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The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) RHI Training Support Scheme

DECC launch £500,000 of funding to support training on heat based renewable technologies.

To support the upcoming Domestic RHI, DECC are today launching £500,000 of funding to help installer companies in England access the training they need to engage with renewable heating technologies.

The £500,000 will be split across two streams as follows:

Stream 1 – Cross-Skilling support

DECC will make available £250,000 of funding to support installers whom are already qualified in a heating and / or plumbing discipline obtain qualifications in a heat based renewable technology.

Funding will be available through training vouchers for qualifications in the installation and maintenance of the following technologies:

- Solar Thermal
- Heatpump, and
- Biomass

The vouchers will be valued at 75% of the cost of the training, up-to a maximum of £500 per voucher, enabling a minimum of 500 training vouchers to be issued.

Vouchers will be limited to 5 per company and will be issued to the candidate, allowing them to redeem their voucher on a qualifying course of their choosing. The training provider will then draw down the value of the voucher, upon completion of the training course, through the scheme administrator.

Stream 2 – Apprenticeship support

DECC will make available £250,000 of funding to support apprentices to include renewables in their apprenticeship programme

The funding will be available to support apprentices whom have already selected a particular renewable technology to complete their apprenticeship programme but wish to add additional technologies.

Furthermore, the scheme will also support those apprentices whom have selected a “conventional” fuel on which to complete their apprenticeship programme (such as Oil or Gas) and whom wish to take up one or more renewable technology in addition to the conventional fuel.

Funding will be available through vouchers for the following qualifications:

- Introduction to environmental technologies



- Solar Thermal,
- Heatpump, and
- Biomass.

In addition the DECC may consider applications from apprentices to support them in other ways such as provision of learner materials and, if required, assistance to enable them to access work types that they may require to complete their apprenticeship programme.

Vouchers will be issued to the candidate and redeemed by the training provider, or provider of the relevant support, through the scheme administrator.

DECC are pleased to announce that they have appointed GTEC Training Ltd^[3] as scheme administrator for this programme and that they are working hard with the industry to deliver the vouchers at the earliest opportunity.

The following services to support the RHI Training Support Scheme have been launched today:

- ✓ Potential candidates can register their interest in the scheme by going to the following website – www.rhitraining.co.uk.
- ✓ Updates are available through the dedicated Twitter feed: @rhivoucher
- ✓ RHI Training Support Scheme helpline - 0844 870 9459

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The heat strategy policy document can be downloaded by following this [LINK](#)
2. Details of the Domestic RHI can be found [HERE](#)
3. GTEC Training Ltd have been appointed by DECC as scheme administrator, more details about GTEC Training Ltd can be found [HERE](#)
4. The contact for media enquiries is admin@rhitraining.co.uk all enquiries will be dealt with by the scheme administrator