



Ceredigion County Council ECO4 Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent

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This statement sets out Ceredigion County 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) to identifying fuel poor and vulnerable households who may benefit from heating and energy saving measures is referred to as "ECO4 Flex".

Ceredigion County Council welcomes the introduction of the ECO4 Flex eligibility routes as it helps the Council achieve its plans to improve the homes of those in fuel poverty or vulnerable to the cold.

The Council is publishing this Statement of Intent (SoI) on the **05/01/2023** to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the three available routes outlined below:

Route 1: EPC/SAP bands D-G owner-occupied households and private rented sector E-G households with a gross income less than £31,000. This cap applies irrespective of the property size, composition, or region.

Route 2: EPC/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 Welsh provision LSOA 1-3 on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019. ¹
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. 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) *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 because they have been identified as struggling to pay their electricity and gas bills.

* **Note proxies 1 and 3 cannot be used together.**

*** Note proxy 5 is unavailable. Ceredigion County Council does not run a scheme that meets these criteria.**

Route 3: EPC/SAP bands D-G owner-occupied households and private rented sector E-G households that have been identified by their doctor or GP as vulnerable, with an occupant suffering from a severe and / or long-term health condition that is adversely affected by living in a cold home. These health conditions must be cardiovascular, respiratory, immunosuppressed, or limited mobility related.

¹ [Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation \(full Index update with ranks\): 2019 | GOV.WALES](#)

Declaration and evidence check confirmation

All potentially eligible households should apply through one of Ceredigion County Council's approved ECO4 Flex installers/providers to ensure that they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme. The Council does not accept referrals from lead generators or third parties that are not on the Council's approved list of ECO4 Flex installers/providers.

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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CEO or dedicated responsible person mandatory signature

Ceredigion County Council will administer the scheme according to BEIS' ECO4 Order and will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process. The CEO of the Council 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: Mr. Eifion Evans

Job Title: Chief Executive

Date of signature: 22.12.22

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