

Energy Bills Discount Scheme for Non-Domestic Customers in Great Britain

The Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023

The Secretary of State makes the following Rules under regulation 27(2), (3) and (4)(d) of the Energy Bills Discount Scheme Regulations 2023 (SI 2023 / 453).

1 Citation and commencement

- 1.1 These Rules may be cited as the Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment No.2) Rules 2023.
- 1.2 They come into force on 19 September 2023.

2 Amendments

- 2.1 The Energy Bills Discount Scheme Rules 2023 are amended as follows.

- 2.2 In rule 20(g), after "QHS application", insert:

" ;

(h) "rule 27.4 notice" means a notice given by the Secretary of State under rule 27.4;

(i) "valid" and "provisionally valid", in relation to a relevant application, have the meanings given in rules 24.7 and 24.7A respectively".

- 2.3 For rule 24.7, substitute the following:

"24.7 A relevant application is valid (and, consequently, the requirement in regulation 17(4) has been satisfied in respect of the qualifying heat supplier to which it relates) if:

(a) the requirements in rules 24.3 and 24.4 are met in respect of the application;

(b) in the case of a QHS application that is made, and not withdrawn, before 26 September 2023, and in respect of which the applicant has received a rule 27.4 notice (and the notice has not been withdrawn), the applicant has complied with that notice by the later of:

(i) the time specified in that notice under rule 27.6(a), and

(ii) 2 October 2023;

(c) in the case of a QHS application that is made, and not withdrawn, on or after 26 September 2023, and in respect of which the applicant has received a rule 27.4 notice (and the notice has not been withdrawn), the applicant has complied with that notice by the time specified in it under rule 27.6(a).

24.7A A QHS application:

(a) is provisionally valid if it meets the criterion in rule 24.7(a), regardless of whether the Secretary of State has given a rule 27.4 notice relating to it;

- (b) ceases to be provisionally valid if:
 - (i) the deadline for complying with a rule 27.4 notice relating to it, either in accordance with its terms or with rule 24.7(b)(ii), expires, and
 - (ii) the applicant has not complied with the notice."

2.4 In the first line of rule 26, for "valid", substitute "provisionally valid".

2.5 In the first line of rule 27.3, for "valid", substitute "provisionally valid".

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19 September 2023

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Energy Bills Discount Scheme for Non-Domestic Customers in Northern Ireland

The Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023

The Secretary of State makes the following Rules under regulation 27(2), (3) and (4)(d) of the Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (SI 2023 / 454).

1 Citation and commencement

- 1.1 These Rules may be cited as the Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No.2) Rules 2023.
- 1.2 They come into force on 19 September 2023.

2 Amendments

- 2.1 The Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Northern Ireland) Rules 2023 are amended as follows.
- 2.2 In rule 20(g), after "QHS application", insert:

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- (i) "valid" and "provisionally valid", in relation to a relevant application, have the meanings given in rules 24.7 and 24.7A respectively".

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- (a) the requirements in rules 24.3 and 24.4 are met in respect of the application;
- (b) in the case of a QHS application that is made, and not withdrawn, before 26 September 2023, and in respect of which the applicant has received a rule 27.4 notice (and the notice has not been withdrawn), the applicant has complied with that notice by the later of:
 - (i) the time specified in that notice under rule 27.6(a), and
 - (ii) 2 October 2023;
- (c) in the case of a QHS application that is made, and not withdrawn, on or after 26 September 2023, and in respect of which the applicant has received a rule 27.4 notice (and the notice has not been withdrawn), the applicant has complied with that notice by the time specified in it under rule 27.6(a).

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- (a) is provisionally valid if it meets the criterion in rule 24.7(a), regardless of whether the Secretary of State has given a rule 27.4 notice relating to it;
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 - (i) the deadline for complying with a rule 27.4 notice relating to it, either in accordance with its terms or with rule 24.7(b)(ii), expires, and
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