



A new Government scheme (The Green Homes Grant) launching in September will help homeowners in England improve the energy efficiency of their properties via a £5,000 grant. The grant can be used for a whole range of energy saving improvements including double-glazing, loft insulation, solid wall insulation and floor insulation.

In terms of the approved installers, all installers must be Trustmark Accredited and to gain Trustmark Accreditation you must be certified by one of their partnering companies in the energy efficiency measure you wish to install and assessed against PAS2030.

Below is a quick guide to gaining compliance and the current costs associated.

To gain PAS 2030 then you must apply to the likes of NICEIC, BBA, Stroma, Blueflame or Ocean, to name just a few, who are approved to certify against PAS2030:2019 as the certification against PAS2030:2017 we believe is no longer possible.

PAS2030:2019 is also an important aspect in the forthcoming PAS2035 standard. PAS 2035 is a new overarching document within the retrofit standards framework which is due to be introduced following the recommendations of the Each Home Counts review. PAS 2035 essentially provides a full specification for the energy retrofit of domestic buildings, and requires specific details, specification and best practice for domestic retrofit projects. Following a transition period, the government has proposed to make compliance with PAS 2035 mandatory for all public funded projects which would also include ECO funded projects, however due to Covid 19 we do not have a confirmed timeline for this currently.

PAS 2030:2019 requires that you have a fully supported Quality Management system with all supporting documents.

This will include:

- Pre-installation building survey
- Method statement
- Design specification mapped to PAS 2035
- Equipment and tools handling and storage
- Installation instructions to operatives
- Intermediate inspections
- People training and competency
- Engagement of subcontract installers
- Commissioning

- Handover
- Installation control
- Documents and record keeping
- Process management
- Internal audit, corrective and preventative action
- Complaints procedure
- Interaction with customers
- Claims of compliance

As part of the PAS2030 process there will be an office audit to review the Quality Management Systems and documentation as well as a site visit to ensure that all work and procedures are being adhered to correctly. As part of PAS2030:2019 it is essential that 1 operative in 4 has gained or is working towards their NVQ in the energy efficient measure which they intend to install.

Organisations providing training in external wall insulation to NVQ standard

Goldtrowel www.goldtrowel.co.uk

Now Get Qualified www.nowgetqualified.co.uk

Construction Skills People www.constructionskillspeople.co.uk

North West Skills Academy www.nwskillsacademy.co.uk

Scottish Qualifications Authority www.sqa.org.uk

The cost of this training is generally somewhere between £795 - £950 and takes approximately 3-4 months. It is worth checking with the provider if there is any funding available towards the NVQ.

To comply with PAS2035, PAS2030:2019 installers will also have to identify a Retrofit Co-ordinator that they will be able to work with along with a Retrofit Advisor / Assessor / Designer and Evaluator; however, a Retrofit Co-ordinator can fulfil multiples roles.

For the Green Homes Grant Scheme, it is believed that the requirement of mapping to PAS2035 will not be required.

You will also need access / copies to the following documents, some of which will incur a charge.

PAS 2030:2019

Building Regulations

PAS2035

The NICEIC, Ocean and the BBA offer PAS2030:2019 certification schemes – the current pricing of these schemes are below, but please contact the scheme provider directly for confirmation.

NICEIC

£115.00 + VAT Application fee

£340.00 + VAT Office audit fee

£340.00 + VAT Site audit fee

£98.00 + VAT Trustmark registration fee

Annual fee to maintain PAS2030 is £680.00 + VAT (office and site audit) plus Trustmark fee.

BBA

£873.00 + VAT (all-inclusive of office and site audits)

£60.00 + VAT Trustmark registration

Annual fee would be quoted at the time of renewal but is lower than the initial fee, plus Trustmark fee.

Ocean Certification

£1200.00 + VAT (all-inclusive of office and site audits)

£89.00 +VAT Trustmark registration

Annual fee to maintain £990.00 + VAT plus Trustmark fee.

Ocean Certification operate a system whereby once you have submitted all your documents, they are assessed in 7-14 days and you will be PAS2030:2019 approved at that point. The site audits will take place after the approval and within 6 months.

The above is only a quick guide price based upon the 3 accreditation companies, but gives a good idea of the general upfront and ongoing costs.

If you do not have a Quality Management system to the prescribed levels to ascertain PAS2030:2019 certification, then **Easy Green Deal** offer a service whereby they will support you with all the documentation and procedures you require for the audits.

This support service is £495.00 + VAT (based upon a maximum of 4 measures) with an ongoing support charge should you wish to maintain it of £395.00 + VAT per annum.

The above information is designed to help with the understanding of the process required to gain PAS2030 accreditation and whilst we have identified some of the companies in the process this is not an endorsement of those companies. We would always recommend that a company should undertake their own research before committing to an accreditation company or service support company.