

Energy Awareness Self-Assessment

Element 1

Identify a range of heating and hot water systems and appliances found in homes

Identify heating appliances by type:

	Competent
Electric oil-filled radiator	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storage heater (using Economy 7 tariff)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric fan heater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric radiant fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric convector heater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas radiant/ convector fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas convector heater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bottled gas heater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solid fuel room heater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open fire (coal or other solid fuel)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Identify the functions of hot water appliances by type:

	Competent
Electric immersion heater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric instantaneous heater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas multipoint water heater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hot water from a central heating boiler	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solid fuel back boiler	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar thermal panel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combination boiler	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify different types of flue	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Element 2

Competent

Convert temperature from °C to °F and from °F to °C

Temperature conversion formula using a calculator	
°C to °F	$^{\circ}\text{C} \times 1.8 + 32 = ^{\circ}\text{F}$
°F to °C	$^{\circ}\text{F} - 32 \div 1.8 = ^{\circ}\text{C}$

Identify the type and function of controls on heating and hot water systems

Competent

Boiler thermostat

Thermostatic radiator valve

Room thermostat

Central heating system programmer

Storage heater input/ charge control

Storage heater output/ boost control

Set mechanical and digital heating programmers with reference to the manufacturer's written instructions

List the checks that are needed if a domestic heating system does not appear to be working

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Element 3

Advise clients on the efficient and safe use of heating and hot water systems and appliances

Competent

State the optimum room temperature to aim for if there are elderly people or very young children in the home

State the recommended temperature for storing hot water in a storage cylinder

Explain and demonstrate how to set a mechanical programmer on a central heating system

Explain the factors which affect of the warming up and cooling down period of a domestic dwelling when setting a heating programmer

Identify the main safety issues relating to the use of fuel-burning appliances



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Element 4

Interpret domestic fuel cost data using reference materials

Competent

Interpret fuel cost information from Comparative Domestic Heating Costs tables supplied by Sutherland



Using Comparative Domestic Heating Costs tables, make recommendations on:

Comparative costs of fuel



Efficiencies of heating types



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COMPARATIVE DOMESTIC HEATING COSTS - THE MIDLANDS - APRIL 2012
SPACE HEATING FOR AN AVERAGE SIZE ROOM

FUEL sold in units of	Unit cost in pence (Inc VAT)	Type of heating system	Average Efficiency %	Cost per useful kWh in pence	Annual standing charge (Inc VAT) £	Cost of maintenance £	Cost of 3100 kWh for room heating (1) £
Wood Pellets 1 Tonne (inc delivery charge)	27093	Closed roomheater	70	8.23	-	25	280
Housecoal-Grade A 50 kg	1548	Open fire	28	13.26	-	25	436
Premium Briquettes 50 kg	-	-	37	12.45	-	25	411
Anthracite Nuts 50 kg	-	-	-	6.30	-	25	220

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COMPARATIVE DOMESTIC HEATING COSTS - THE MIDLANDS - APRIL 2012
SPACE AND WATER HEATING FOR HOUSES

FUEL sold in units of	Unit cost in pence (Inc VAT)	Type of heating system	Average system efficiency %	Cost per useful kWh space htg	Cost per useful kWh dhw htg	Annual standing charges (Inc VAT) £	Cost of service & running pump £	Fuel Supplier Discount £ or %	Annual cost of space & water heating for average size houses
									2 Bed (1) 3 Bed (2) 4 Bed (3)
Wood Pellets 1 Tonne (inc delivery charge)	27093	Pellet Boiler Radiators & DHW cylinder	80	-	7.21	-	-	-	-
Housecoal-Grade A 50 kg	1548	Open fire with back boiler Radiators & DHW cylinder	60	-	14.41	-	35	-	1033 1368 1962
Anthracite Nuts 50 kg	-	Room heater with back boiler Radiators & DHW cylinder	-	25	6.19	-	-	-	942 1242 1765
Anthracite Grains 50 kg	1827	Room heater with back boiler Radiators & DHW cylinder	70	-	5.40	-	35	-	670 1143 1610
Representative Supplier (Powergen) First 900 units	a) 23.66	Electric radiators	100	-	12.39	-	-	-	769 1013 1439
Balance of Day Units	b) 12.39	Immersion water htr	-	70	17.70	0.00	-	-	-
		Ground Source Heat Pump Underfloor	-	-	-	-	-	6%	1575 2084 3011
		Radiators	300	-	4.13	-	-	-	509 738 1067
		Air Source Heat Pump Underfloor	210	-	5.90	-	-	-	753 983 1413
		Radiators	210	-	5.90	-	-	-	687 891 1262
		Air Source Heat Pump Underfloor	175	-	4.96	-	-	-	884 1160 1676
		Radiators	-	175	7.08	-	-	-	-
		Immersion water htr	-	-	7.08	-	-	-	-

