

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 – 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 (Sol) on the 03/02/2023 to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the four available routes outlined below:

Route 1: 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:

Proxy 1) Homes in England in Lower-layer Super Output Area 1-3 (LSOA) ¹ , or homes in Welsh provision LSOA 1-3 on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 ² , or the Index of Multiple Deprivation for 2020, published by the Scottish Government ³
Proxy 2) Householders receiving a Council Tax reduction (based on low income only).
Proxy 3) Householders vulnerable to living in a cold home as identified in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance ⁴ . Only one from the list can be used, excludes the proxy 'low income'.
Proxy 4) A householder receiving free school meals due to low-income.

Proxy 5) This route is not in use - 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 NICE Guideline.

Proxy 6) A household referred to the LA for support by their energy supplier or Citizen's Advice or Citizen's Advice Scotland, because they have been identified as struggling to pay their electricity and gas bills.

* Note proxies 1 and 3 cannot be used together.

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 exiting routes.

- ¹ [The English Indices of Deprivation 2019 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- ² [Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation \(full Index update with ranks\): 2019 | GOV.WALES](https://gov.wales)
- ³ [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)
- ⁴ [Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes \(nice.org.uk\)](https://nice.org.uk)

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.

The officer below will be responsible for checking and verifying declarations and associated evidence submitted on behalf of the local authority:

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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: 

Name: Shelagh O'Neill

Job Title: Director of Regeneration and Strategy

Date of signature: 2nd February 2023

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

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