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The Warm Home Discount (Amendment) Regulations 2025

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2)

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 9, 10, 14, 14A(1) and 31(5) and (6) of the Energy Act 2010(**a**) ("the Act") with the consent of the Treasury(**b**).

In accordance with section 14(1) of the Act, the Secretary of State has consulted the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, licensed electricity suppliers, licensed gas suppliers and such other persons as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.

In accordance with section 14(5) of the Act, the Secretary of State has carried out a review of the current scheme.

In accordance with section 31(2) of the Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

PART 1

Introductory

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Warm Home Discount (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(**a**) 2010 c. 27. Section 9 was amended by section 58(2) of the Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), section 14A was inserted by section 58(3) of that Act and section 31(6) was amended by section 58(7) of that Act. See the definitions of 'licensed electricity supplier' and 'licensed gas supplier' in section 15(5).

(**b**) Treasury consent is required by section 14(3) of the Act.

(3) This Part extends to England and Wales and Scotland.

(4) Part 2 extends to England and Wales only.

(5) Part 3 extends to Scotland only.

PART 2

Amendments to the Warm Home Discount (England and Wales) Regulations 2022

2. The Warm Home Discount (England and Wales) Regulations 2022(**a**) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 and 4.

3. In regulation 4(3)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "12(7) and" substitute "10, 12(5) to"; and

(b) after sub-paragraph (b), insert—

"(ba) the powers of the Secretary of State under regulation 11,".

4. In regulation 8(3)(b), for "1st March 2026", substitute "31st March 2026".

PART 3

Amendments to the Warm Home Discount (Scotland) Regulations 2022

5. The Warm Home Discount (Scotland) Regulations 2022(**b**) are amended in accordance with regulations 6 and 7.

6. After regulation 18, insert—

"Uplift of aggregate non-core spending obligation for scheme year 15

18A.—(1) The aggregate non-core spending obligation for scheme year 15 is to be increased by £39 million ("the uplift").

(2) The Authority must—

(a) recalculate each compulsory scheme electricity supplier's non-core spending obligation for scheme year 15, to take account of the uplift, in accordance with paragraph (3); and

(b) notify each compulsory scheme electricity supplier of its recalculated non-core spending obligation on or before the 25th working day after this regulation comes into force.

(3) The non-core spending obligation must be recalculated by adding to the supplier's non-core spending obligation (as adjusted in accordance with regulation 18) the amount of the uplift that is proportionate to that supplier's scheme year 15 obligation percentage.".

7. In regulation 19, after paragraph (1), insert—

"(1A) In scheme year 15, the amount a compulsory scheme electricity supplier must spend under this Part is their non-core spending obligation as notified in accordance with regulation 18A(2)(b).".

(**a**) S.I. 2022/772.
(**b**) S.I. 2022/1073.

Name
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

We consent

Name
Name
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Warm Home Discount (England and Wales) Regulations 2022 to extend the period in which rebates can be issued in scheme year 15 to 31st March 2026. The amendments also extend the effect of a supplier's obligations regarding provision of payments in response to rebate notices and the Secretary of State's discretion to disapply the requirement to comply with a rebate in certain circumstances. This supports amendments that are intended to be made to the Secretary of State's eligibility statement for the scheme by allowing more time for rebates to be issued.

These Regulations also amend the Warm Home Discount (Scotland) Regulations 2022 to increase spending in the final year of the scheme provided for in those Regulations.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the public sector has been produced and is available at www.legislation.gov.uk. Hard copies of the impact assessment can be obtained from the Warm Home Discount Team, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, 3-8 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2EG.

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