

Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards

Homes in the private rented sector are some of the least energy efficient in Scotland. To tackle this, the Scottish Government has announced that minimum energy efficiency standards will be introduced for privately rented housing from April 2020. This will improve conditions for tenants in the coldest homes and help tackle fuel poverty. It will also reduce carbon emissions helping us meet our climate change targets.

The Scottish Government will publish regulations in 2019, covering the application of the minimum standards and any exemptions. This is part of Energy Efficient Scotland, a wider programme from the Scottish Government to make homes and buildings warmer, greener and more efficient. By March 2025, properties will need to have an EPC rating of Band D.

Here is the timeline for new regulations that will affect private rental properties in Scotland. Some exemptions may apply.

Plan Ahead

If your property has an EPC rating of below a band D, act now! A Copy of your current EPC is available from the Energy Saving Trust website [here](#)

Using the existing EPC held for your property, in partnership with Home Energy Scotland, Campbell+Dean can offer a remote desktop assessment, identifying energy efficiency improvements you could make to your property. This will give a tailored report with recommended measures, the cost of making improvements, information about interest free funding and potential carbon and financial savings.



From 1 April 2020, if you're starting a new tenancy the property will need to have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of band E or above



From 31 March 2022, rental properties will need to have an EPC of band E or above



From 1 April 2022, if you're starting a new tenancy the property will need to have an EPC of at least band D



From 31 March 2025, rental properties in Scotland will need to have an EPC of at least band D