

Green Deal

The Green Deal is designed to encourage the installation of energy efficient measures in buildings to reduce the amount of energy used to heat and light them. The attraction for the energy consumer is that there is no upfront cost for the installation of these energy efficient measures. Instead a small surcharge is added to the electricity bill of the building which will pay for the installation of the measures over a specified period. The Green Deal "Golden Rule", set out in legislation, specifies that any surcharge on the energy bill must be less or equal to the expected savings from the installed energy saving measures over the specified time period.

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) is designed to work with Green Deal to provide additional funding for the fuel poor and for more expensive measures e.g. solid wall insulation which may not fit the "Golden Rule". Installers have to be accredited and approved via the requirements of the green deal installer installation standard (PAS 2030). Installers approved for measures under this PAS will also need to comply with the Green Deal code of Practice and be registered with the Green Deal Registration and Oversight body (GD ORB) to carry out work under the Green Deal. Registrations with GD ORB will be made on the installers behalf by their certification body who will also issue installers with their Green Deal Mark.

For more information follow the links

<https://www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures/how-the-green-deal-works>

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Take-action/Find-a-grant/Green-Deal-and-ECO>

<http://www.bbacerts.co.uk/green-deal.aspx>