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Energy Saving Scotland advice centre

Highlands and Islands

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Grants & Resources

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Your local advice centre

- Based in Inverness
- Specialist Micro-renewable and Transport Officers
- Community Outreach Officers in Inverness (Dunoon, Stornoway, Orkney, Fort William & Shetland)
- Support available by **phone**, **email** and **in person**

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Householders

- Tailored advice and support
- Access to large discounts for insulation through **CERT** funding Carbon Emissions Reduction Target).
- Help qualifying people to access free insulation and heating measures (**Energy Assistance Package**)
- Support applying for **Domestic SCHRI** (Scottish Community and Householders Renewables Initiative)

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Community groups

- Help with funding applications (Climate Challenge Fund)
- Help negotiate CERT funding. Free Powerdown plugs / lightbulbs through the energy companies.

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Small Businesses

- Tailored advice and support
- Surveys to assess opportunities for energy efficiency improvements
- Interest free loan to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy measures

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Energy Assistance Package

Scottish Government's new support to those vulnerable to fuel poverty.

1. Energy advice - make your home as energy efficient as possible.	Everyone is eligible
2. Benefit and tax credit check and access to the lowest-cost energy tariffs.	Everyone may be referred depending on circumstances.

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Energy Assistance Package

3. Free insulation from an energy supplier to make your home more energy efficient.	You must be a **homeowner**, or the **tenant of a private sector landlord**, **and**; receive a qualifying benefit, **or** you or your partner must be 75 or over, **or** you or your partner must be 70 or over **and** have no central heating.
4. Free measures funded by the Scottish Government to make your home more comfortable and cheaper to heat. E.g. heating measures and insulation.	You must be a **homeowner**, or the **tenant of a private sector landlord**, **and**; You or your partner must be aged 60 or over **and** have no central heating system in your home.

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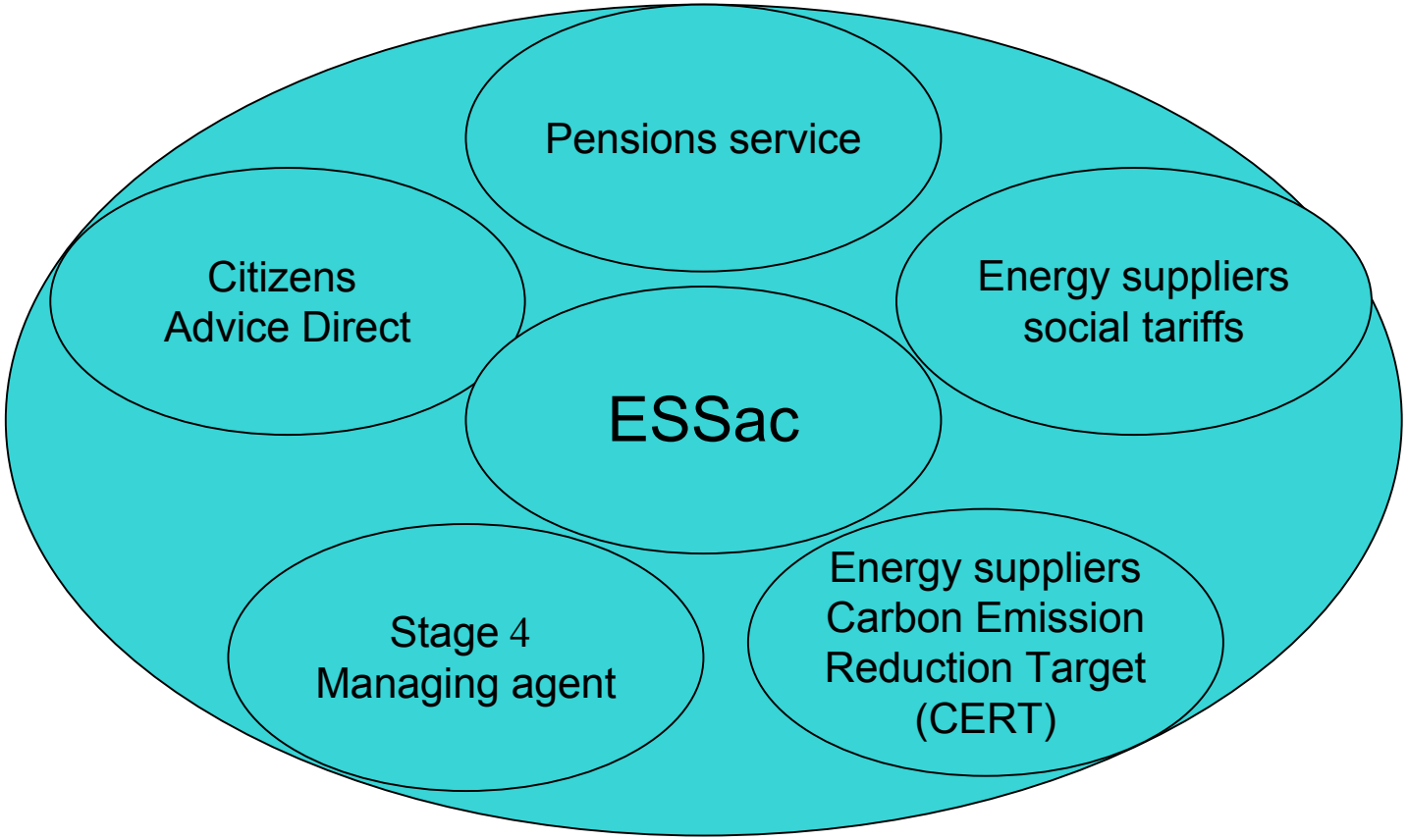
Energy Assistance Package



