

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CENTRAL HEATING PROGRAMME

The following is a summary of the Scottish Government Central Heating Programme. The scheme is intended to lift Scottish households who currently lack central heating and adequate insulation, out of fuel poverty.

Eligibility & Measures available:

The Scottish Government's Central Heating Programme provides central heating, insulation and advice.

The programme is available to householders who are aged 60 years or over, own their home or have a tenancy agreement with a private sector landlord to include life rent, have lived there for over 12 months, reside in Scotland and the home must not be subject to a demolition order.

From 27th October 2008, the Central Heating Programme is giving priority to those who:

- 1. have never had a central heating system;**
- 2. have a central heating system which is broken beyond repair and the applicant or partner is in receipt of the Guarantee Element of Pension Credit;**
- 3. have a central heating system which is broken beyond repair and the applicant or partner is over 75 years of age;**
- 4. have a partial or inefficient system and are in receipt of the Guarantee Element of Pension Credit;**
- 5. have a partial or inefficient system and are aged 80 or over.**

Eligible householders with a broken central heating system which can be repaired will be offered help if the cost of the repair is between £400 - £750. If the repair cost are above £750 a new system will be installed.

There is a maximum grant for the Programme, £3500, measures up to this value will be Free. Householders will be asked to pay additional costs if over £3500. Where the lowest cost central heating system is over £3500 the maximum grant will be £5500.

The Central Heating Programme provides the following package of measures:

- A central heating system (mains gas, electric, solid fuel and oil)
- Loft, tank and pipe insulation; cavity wall insulation; and draught proofing
- Advice to help you use your new central heating system efficiently
- A carbon-monoxide detector (except when heating is electric), a mains linked smoke detector, and cold alarm.
- An optional check of entitlement to state benefits

In addition to the package of measures, applicants or partner is aged 80 years will receive help with loft clearance.

To confirm your eligibility for the Scottish Government's Central Heating Programme contact: Duty Advisor on Freephone 0800 512012

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