility for additional funding

To be eligible for additional funding to cover the costs of your energy efficiency measure, The Highland Council requires that you meet criteria **in at least 1** of the following 4 sections.

For example, if you meet the criteria in Section 1, you do not need to fill in Section 2 and subsequent sections as you have met one of the eligibility requirements.

Section 1: Household is in receipt of eligible benefits

Benefit	
Income based Jobseekers allowance (JSA)	Attendance Allowance
Income based Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	Carer's Allowance
Income based Income Support (IS)	Housing Benefit
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Pension Guarantee Credit
Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Working Tax Credit (WTC)
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit	Child Tax Credits (CTC)
War Pensions Mobility Supplement	Universal Credit (UC)
Council Tax Reduction (excluding 25% discount for single occupancy)	Support for Mortgage Interest

Section 2: Household income

There are two ways to qualify under this section. Please check gross and/or net income levels against the below:

1. Household **gross annual income** is less than £31,000. This applies irrespective of property size, composition or region and is from all sources of income, including both non means tested and means tested benefits.
2. Alternatively, the below table outlines **net income** thresholds.

Number of people in the household	Household net income (after housing costs) per year	Household net income (after housing costs) per week
1 adult	£10,695	£206
1 adult and 1 child	£14,030	£270
1 adult and 2 children	£17,250	£332
1 adult and 3 children	£20,700	£399
1 adult and 4 or more children	£24,150	£465
2 adults	£17,480	£337
2 adults and 1 child	£20,930	£403
2 adults and 2 children	£24,265	£467
2 adults and 3 children	£27,715	£533
2 adults and 4 or more children	£30,820	£593





Section 3: Fuel costs

I certify that I have completed the fuel costs relative to household income calculator and the percentage of net income spent on fuel costs is higher than 20%.

Please email- EES-ABS@highland.gov.uk if you need assistance filling in the 'Fuel costs relative to household income calculator'

Section 4: Someone living in the property qualifies for one of the following:

- Entitled to receive a Cold Weather Payment, or I have received one in the last twelve months.
- In receipt of Child Winter Heating Assistance payments.
- Have received or have received confirmation that I am eligible for a rebate under the Warm Home Discount scheme during 2022 or 2023.

Additional eligibility criteria for private rented properties, please email EES-ABS@highland.gov.uk to discuss further. Other fuel types may be eligible, please contact for more information.

If you are unsure if your walls are insulated please email EES-ABS@highland.gov.uk to discuss further.

