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

## The Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2024

The Secretary of State makes these Rules under regulations 17(10) and 27(2), 3(a) 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. 3) Rules 2024.
- 1.2 They come into force on the 28th of March 2024.

#### 2 Amendments

- 2.1 The Energy Bills Discount Scheme Rules 2023 are amended as follows.
- 2.2 In rule 24.2, after "must", insert ", on or before the application end date,".
- 2.3 In rule 24.7(a)<sup>1</sup>, for "24.3 and 24.4", substitute "24.3, 24.4 and (in the case of a QHS application) 24.2 and 26".
- 2.4 After rule 24.9, insert:
  - "24.10 For the purposes of rule 24.2, the application end date is:
    - (i) for a person who became aware, or could reasonably be expected to have become aware, on or after the 18th of March 2024 that they were an obliged heat supplier, the 14th of April 2024; or
    - (ii) in any other case, the 31st of March 2024.".
- 2.5 In rule 26, after "must", insert ", subject to rule 24.2,".

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rule 24.7 was amended by rule 2.3 of the Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment No.2) Rules 2023.

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

# The Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2024

The Secretary of State makes these Rules under regulations 17(10) and 27(2), 3(a)(i) 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. 3) Rules 2024.
- 1.2 They come into force on the 28th of March 2024.

#### 2 Amendments

- 2.1 The Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Northern Ireland) Rules 2023 are amended as follows.
- 2.2 In rule 24.2², after "must", insert ", on or before the application end date,".
- 2.3 In rule 24.9, for sub-paragraph (a), substitute:
  - "(a) the requirements in rules 24.3, 24.4 and
    - (i) in the case of an ETII application, rule 24.5 or
    - (ii) in the case of a QHS application, rules 24.2 and 26

are met in respect of the application;".

## 2.4 After rule 24.12, insert:

"24.13 For the purposes of rule 24.2, the application end date is:

- (i) for a person who became aware, or could reasonably be expected to have become aware, on or after the 18th of March 2024 that they were an obliged heat supplier, the 14th of April 2024; or
- (ii) in any other case, the 31st of March 2024.".
- 2.5 In rule 26, after "must", insert ", subject to rule 24.2,".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The whole of rule 24 was amended by the Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023.

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