

Calderdale Council ECO4 Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent

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Guidance

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO), is a government energy efficiency scheme for Great Britain, administered by the government's department of the Office of gas and electricity markets (Ofgem).

This statement sets out the Calderdale Council's flexible eligibility criteria for the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) scheme from April 2022 to March 2026.

The ECO4 scheme will focus on supporting low income and vulnerable households. The scheme will improve the least energy efficient homes helping to meet the Government's fuel poverty and net zero commitments.

The flexible approach for Local Authorities (LAs) for identifying fuel poor and vulnerable households who may benefit from heating and energy saving measures is referred to as ECO4 Flexible Eligibility or "ECO4 Flex".

The Council welcomes the introduction of the ECO4 Flex eligibility routes as it helps the Council achieve its aims to lower carbon emissions and improve the homes of those in fuel poverty or vulnerable to the cold.

The Council is publishing this Statement of Intent (SoI) on the 15th November 2022 to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the four available routes outlined below:

➤ **Route 1**

Properties in SAP bands D-G owner-occupied households and private rented sector E-G households with an income less than £31,000. This cap applies irrespective of the property size, composition, or region.

➤ **Route 2**

SAP bands E-G for owner-occupied households and private rented sector households that meet a combination of two of the following proxies: (except for 2.1 and 2.5 which cannot be used together):

- 2.1. Homes in England in Lower-layer Super Output Area (LSOA) 1-3¹.
- 2.2. Household receiving a Council Tax rebate (rebates based on low income only, excludes single person rebates).
- 2.3. Household vulnerable to living in a cold home as identified in the [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence \(NICE\) Guideline 6](#). Only one from the list can be used, excludes the proxy 'low income'.
- 2.4. A householder receiving free school meals due to low-income.
- 2.5. A householder supported by a LA run scheme, that has been named and described by the LA as supporting low income and vulnerable households for the purposes of the NICE Guideline.
- 2.6. A household referred to the LA for support by their energy supplier or Citizens Advice Bureau, because they have been identified as struggling to pay their electricity and gas bills.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>.

➤ **Route 3**

SAP bands D-G owner-occupied households and private rented sector E-G households that have been identified by their doctor or GP as low-income and vulnerable, with an occupant whose health conditions may be impacted further by living in a cold home. These health conditions may be cardiovascular, respiratory, immunosuppressed, or limited mobility related. This is because the Council has identified a positive correlation between households who suffer from long-term health conditions and living off a low-income, with living in poorly insulated homes.

➤ **Route 4**

SAP band D-G owner-occupied households and private rented sector E-G households that are referred under Route 4: Bespoke Targeting. Suppliers and LAs can submit an application to BEIS where they have identified a low income and vulnerable household, who are not already eligible under the existing routes.

Declaration and evidence check confirmation

All potentially eligible households should apply through Calderdale Council or a [Trustmark approved](#) Energy Company Obligation (ECO) installer to ensure that they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme.

All installer applications must include a signed declaration by the resident that (to the best of their knowledge) they meet the qualification criteria, along with proof of income or other evidence to demonstrate how they qualify for one of the application routes as defined above. Installers should include their company name, full business address, Trustmark registration number, VAT registration number, and contact information along with each application.

ECO flex applications will be checked and verified on behalf of the local authority by the Council's Housing Energy Action Team. Applications should be emailed to: Heat@calderdale.gov.uk.

Installers seeking to submit applications should contact the Housing Energy Action Team on the email address above to request copies of the customer declaration and installer application forms.

Any queries relating to the scheme can be made by telephone to 01422 392199.

Local Authority Declaration

The Calderdale Council will administer the flexible declaration scheme according to the government's ECO4 Order and will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process. The Council's Director of Regeneration and Strategy will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECO4 Flex.

The eligibility information will be stored securely in line with the Council's data protection policy, Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code, and BEIS guidance.

Signature:



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Date of signature:

4 November 2022

For any general enquires relating to this Statement of Intent, please contact heat@calderdale.gov.uk