

SEAI One Stop Shop Scheme

Operational Grant Rules

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This document should be read in conjunction with the National Home Energy Upgrade Scheme Operational Guidelines.

General

- All scheme requirements must be met prior to a home receiving grant support. The requirements are as follows:
 - Pre works BER of B3 or lower
 - Post works BER of B2 or better
 - Primary energy uplift of 100kWh/m²/year (min.)
 - Home is built and occupied pre-2011
 - Measures installed must meet the scheme's operational and technical requirements
- Previously supported individual measures will not be supported.
- Details captured in the Pre BER assessment will deem if it is appropriate for a measure to be upgraded. This will align with the measures recommended in the BER Advisory Report.
- Where the total expenditure to complete a single measure is less than the fixed grant amount, the total expenditure will be re-imbursed, not the set grant value.
- Project Management is eligible for all applications.
- The launch bonus is applicable where heat pump technology is installed in a home through the OSS service.
- The launch bonus is applicable for applications with a Home Energy Upgrade grant offer in 2022.
- The Home Energy Assessment is not mandatory; however, it is recommended.

Roof

- Ceiling level insulation grant covers cold roof attic insulation.
- Rafter level insulation grant covers rafter level & flat roof insulation.
- Homeowners can only avail of **one** of the two roof insulation grant supports i.e., ceiling level insulation or rafter level insulation.
- Mixed-measure solutions must be detailed in the relevant section of the Declaration of Works form and must include the measurements of each roof area.

Important Note on Mixed Roof Insulation measures for grant administration purposes. Where mixed measures have to be implemented (e.g., in a room in roof construction with part ceiling insulation and part rafter Insulation), the grant application must be for the greatest of the two measures being upgraded, by roof area. When calculating the area, the comparison is based on:

- a) ceiling level insulation and
- b) rafter level insulation [incl. flat roof insulation (m²) + dwarf wall insulation (m²) being upgraded].

Walls

- Homeowners can only avail of **one** wall insulation grant support under the OSS service.

In cases where a wall previously received cavity wall insulation through the Better Energy Homes (BEH) scheme and the OSS determines through a heat pump technical assessment that an additional wall insulation type is required to meet the heat loss indicator (HLI) requirement, this will be supported. This also applies where internal wall insulation was previously supported under the (BEH) scheme and external wall insulation is required to meet the HLI requirement.

- Mixed-measure solutions must be detailed in the relevant section of the Declaration of Works form and must include the total wall area being upgraded for each wall insulation.

Important Note on Mixed Wall Insulation measures for grant administration purposes. Where mixed wall insulation measures have to be implemented (e.g., part Cavity Wall Insulation, part External Wall Insulation), the grant application must be for the greatest of the measures being upgraded, by wall area.

Heat Pump

- The launch bonus is only applicable if a new heat pump is installed in a home.
- Where a home received a boiler or heating controls grant previously, this home can avail of the new heat pump grant.
- The central heating grant is applicable when replacement radiators or underfloor heating are installed in conjunction with a new heat pump.
- If applicable, where underfloor heating is installed, construction costs associated with the installation of floor insulation will be covered under the floor insulation grant e.g., removal and formation of the ground floor slab.

Airtightness

- The airtightness grant of €1,000 only applies where an airtightness test confirms an air permeability lower than $5\text{m}^3/(\text{h}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ **and** where airtightness measures, such as, tapes and membranes are installed.

Doors

- For the purposes of grant administration and for homeowners to understand what grants they are entitled too, a sliding door is considered a door. The grant table is designed for a homeowner's understanding. A BER Assessor, when completing a BER assessment must adhere to the BER methodology, rules and calculation requirements when assessing sliding doors and glazed areas.
- Where door(s) are upgraded, all doors in the property must achieve (at minimum) the standard outlined in SEAI's Domestic Standard & Specification document (DTSS).
- To be eligible for door grant support a whole house solution must be achieved. Each door must be assessed individually to ensure that each individual door, whether upgraded or not, achieves a U-value $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$.
- The door grant is capped at a maximum of 2 doors regardless of the number of doors upgraded.

