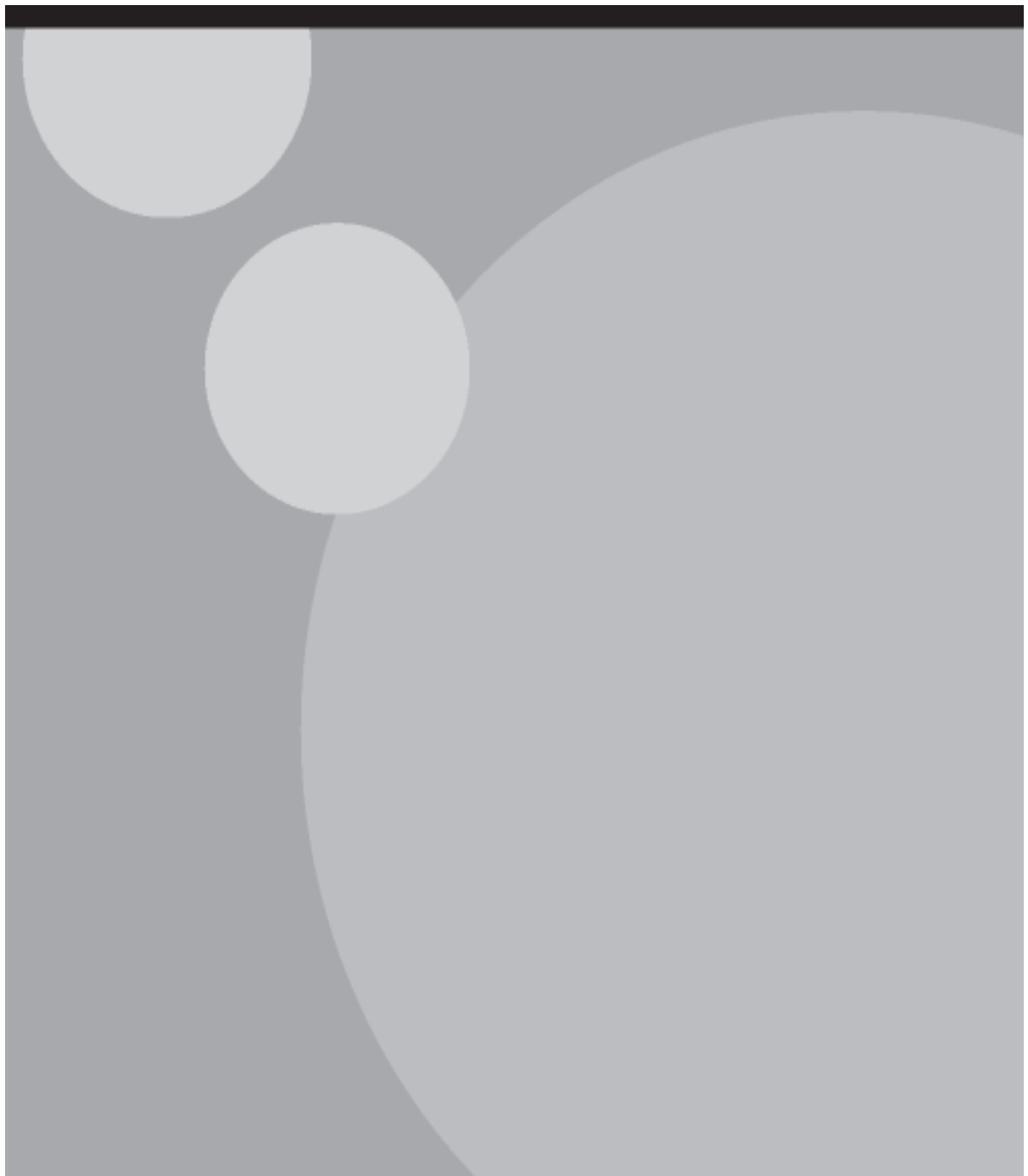




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Energy Performance Certificates have been in place since 2007. They provide an assessment of a building's energy efficiency on an A-G scale and a set of recommendations that can improve the building's energy efficiency.

Research has shown, however, that many consumers find it difficult to understand their Energy Performance Certificate. This is because it contains too much jargon and technical language, it is too long and the information is presented in a confusing way. This means consumers do not act on their Energy Performance Certificate's recommendations.

So, we have completely revised the domestic Energy Performance Certificate, taking account of research conducted by [Consumer Focus](#) last year.

The new look Energy Performance Certificate is shorter, uses plain English throughout and has a significantly improved design and layout.

Its primary focus is on the potential costs and savings of different energy efficiency measures, rather than CO₂ emissions.

The revised Energy Performance Certificate also signposts consumers to the [Green Deal](#), which will be introduced later in 2012 and identifies those improvements which can potentially be funded through the Green Deal.

By making the Energy Performance Certificate a better product which is easily understood, we believe consumers are more likely to implement some or all of the recommended improvements, which could considerably reduce their fuel bills.

Click here to see the new look domestic [Energy Performance Certificate](#).

Frequently asked questions

Does this mean that the Energy Performance Certificate I had done on my property before the new one was introduced is now worthless?

No – since Energy Performance Certificates were introduced in 2007 there has always been a robust framework in place to ensure high quality reports which accurately assessed the energy efficiency of buildings. The new domestic Energy Performance Certificate continues to deliver the same quality, but in a way which is more consumer friendly.

How do you know that the new Energy Performance Certificate is better than the old one?

The content and format of the domestic Energy Performance Certificate was reviewed by Government in 2011. The new version is based on the results of consumer research undertaken during the review which found the new design to be particularly useful and informative.