

# Solar PV Grants: Technical Bulletin

Solar PV Installation Guidance Series 2025-08-001 SPV

#### Introduction

Microgeneration is undergoing increasing popularity with homeowners. This is a big opportunity for your business. However, if we are going to scale up together, we need to bring about improvements in the efficient management of installs.

This document describes the issues and related clarifications that commonly arise on the programme.

SEAI requires that registered companies and their installers pay close attention to the contents of this document and use it for training purposes.

Installation must be carried out in accordance with the relevant:

- SEAI Domestic Technical Specifications and Standards (DTSS) and
- SPV Contractor's Code of Practice (COP)

In Appendix 2 of the Quality Assurance and Development Programme (QADP) there is a full list of checks, used by SEAI Inspectors. Use these checks as part of your own Quality Management System before signing and submitting a Declaration of Works Form (DOW) to SEAI. <a href="https://www.seai.ie/publications/Solar-PV-QADP.pdf">https://www.seai.ie/publications/Solar-PV-QADP.pdf</a>

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#### 1. New DOW with DCB

There is a new Declaration of Works form (DOW) published on the SEAI website. A new section has been added for those Homeowners that are eligible for the Defective Concrete Block Scheme (DCB). Contractors should now use this new DOW.

Are you Eligible for the Defective Concrete Block Scheme (DCB)						Yes 🗆	No [	]	
DCB Ref no. (Refer to correspondence from Local Authority)									
DCB Remediation Option: (tick box below)									
Option 1		Option 2		Option 3		Option 4		Option 5	

## 2. Creating a Solar PV Application

It is a requirement of the scheme that Homeowners fill in their own Solar PV application. It is necessary that the Homeowner agrees to the Terms and Conditions of the Scheme.

If it is found that a Company has completed the Solar PV application, this application will be rejected and the Company de-registered from the Solar PV Scheme. Extract from the Terms and Conditions 5. Applications will generally only be accepted on the SEAI website. Applications must be submitted by private individuals. Neither a Company nor an Assessor may apply on your behalf.

## 3. Post 2020 BER

When a Building Energy Rating (BER) is published, it includes the year the property was built. If the BER indicates that the property was constructed post-2020, SEAI may request confirmation of the property's construction year from the homeowner. If it is confirmed that the property was built post-2020, it does not meet the eligibility criteria for the Solar PV Scheme, and grant funding will not be paid.

# 4. Technical Department

The SEAI have a dedicated Technical Department. For technical advice or queries on Solar PV installations Contractors should contact our technical team on 012776977 or solarpv@seaiauditing.ie

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