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Energy Assistance Package

- Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- Child tax credit or working tax credit where relevant income <15,593
- Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance
- Income support, income based job seekers allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Disablement Pension which includes a constant attendance allowance
- War disablement pension which includes a mobility supplement or constant attendance allowance

Stage 3 (CERT-EAP)

Savings element of pension credit

Stage 4

- Child tax credit / working tax credit where relevant income <£17, 474
- Employment & Support Allowance

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Energy Assistance Package

Or Your home has a poor energy rating **and** you belong to one of the following groups:

- You or your partner is **75 or over**
- You have a **child under 5 and receive qualifying benefits**
- You or your partner is **pregnant and receive qualifying benefits**
- You have a **disabled child under 16 and receive qualifying benefits**
- You or your partner is **60 or over and receive qualifying benefits.**

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Scottish Community and Householder Renewables Initiative (SCHRI)

- 30% grant up to maximum £4000
- Only for owner occupiers
- 2 grants per property allowed

Not Eligible

- Buildings with mixed business or residential use (B&B, farms)
- DIY installation
- Retrospective claims
- Installations with unaccredited products or installers

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Community and Renewables Energy Scheme (CARES)

- For community groups and not for profit organisations (as well as domestic dwellings)
- Grant funding of up to 60% of the costs of any renewable energy generation installations
- Maximum grant of £150,000
- www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/

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EST Small Business Loan

- An interest free loan for up to 4 years (just energy efficiency) or up to 8 years (renewables)
- £1,000 - £100,000
- Energy efficiency loan amount & pay back period based predicted savings & pay back period in report
- Renewables loan can cover full cost of installation, pay back period still based on calculation in report
- Report (including calculations) pre-requisite

- Carbon Trust Loan up to £200,000

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Small Business Support

Enhanced Capital Allowances

- List of energy efficient, approved technologies and models
- Tax break of the value of purchase
- www.eca.gov.uk

Claim 100% first-year capital allowances on spending on qualifying plant and machinery.

- Energy-saving plant and machinery
- Low carbon dioxide emission cars and natural gas and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure
- Water conservation plant and machinery

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Questions?

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