

Feed-in Tariffs - eligibility for Hydropower projects

It is necessary for new hydro projects up to 5MW capacity to have the following accreditation and certification in order to be eligible for FITs.

Up to 50kW project capacity

1. Up to July 2011, the following applied:

Installations applying for the scheme which have a capacity of 50kW or less are required to use Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) eligible products installed by an MCS accredited installer.

While the certification process is being organised and certification bodies appointed and assessed, "Transition Arrangements" will be put in place.

The MCS transition arrangements for **hydro products** are now available on the microgeneration certification website: www.microgenerationcertification.org. BHA believes that the list of products on this website does not indicate products from other suppliers who have indicated an interest in being certified under the transitional arrangements.

Transition arrangements for micro **hydro installers** will be posted on the MCS website shortly.

Upon completion of this process, generators will then be required to contact a FIT Supplier with their MCS installation details.

2. From July 2011:

Micro – hydropower was declared to have no "exclusive link" to MCS.

From 1 August 2011 until 31 March 2012 applications for FiT must be made through Ofgem using the ROO-FiT process. There is no current requirement for turbines and installers to be MCS certified in order to qualify for FITs. This situation may change on 31 March 2012 since DECC is considering alternatives to MCS.

1. Original removal of the "exclusive link" to MCS
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/1181/pdfs/uksi_20111181_en.pdf
2. Alteration of time limit
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/1655/pdfs/uksi_20111655_en.pdf

From 50kW to 5MW project capacity

To apply for the FIT scheme, installations that are between 50kW and 5MW generators will need to apply for accreditation through the ROO-FiT process via Ofgem's [Renewable and CHP Register](#).

Further guidance on the ROO-FiT process is available in the [RO: Guidance for Generators](#).

Upon completion of this process, generators will then be required to contact a FIT Supplier with their ROO-FiT details.

Further details and confirmation of some of the above can be found on the Ofgem website at:
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sustainability/environment/fits/Pages/fits.aspx>

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