

## **BWF Guidance Note:**

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# **REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND DOORS ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE GREEN HOMES GRANT SCHEME**

We understand that homeowners are keen to explore if their planned replacement windows and doors will be eligible under the Green Homes Grant Scheme.

Under the Scheme, homeowners in England can apply for vouchers to cover at least two thirds of the cost of eligible measures up to the value of £5,000 to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Low income households could be eligible to receive vouchers covering 100% of the total cost of improvements, up to a maximum of £10,000.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020, the Government released further detail about the Green Homes Grant Scheme. This factsheet summarises what we know to date, to help our members manage customer enquiries relating to window and door eligibility.

## **What we know as at 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020:**

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### **QUALIFYING HOME IMPROVEMENTS**

- The Green Homes Grant Scheme has been split into 'Primary Measures' and 'Secondary Measures', which wasn't indicated when the Scheme was first announced last month.
- Under the Scheme **at least one primary measure must be installed first**. This means that if a homeowner does not install at least one primary measure, such as cavity wall insulation, then they will **not** be eligible to access the Grant for a secondary improvement measure, such as the replacement of eligible entrance doors.
- To add to the complexity, homeowners can **only** receive funding for a secondary measure up to the amount of funding they are receiving for primary measures.

## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MEASURES EXPLAINED

### Primary Measures

**One** of the following primary measures **must** be installed before you can get funding towards a secondary measure

#### **Insulation** - covering:

- Solid wall insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- Roof insulation
- Under-floor insulation

#### **Low Carbon Heat** – covering:

- Airsource heat pumps
- Ground source heat pumps
- Solar thermal top-ups

### Secondary Measures

You can **only** get funding for a secondary measure if you have a primary measure installed as part of the Grant first

#### **Windows** – covering:

- Replacement of single glazing
- The installation of secondary glazing rather than replacement of single glazing

#### **Doors** – covering:

- Replacement of doors that were installed before 2002

#### **Draught Proofing**

#### **Heating Controls & Insulation:** -

Covering smart heating control and appliance thermostats as examples.

## ELIGIBILITY MEASURES

To qualify for any grant, the homeowner must install **at least one primary measure before they are eligible towards a secondary measure . . .**



One Primary Measure



One or more Primary Measures



At least one Primary Measure + a Secondary Measure



One Secondary Measure



One or more Secondary Measure

The grant towards secondary measures **can be no more** than the grant towards any primary measures. For example, if the homeowner has spent £2,000 of the Grant on roof insulation, they can only get up to £2,000 of the remaining Grant for the replacement of single-glazed windows.

### The current requirements for replacement doors and windows:

**Windows** – U-value 1.6 W/m<sup>2</sup>K or a Window Energy Rating of band C or better.

**Doorsets** – U-value 1.8 W/m<sup>2</sup>K or a Doorset Energy Rating of band E or better.

All installations must be notified to Building Control either via a Competent Person Scheme such as FENSA or directly with the Local Authority.

All windows and doorsets which are made to a repeated design or system including “made-to-measure” products must be CE marked.

## A FOCUS ON REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

- **The replacement of windows is classed as a secondary measure**, meaning that the Green Homes Grant will only be accessible if the homeowner has had a primary measure installed under the Grant Scheme.
- Under the Scheme, **the only windows that are eligible are single-glazed windows.**
- The Green Homes Grant does not cover the replacement of double-glazed or triple-glazed windows, regardless of their energy efficiency rating or date of installation.

### Window Eligibility

- ✓ Replacement of single-glazing to double-glazing
- ✓ Replacement of single-glazing to triple-glazing
- ✓ Where single-glazing exists, secondary-glazing rather than replacement windows can be installed
- ✗ Upgrade from double-glazing to a more energy-efficient double-glazing
- ✗ Upgrade from double-glazing to triple-glazing

## A FOCUS ON REPLACEMENT ENTRANCE DOORS

- When the Green Homes Grant Scheme was announced, the Government implied that the upgrade to 'energy efficient doors' would be included.
- The replacement of entrance doors that were installed before 2002 have been included as a secondary measure.
- As yet the Government **has not provided a clear definition of what constitutes an energy-efficient door**, but meeting current Building Regulations is what we imagine to be the case.

### Entrance Door Eligibility

- ✓ Replacement of existing entrance doors that were installed prior to 2002
- ✗ Replacement of existing entrance doors that were installed in 2002 or after