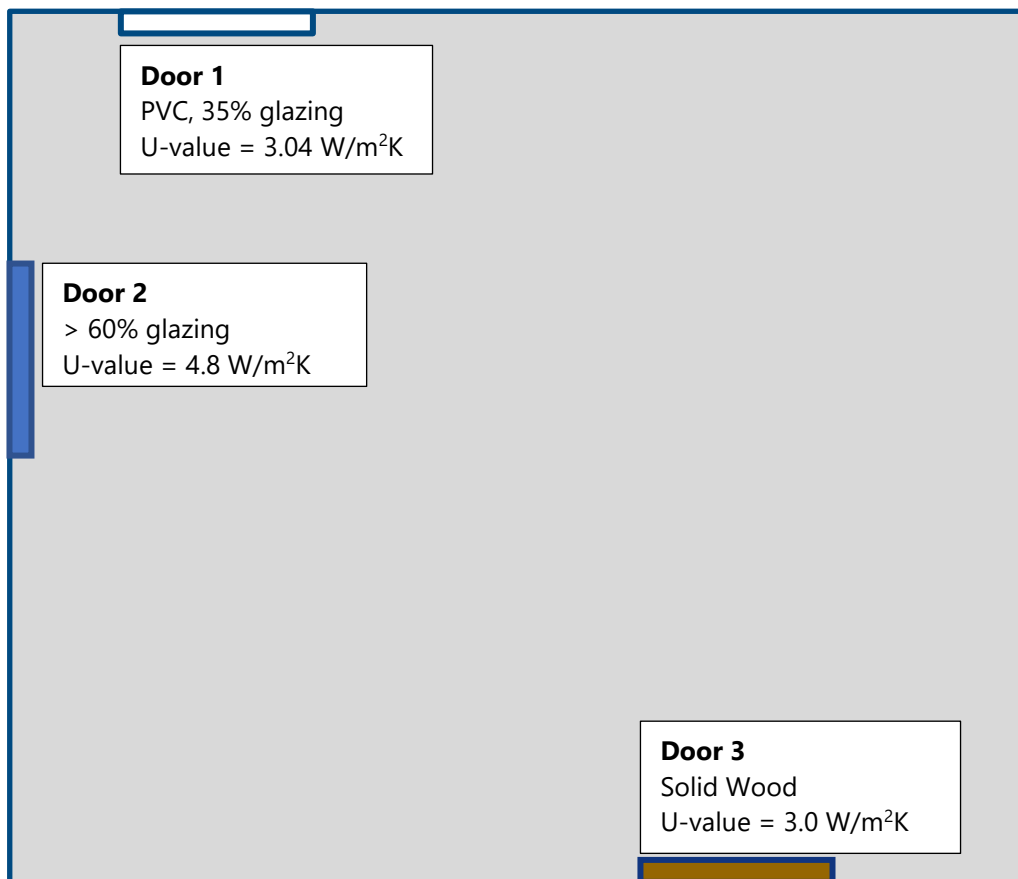
Example

The property below has 3no external doors as referenced in the diagram.

All 3no doors must each be upgraded to a certified U-value of $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, as listed, to be eligible for the external door grant, and to provide a whole house solution in accordance with scheme requirements.

- **Door 1:** upgrade from 3.04 to $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- **Door 2:** upgrade from 4.8 to $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- **Door 3:** upgrade from 3.0 to $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$

If "Door 3" had a U-value of $0.8 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ prior to works, both "Door 1" and "Door 2" would each need to be upgraded to $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, to avail of the door grant.



Windows

- Where window(s) are upgraded, all windows in the property must achieve (at minimum) the standard outlined in SEAI's Domestic Standard & Specification document (DTSS).
- To be eligible for window grant support a whole house solution must be achieved. Each window must be assessed individually to ensure that each individual window, whether upgraded or not, achieves a U-value $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$.

Example

The property below has 5no windows as referenced in the diagram.

"Window 3, 4, and 5" must each be upgraded to a certified U-value $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$, as listed, to be eligible for the window grant support, and to provide a whole house solution in accordance with scheme requirements.

- **Window 3:** upgrade from 2.8 to $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$
- **Window 4:** upgrade from 2.8 to $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$
- **Window 5:** upgrade from 2.8 to $\leq 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$

In this example both "Window 1" and "Window 2" do not need to be upgraded as they both, when assessing each window individually, are $< 1.4 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$ each and meet the standard outlined in SEAI's Domestic Standard and Specification document (DTSS).



Extensions built post 2010

Where upgrade work is completed on a property where the original section was built and occupied pre-2011, and the new section or extension was built in 2011, the energy efficiency invoices linked to the upgraded measures must be split between the two sections i.e., SEAI only require the details and visibility of supply and fit invoices for the energy efficiency work in the original section (pre-2011).