

## Feed In Tariffs

Solar PV Feed In Tariffs (FITs) are available to anyone wishing to generate their own electricity, including home owners, public sector bodies, charities and businesses. Anyone producing up to 5 megawatts of electricity (see table below) will qualify, with most installations being well under this limit. Payments for Solar PV systems are RPI index linked, tax free and will continue for 25 years after the system is installed and are in addition to savings made to electricity bills. So there are three ways to earn money from the PV Feed In Tariffs.

- Depending on system size the *Generation Tariff* (see table below) pays you for each kWh of electricity produced
- In addition an *Export Tariff* is paid for electricity exported to the National Grid – see below
- The Electricity savings whereby the consumers use the generated electricity, i.e. do not need to buy this from their electricity utility

### **Starting Generation Tariffs (p/kWh) – FIT payments**

PV System Type & Size	Eligibility Date (FIT Supplier receives valid FIT Application)			
	Apr 2010 to Mar 2011	Apr 2011 to 11 Dec 2011	12 Dec 2011 to Mar 2012	Apr 2012 to Mar 2013**
up to 4 kW (new)	36.1	37.8	37.8 then 	21.0
up to 4 kW (retrofit)	41.3	43.3	43.3 then 	21.0
Over 4kW & up to 10kW	36.1	37.8	37.8 then 	16.8
Over 10kW & up to 100kW	31.4	32.9	32.9 then 	15.2
Over 100kW & up to 5MW	29.3	30.7	30.7 then 	12.9
Standalone*	29.3	30.7	30.7 then 	8.5

\* Standalone systems only feed electricity back into the National Grid.

\*\* Proposed 31-10-11 (to be confirmed) see

[http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting\\_energy/renewable\\_ener/feedin\\_tariff/fits\\_review/fits\\_review.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/renewable_ener/feedin_tariff/fits_review/fits_review.aspx)

### **Starting Export Tariffs (p/kWh) – FIT payments**

PV System Type & Size	Eligibility Date (FIT Supplier receives valid FIT Application)			
	Apr 2010 to Mar 2011	Apr 2011 to 11 Dec 2011	12 Dec 2011 to Mar 2012	Apr 2012 to Mar 2013
up to 4 kW (new)	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
up to 4 kW (retrofit)	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
Over 4kW & up to 10kW	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
Over 10kW & up to 100kW	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
Over 100kW & up to 5MW	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
Standalone*	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1

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It is noteworthy that the 31 October 2011 proposals include that from 1 April 2012 buildings being used for PV installations will have to reach a defined minimum level of energy efficiency in order to be eligible for the standard solar PV tariffs and that those that don't comply will only be paid 9p/kWh generation tariff. The minimum energy efficiency level will be:

- an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of C or above, or
- confirmation that all measures identified on an EPC as potentially eligible for Green Deal finance have been undertaken.

Related explanations can be found at:

[http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting\\_energy/renewable\\_ener/feedin\\_tariff/fits\\_review/fits\\_review.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/renewable_ener/feedin_tariff/fits_review/fits_review.aspx)

### Explanation of the Eligibility Date

- The Eligibility Date is the date from which an installation becomes eligible for FIT payments.
- For the vast majority of PV installations (all that have a declared net capacity of 50kW or less), this will be the date your FIT Supplier (also known as the FIT Licensee) receives a valid FIT Application for an installation. This will be after the date on which their PV system is installed.

For further information about FITs it is recommended that you visit the following websites

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Generate-your-own-energy/Financial-incentives/UK-Government-proposed-changes-to-solar-PV-Feed-in-Tariffs>

and

[http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting\\_energy/renewable\\_ener/feedin\\_tariff/feedin\\_tariff.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/renewable_ener/feedin_tariff/feedin_tariff.aspx)

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