



Energy Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 27

PART 2

SCHEMES FOR REDUCING FUEL POVERTY

15 Schemes for reducing fuel poverty: interpretation

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, fuel poverty is reduced if—
 - (a) the number of people living in fuel poverty is reduced, or
 - (b) the extent to which any person is living in fuel poverty is reduced.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part—
 - (a) a person is living in fuel poverty if the person is a member of a household living on a lower income in a home which cannot be kept warm at reasonable cost, and
 - (b) the extent to which a person is living in fuel poverty is reduced if the difference between the cost of keeping the person's home warm and what would be a reasonable cost for doing so is reduced.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about—
 - (a) what is to be regarded as living in fuel poverty for the purposes of this Part;
 - (b) what is to be regarded as a reduction in the extent to which a person is living in fuel poverty for the purposes of this Part.
- (4) Provision made under subsection (3) may, in particular—
 - (a) specify what is to be regarded for the purposes of subsection (2)(a) as a lower income, or a reasonable cost, or the circumstances in which a home is to be regarded for those purposes as being warm;
 - (b) amend this section.
- (5) In this Part—

“fuel poverty risk group” means a category of persons of whom, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, the proportion who are (or, but for a support

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scheme, would be) living in fuel poverty is higher than the proportion of people in Great Britain who are living in fuel poverty;

“licensed electricity supplier” means the holder of a licence under section 6(1)(d) of the Electricity Act 1989;

“licensed gas supplier” means the holder of a licence under section 7A(1) of the Gas Act 1986;

“licensed supplier” means a licensed electricity supplier or licensed gas supplier;

“pre-existing arrangements”, in relation to a scheme supplier, means arrangements made by the supplier before the commencement of section 9 with a view to reducing fuel poverty;

“scheme customer”, in relation to a support scheme and a scheme supplier, means a customer of the supplier to whom benefits are, or are to be, provided by the supplier under the scheme;

“scheme supplier”, in relation to a support scheme, means a licensed supplier to whom the scheme applies;

“support scheme” has the meaning given by section 9(2).

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