



The keys to understanding  
**The Green Homes Grant**



**For Solid Wall Insulation  
Installers**



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A new Government scheme (The Green Homes Grant) launching in September will help homeowners in England improve the energy efficiency of their properties via a maximum £5,000 grant (£10,000 in certain circumstances). The grant covers a wide range of measures which are split into primary and secondary categories.

### Primary Category

- Solid wall,
- cavity wall,
- under-floor,
- loft, flat roof,
- room in roof,
- park home.
- Air source heat pump,
- ground source heat pump,
- solar thermal

So long as there is at least one primary measure in the package of works, households will also be able to install secondary measures.

- Draught Proofing
- Windows and Doors
- Heating Controls and Insulation

In terms of the approved installers, all installers must be Trustmark Accredited and to gain Trustmark Accreditation you must be certified by one of their partnering companies in the energy efficiency measure you wish to install and assessed against PAS2030. Current information suggests that both PAS2030:2017 or PAS2030:2019 will be acceptable.

Below is a quick guide to gaining compliance and the current costs associated.

To gain PAS 2030 then you must apply to the likes of NICEIC, BBA, Stroma, Blueflame or Ocean, to name just a few, ([www.trustmark.org.uk/ourservices/scheme-providers](http://www.trustmark.org.uk/ourservices/scheme-providers)) who are approved to certify against PAS2030:2019 as the certification against PAS2030:2017 we believe is no longer possible as these organisations have now transferred over.

PAS2030:2019 is also an important aspect in the forthcoming PAS2035 standard. PAS 2035 is a new overarching document within the retrofit standards framework which is due to be introduced following the recommendations of the Each Home Counts review. PAS 2035 essentially provides a full specification for the energy retrofit of domestic buildings, and requires specific details, specification and best practice for domestic retrofit projects. Following a transition period, currently to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the government has proposed to make compliance with PAS 2035 mandatory for all public funded projects which would also include ECO funded projects. It is currently understood that the Green Homes Grant scheme will not be assessed against PAS2035.

PAS 2030:2019 requires that you have a fully supported Quality Management system with all supporting documents.

This will include:

- Pre-installation building survey
- Method statement
- Design specification mapped to PAS 2035
- Equipment and tools handling and storage
- Installation instructions to operatives
- Intermediate inspections
- People training and competency
- Engagement of subcontract installers
- Commissioning
- Handover
- Installation control
- Documents and record keeping
- Process management
- Internal audit, corrective and preventative action
- Complaints procedure
- Interaction with customers
- Claims of compliance

As part of the PAS2030 process there will be an office audit to review the Quality Management Systems and documentation as well as a site visit to ensure that all work and procedures are being adhered to correctly. As part of PAS2030:2019 it is essential that 1 operative in 4 has gained or is working towards their NVQ in the energy efficient measure which they intend to install.

Organisations providing training in external wall insulation to NVQ standard

Goldtrowel [www.goldtrowel.co.uk](http://www.goldtrowel.co.uk)

Now Get Qualified [www.nowgetqualified.co.uk](http://www.nowgetqualified.co.uk)

Construction Skills People [www.constructionskillspeople.co.uk](http://www.constructionskillspeople.co.uk)

North West Skills Academy [www.nwskillsacademy.co.uk](http://www.nwskillsacademy.co.uk)

Scottish Qualifications Authority [www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)

The cost of this training is generally somewhere between £795 - £950 and takes approximately 3-4 months. It is worth checking with the provider if there is any funding available towards the NVQ.

To comply with PAS2035, PAS2030:2019 installers may also have to identify a Retrofit Co-ordinator that they will be able to work with along with a Retrofit Advisor / Assessor / Designer and Evaluator; however, a Retrofit Co-ordinator can fulfil multiples roles.

For the Green Homes Grant Scheme, it is believed that the requirement of mapping to PAS2035 will not be required.

You will also need access / copies to the following documents, some of which will incur a charge.

PAS 2030:2019

Building Regulations

PAS2035

The NICEIC, Ocean and the BBA offer PAS2030:2019 certification schemes – the current live pricing of these schemes are below, but please contact the scheme provider directly for confirmation.

#### **NICEIC**

£115.00 + VAT Application fee

£340.00 + VAT Office audit fee

£340.00 + VAT Site audit fee

£98.00 + VAT Trustmark registration fee

Annual fee to maintain PAS2030 is £680.00 + VAT (office and site audit) plus Trustmark fee.

#### **BBA**

£873.00 + VAT (all-inclusive of office and site audits)

£60.00 + VAT Trustmark registration

Annual fee would be quoted at the time of renewal but is lower than the initial fee, plus Trustmark fee.

#### **Ocean Certification**

£1200.00 + VAT (all-inclusive of office and site audits)

£89.00 +VAT Trustmark registration

Annual fee to maintain £990.00 + VAT plus Trustmark fee.

Ocean Certification operate a system whereby once you have submitted all your documents, they are assessed in 7-14 days and you will be PAS2030:2019 approved at that point. The site audits will take place after the approval and within 6 months.

The above is only a quick guide price based upon the 3 accreditation companies, but gives a good idea of the general up front and ongoing costs.

If you do not have a Quality Management system to the prescribed levels to ascertain PAS2030:2019 certification, then **Easy Green Deal** offer a service whereby they will support you with all the documentation and procedures you require for the audits.

This support service is £495.00 + VAT (based upon a maximum of 4 measures) with an ongoing support charge should you wish to maintain it of £395.00 + VAT per annum.

The above information is designed to help with the understanding of the process required to gain PAS2030 accreditation and whilst we have identified some of the companies in the process this is not an endorsement of those companies. We would always recommend that a company should undertake their own research before committing to an accreditation company or service support company.

EWI Consultants Limited are an independent consultancy specialising in External Wall Insulation and Render systems and unlike many other consultants, our knowledge comes from working directly in this industry for over 25 years.

We are happy to provide a range of low-cost PAS support services so you have access to someone who has an understanding of the process (as this is also required within PAS2030:2019). This is tailored to your own requirements and can also include a record keeping service if required.

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EWI Consultants Limited offer a range of services support the External Wall insulation and Render industry.

- Site investigations and reporting.
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- Independent site monitoring.
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- Technical administration support.
- Expert technical advice service.
- Design & Build support.
- Certification support service.

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