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ENERGY CONSERVATION, ENGLAND

**The Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (England) (Amendment)
Regulations 2006**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>18th July 2006</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>20th July 2006</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>10th August 2006</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 15 of the Social Security Act 1990(a), and with the consent of the Treasury, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and shall come into force on 10th August 2006.

Amendment of the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (England) Regulations 2005

2.—(1) The Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (England) Regulations 2005(b) are amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1) of regulation 4 (persons who may apply for a grant), for “£15,050” substitute “£15,460”.

(3) Omit the word “or” immediately preceding regulation 4(1)(e).

(4) At the end of regulation 4(1), add—

“; or

(f) who has attained, or is living with a partner who has attained, the age of 60 and who does not qualify for a grant under any other provision of this regulation”.

(5) For paragraph (5) of regulation 4, substitute—

“(5) For the purposes of this regulation, “partner” means the spouse, civil partner or person with whom the applicant lives as husband or wife or as civil partner.”.

(6) At the beginning of regulation 5 (purposes for which a grant may be approved), insert—

“Subject to paragraph (4),”.

(7) After regulation 5(3) insert—

“(4) Where a works application has been entertained from a householder who qualifies under regulation 4(1)(f) the grant may be approved only for—

(a) the purposes set out in paragraph (1)(e),(f),(j),(l) or (m) of this regulation;

(a) 1990 c.27.
(b) S.I.2005/1530.

- (b) the improvement to the energy efficiency of, or the replacing of any part of, a space heating system installed in the dwelling; or
- (c) the provision of a solid fuel heating system.”.

(8) In regulation 6 (grant maximum)—

- (a) in paragraph (a) after “paragraph (b)” add “or (c)”;
- (b) omit the word “or” immediately preceding paragraph (b);
- (c) at the end, add—
 - “; or
 - (c) where the applicant has qualified under regulation 4(1)(f), the amount properly charged for the works or £300, whichever is the less”.

7th July 2006

Ian Pearson
Minister of State
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

We consent,

18th July 2006

Alan Campbell
Frank Roy
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Home Energy Efficiency (England) Regulations 2005.

Regulation 2(2) increases the qualifying cut-off point in relevant income for households in receipt of child tax credit or working tax credit from £15,050 to 15,460.

Regulation 2(4) extends the category of applicants who may apply for a grant to householders who have attained, or are living with a partner who has attained, the age of 60 and who do not otherwise qualify for a grant.

Regulation 2(5) makes amendments to reflect that the Civil Partnership Act 2004^(a) is now in force.

Regulation 2(7) provides that householders who qualify under the newly introduced category of applicants can receive a grant for the purpose of the provision or replacement of, or improvements to, certain heating systems installed in the dwelling. Regulation 2(8) limits that grant to £300.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.

^(a) 2004 c.33.

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