



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Cost of living help and ECO grant

Dear resident,

I know that this is a challenging time for many households with the rise in the cost of living, particularly with energy bills. As well as the support already being given through electricity bills, and direct payments to those on certain benefits, the Government is committed to helping with longer term issues.

I wanted to write and let you know about a new scheme that can help to keep your home warmer. From spring this year, the Government are offering grants through the Energy Company Obligation Plus (ECO+) Scheme. This is a grant targeted at homes in council tax bands A-D, which also have a low energy efficiency rating.

The new scheme will run from spring 2023 until 2026 and is estimated to save UK households around £310 a year on their energy bills. Each household can apply for up to £1,500 to spend on improving energy efficiency measures.

The ECO+ Scheme covers the installation of insulation and low-carbon heating, such as:

- Internal walls insulation
- Loft insulation
- Room in a roof insulation
- Air source heat pumps
- Park Home Insulation

ECO+ is a grant and not a loan, meaning that you won't have pay back the costs. If you choose one of the more expensive options, you may have to contribute towards costs, but insulation is likely to be fully covered by the grant, with nothing to pay for the homeowner or tenant.

How to apply

Applications will be made through your energy supplier. You can already register your interest with most suppliers now – contact your energy supplier for more details. You can also find a list on my website, which also has further information about the support available for the cost of living. <https://www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk/cost-living-advice>

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael ."

Michael Tomlinson MP