Microgeneration Scheme - Feed in Tariffs

Our Guide to joining npower’s Feed in Tariff Scheme
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Feed In Tariffs – what do you need to know?

The Government would like us, as a nation, to reduce the impact we’re all having on the environment. So, from 1 April 2010, it introduced the **Feed In Tariff (FiT) scheme** – a very simple way to reward people for helping to do just that.

**What’s it all about?**
If you use low-carbon technologies to make your own electricity, you can be rewarded financially for doing so. This way of creating electricity is known as **microgeneration**, and it’s one way you can really help make a difference to the world around you.

From wind turbines, to Solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels or even small-scale hydro-systems, with our help it may be easier than you think, too.

We have teams that can help you get started, generating your own energy, rather than ‘importing’ it all from a supplier. We can show you how to get paid for the energy you generate yourself, and how to get paid for the electricity you don’t use but ‘export’ to the local electricity grid instead.

**How it works**
These figures are just an example, but they show the ways in which three different tariffs (generation, import and export) could work in your home, based on a 2.07kWp Solar PV system.

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**Already want to know more?**
Contact our Feed in Tariff team

- Visit [npower.com/feedintariffs](http://npower.com/feedintariffs)
- **0800 048 0520** (free from most landlines)
- **0330 100 7567** (included in any ‘inclusive minutes’ from mobiles)

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm
So how does it work?

It’s very simple, and our teams are happy to go into more details with you over the phone:

**Will I qualify for Feed in Tariffs?**

Yes if you’re using these types of technology:

- Anaerobic Digestion
- Hydro
- Solar PV
- Wind
- CHP (Less than 2kW)

**And meet these criteria**

- If your system is less than 50kW, you have used an MCS installer, using MCS products and have a valid MCS certificate
- If your system is above 50kW, you have been accredited by Ofgem and have a ROO-FiT Accreditation number
- If you have an approved generation meter
- There are rules around installations that have benefitted from a grant - so if you have had a grant please seek the appropriate advice about whether it needs to be paid back and also let us know of the details
- Your Feed in Tariff Payments won’t appear on your Energy Bill. We will pay you via cheque or BACs payment, whichever you prefer or you can nominate a recipient and we can pay them directly.

**Can I get a grant to fit this technology?**

The Low Carbon Building Programme (LCBP) doesn’t offer grants any more. Instead, you’ll benefit by getting the incentives from the FiT scheme.

**How will I get paid?**

Once a quarter (unless we don’t have the readings we need from you, in which case there may be a delay).

**Will those payments appear on my energy bill?**

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**For how long will I be paid?**

Most technologies will be recognised for 20 years. We’ll confirm what the timeframe is though, when we go through the details of your scheme and send you a FiT plan letter.

**What happens if I move home?**

Ownership of the microgeneration technology and the FiT should be discussed and agreed upon as part of the sale/purchase.

**So what equipment do I need?**

As well as the microgeneration technology, you’ll need a generation meter. That should be provided by your installer.

**Do I have to pay tax on these earnings?**

No, not at the moment. In the 2009 Pre-Budget Report, the Government confirmed that you won’t have to pay income tax on FiT earnings. More specific details can be found in Chapter 7 of the Pre Budget report on HM Revenue Website:

[www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/pbr09 CHAPTER7.PDF](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/pbr09 CHAPTER7.PDF)

More details can be found on the HM Revenue and Customs Website:

[http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/manuals/vatscmanual/vatsc05224.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/manuals/vatscmanual/vatsc05224.htm)
Why is it better to use the generated electricity than export it?
The export tariff level is 4.77p per unit for all FIT renewable technologies, so it’s more viable financially for you to use the electricity you’re generating on site, rather than buy it from a supplier at about 13p per unit (these figures are correct as of November 2014).

What happens if I change suppliers?
If you choose to change your Electricity Supplier you can opt to stay with npower for your Feed in Tariff or switch your Feed in Tariff to your new Supplier if they are a Feed in Tariff provider.

Can I choose who receives my Feed in Tariff payments?
Yes. You must decide who you’d like to receive the payments and make it clear on the application form.

So who can join the npower scheme – anyone?
• You must be an npower Customer,
• Use a Supplier who does not offer FIT or be Off Grid/
• Meet the Energy Efficiency Requirement.

What is the energy efficiency requirement?
This is a requirement for all new installations from 1st April 2012, making sure they have a valid Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) at a rating of level D or above. Any installation without an EPC will receive a reduced rate of 6.38/kWh.

OK, so how do I apply?
It’s simple – just complete, sign and return the enclosed application form. We will then contact you and explain what happens next.
Get the latest tariff information

You’ll find news about the latest tariffs at:

- [www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/fits/tariff-tables/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/fits/tariff-tables/Pages/index.aspx)

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Feed In Tariffs (FiTs) – the Government’s generation and export tariffs scheme, also known as ‘Clean Energy Cashback’.

Export meter – measures the amount of energy you export to the grid from your microgenerating system. It’s not obligatory to have one, but if you don’t then the exports will be estimated by your supplier.

Export tariff – the amount paid for every unit generated by your microgenerating system, being exported back onto the grid.

Generation meter – measures the total generation from your microgenerating system.

Generation tariff – the amount paid for every unit of electricity generated from your microgeneration system.

Import meter – an electricity meter, independent from your microgenerating system, which measures the electricity you buy from your supplier.

Import tariff – the amount you pay your electricity supplier for each unit you import into your home.

Inflated annually – your generation tariff will remain fixed subject to inflation.

kWh (Kilowatt Hour) – one unit of energy.

Off-grid – A property or site that’s not connected to mains electricity, and couldn’t import or export to the grid.

Retrofit – a system installed on an existing building rather than on a new build.

Solar PV/Solar photovoltaic – panels that produce electricity from daylight.

Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) – a document that certifies the energy efficiency levels of your home.

Want to know more?

For general information about getting started with microgeneration, contact our team

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Department for Energy and Climate Change
0300 060 4000 decc.gov.uk

Energy Saving Trust
0800 512 012 energysavingtrust.org.uk

Microgeneration Certification Scheme
020 7090 1082 microgenerationcertification.org

How it works diagram: 25% saving based on household with 3,300 kWh annual electricity demand, installing 2.07kWp system and generating 1,760kWh of electricity per annum.

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