

Response to: FOI_217

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Affordable Warmth Scheme

1. I would like to see written confirmation from dfc when the policy changed under the freedom of information, as I was told I met the criteria, being boiler older than 15 years of age and earnings under 23,000 per annum.

The Housing Executive's Affordable Warmth Scheme policy is informed by The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016...

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2016/333/contents/made

Following is an extract from the Housing Executive's Affordable Warmth Scheme policy (last updated August 2023) pertaining to eligibility for boiler replacement:

4.3 Eligibility for Boiler Replacement under Affordable Warmth

Eligibility	Proof of Age (acceptable evidence may include but not be restricted to)	Proof of Benefit (acceptable evidence may include but not be restricted to)
Be a private sector householder	Birth Certificate	Letter from Benefits Agency
Have a total gross annual income of less than £23,000, including all social security benefits as at 4.2.8	Passport	Bank/Building Society account statement showing benefit payments lodged
Have an existing central heating boiler (inc. E7, LPG & solid fuel) that is at least 15 years old and	Driving Licence	
Be aged 65 or	Membership card for club/society	
Receive child benefit, kinship or foster allowance or		_
Receive DLA/PIP or receive Industrial Injuries Benefit (Employment & Support Allowance is not a qualifying benefit for this element of the scheme)		

Properties fuelled by Economy 7, LPG or solid fuel are eligible for the heating criteria of the scheme even if the age and benefit eligibility criteria above has not been met. However, income must be less that £23,000 and the applicant must live in the private sector.

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