

ENERGY ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Energy Efficiency

Chapter 1: Green Deal

Green Deal plan

Section 4: Assessment of the property etc

31. This section sets out the conditions that must be met in order for a green deal plan to be taken out at a property. The conditions include those listed in subsections (2) to (9) and such other conditions as the Secretary of State may specify in the framework regulations.
32. *Subsection (2)* makes it a condition that a qualifying assessment has been carried out by a person authorised to act as a green deal assessor. *Subsection (3)* makes it a condition that a green deal assessor has recommended the energy efficiency improvements. *Subsection (4)* makes it a condition that the green deal provider has given an estimate of the energy bill savings that are likely to be made if the improvements are carried out. *Subsection (5)* requires the green deal provider to give an estimate of the period over which the improvements are likely to generate the savings mentioned in subsection (4).
33. *Subsection (6)* makes it a condition that the green deal provider is authorised to act as a green deal provider. *Subsection (7)* requires the green deal provider to have offered to carry out the improvements on the basis that the cost will be paid for in instalments.
34. *Subsections (8) and (9)* set conditions as to the relationship between the estimated total amount of the proposed instalments to be paid and the estimated energy bill savings that the improvements will generate, as well as the relationship between the period for which instalments will be paid and the estimated time period over which the energy bill savings will be delivered. The nature of these relationships will be specified in the framework regulations.