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Element 5

Advise clients on how to record gas and electricity consumption and work out costs

Identify domestic fuel meters by type:

	Competent
Electric digital	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric dial	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric Economy 7/ White meter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric and gas prepayment meters	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas digital	<input type="checkbox"/>

Record accurate readings for electricity meters:

	Competent
Digital	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dial	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economy 7/ White meter	<input type="checkbox"/>

Record accurate readings for a gas meter

	Competent
Digital	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Element 5 continued

Competent

Given two different meter readings over time, calculate the amount of gas and electricity used

Given the cost of fuel, calculate the cost of gas or electricity used over a period of time

List the information usually found on a prepayment meter



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Element 5 continued

Advise clients on how to record gas and electricity consumption and work out costs

Competent

Explain how to read meters and how to work out the cost of fuel

Identify the wattage on a range of lighting and electrical household appliances

Identify the energy efficiency rating of a range of electrical household appliances with reference to the EU labelling scheme

How to calculate electricity used

Power rating x Time = Energy used

(Watts ÷ 1000) kW x (minutes ÷ 60) hours = Units of electricity (kWh)

For a 2500 watt appliance used for 30 minutes

(2500 watts ÷ 1000) x (30 minutes ÷ 60)

2.5kW x 0.5 hours = 1.25 kWh

For a 1 Kilowatt appliance used for 1 hour

1 kW x 1 hour = 1 kWh

How to calculate the cost of electricity used

Units of electricity (kWh) x Unit cost of electricity (pence) = Cost of electricity used (pence)

1.25 (kWh) x 15 p = 18.6p

1 (kWh) x 15 p = 15p

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Element 6

Inform clients of ways of paying for gas and electricity

Competent

Interpret and explain the information on gas and electricity bills



Recommend ways of paying for gas and electricity to meet the needs of different households



List the ways of paying off gas and electricity debt



List the organisations which provide specialised advice on fuel debt and disconnection



List the main issues to consider before switching fuel supplier



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Element 7

Identify the potential to improve energy efficiency in a range of dwellings

Competent

List the main areas of fabric heat loss from dwellings

List the main areas of unwanted ventilation heat loss (draughts) from dwellings

List the insulation methods for reducing fabric heat loss from dwellings

State the most effective methods of reducing unwanted ventilation heat loss from dwellings

Identify typical payback periods of draught-proofing and insulation measures

Recommend appropriate energy efficiency measures for various dwellings given the requirements of the household

State a method of measuring the energy efficiency of a dwelling



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Element 8

State the assistance available for domestic energy efficiency measures

Competent

State the current domestic energy efficiency measures available under existing initiatives

State the eligibility criteria for existing initiatives to improve domestic energy efficiency

State the financial assistance available from existing initiatives to improve domestic energy efficiency

State the renewable electricity generating technologies that qualify for the Feed-in Tariff and the renewable heat technologies that qualify for the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

List regional or local organisations that provide financial assistance or advice on energy efficiency measures



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Element 9

Advise clients on how to avoid condensation and how to take remedial action where condensation dampness exists

Competent

Distinguish between different forms of dampness

List the main conditions that contribute to condensation dampness

List the areas in dwellings where condensation dampness is likely to occur

Recommend remedial action for given case studies of condensation dampness problems

