Grants for a warmer home and electric cars

SEAI have grants that can help make your home warmer, cheaper to run, and cut your greenhouse gas emissions.

Check out the range of grants available and see if there is something that suits you.

Over 400,000 people have availed of a home energy grant, and 5,000 people have received a grant for an electric car.

Have you considered buying an electric car?

What's available?

If you are considering a new electric car, you can receive a range of financial incentives.

- Grants of up to €5,000 for new fully electric cars
- €600 to purchase and install a home charger unit (for new and second hand cars)

You can also claim VRT relief of up to €5,000 on new electric cars.

With an electric car, you benefit from lower running and maintenance costs, as well as the lowest rate of motor tax and reduced charges on tolls.

So what next?

We suggest you check out the list of cars on drivingelectric.ie. You can also compare running costs and features. Then find a car dealer near you on the dealership map and book a test drive.

After you decide on the electric car you would like to buy, your dealership will apply for the grant on your behalf.

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Do you receive certain welfare payments?

SEAI provides free home energy upgrades to eligible homes, based on a survey of your home. Upgrades may include:

- Attic insulation
- Wall insulation (Cavity or internal dry-lining or external)
- Draught proofing, lagging jacket and low energy lamps
- Replacement windows and heating system upgrades (Occasionally recommended, subject to technical assessment)

Is it for you?

- You own your own home.
- Your home was built and occupied before 2006.
- You are in receipt of one of the following welfare payments:
  - Fuel Allowance as part of the National Fuel Scheme
  - Job Seekers Allowance for over six months and have a child under seven years of age
  - Working Family Payment
  - One-Parent Family Payment
  - Domiciliary Care Allowance
  - Carers Allowance and live with the person you are caring for

- You cannot apply if you have received any free energy upgrades from SEAI before.

How do I apply?

You can apply by post or email. You can call us for more details and there is lots of information on our website.

Are you considering energy upgrades for your home?

Fixed grant amounts that are not means tested and are available to help you make your home more comfortable and cheaper to run.

What's available?

- Attic insulation €400
- Cavity wall insulation €400
- Internal Dry Lining Insulation
- Apartment or mid-terrace house €1,600
- Semi-detached or end of terrace €2,200
- Detached House €2,400
- External/Wall Insulation
- Apartment or mid-terrace house €2,790
- Semi-detached or end of terrace €4,500
- Detached House €6,000
- Solar PV up to €2,800
- Battery storage €1,000

The solar PV grant amount is dependent on the size of the system, and if battery storage is installed. There is a solar PV calculator on the SEAI website.

Is it for you?

- You own your own home.
- Your house was built and occupied before 2006 for all insulation and heating control upgrades and before 2011 for heat pumps, solar thermal and solar PV.

How do I apply for insulation or heating systems?

The first step is to select a SEAI registered contractor. Then you can apply for the grant online or by post. You have six months to get the works completed and claim the grant.

How do I apply for solar PV?

Firstly, check if you are eligible on the SEAI website. Make sure you use a registered solar PV installer. Then, you can claim the grant from October 2018.

Are you upgrading your home to an A-rating?

This grant supports homeowners who are doing a major renovation of their whole home and want to significantly improve the energy rating up to an A-rating.

You will receive a 50% grant towards the cost of energy upgrade works. Typical measures include:

- Attic, wall and floor insulation
- Renewable energy systems (e.g. solar thermal, solar PV and heatpumps)
- High performance windows
- Mechanical ventilation systems

Is it for you?

- You own your own home.
- Your home has a D1 rating or worse.
- You are upgrading your home to an A-rating.

How do I apply?

You should contact a service provider, such as your local energy agency, a contractor, an architect to apply on your behalf. There is a list of service providers who apply on behalf of homeowners on our website.

For more details visit [seai.ie/homeenergygrants](http://seai.ie/homeenergygrants) or contact 01 8082100