



Cyngor Gwynedd Eco 4 Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent

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This statement sets out **Cyngor Gwynedd** flexible eligibility criteria for the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) scheme from April 2022 – March 2026.

The ECO4 scheme will focus on supporting low-income and vulnerable households. The scheme will improve the least energy-efficient homes helping to meet the Government's fuel poverty and net zero commitments.

The flexible approach for Local Authorities (LAs) to identifying fuel-poor and vulnerable households who may benefit from heating and energy-saving measures is referred to as "ECO4 Flex".

The Council welcomes the introduction of the ECO4 Flex eligibility routes as it helps the Council achieve its plans to improve the homes of those in fuel poverty or vulnerable to the cold. The Council is publishing this Statement of Intent (SoI), on the **27. 01. 2023** to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the three available routes outlined below:

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Route 1: EPC/SAP bands D-G owner occupied households and private rented sector E-G households with a gross income less than £31,000. This cap applies irrespective of the property size, composition, or region.

Route 2: EPC/SAP bands E-G for owner occupied households and private rented sector households that meets a combination of two of the following proxies:

Proxy 1) Homes in Welsh provision LSOA 1-3 on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 ¹
Proxy 2) Householders receiving a Council Tax reduction (reduction based on low income only)
Proxy 3) Householders vulnerable to living in a cold home as identified in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance. Only one from the list can be used, excludes the proxy 'low income'.
Proxy 4) A householder receiving free school meals due to low-income.
Proxy 5) *A householder supported by a LA-run scheme, that has been named and described by the LA as supporting low-income and vulnerable households for the purposes of the NICE Guideline.
Proxy 6) A household referred to the LA for support by their energy supplier or Citizen's Advice because they have been identified as struggling to pay their electricity and gas bills.

* **Note proxies 1 and 3 cannot be used together.**

* **Note Proxy 5 is unavailable .Cyngor Gwynedd does not run a scheme that meets these criteria.**

Route 3: EPC/SAP bands D-G owner occupied households and private rented sector E-G households that have been identified by their doctor or GP as low-income and vulnerable, with an occupant whose health conditions may be cardiovascular, respiratory, immunosuppressed, or limited mobility related.

This is because the Council has identified a positive correlation between households who suffer from long-term health conditions and living off a low-income, with living in a poorly insulated homes.

Route 4: BEIS will issue a new guidance for this targeting method. Further guidance on this route will be published by BEIS later in the year.

¹ [Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation \(full Index update with ranks\): 2019 | GOV.WALES](#)

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Declaration and evidence check confirmation

All potentially eligible households should apply through Cyngor Gwynedd authorised ECO 4 Flex installers to ensure that they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme.

Cyngor Gwynedd does not accept referral from lead generators or third parties that are not on the Cyngor Gwynedd approved list of ECO 4 Flex installers.

The Eco Team will be responsible for checking and verifying declarations and associated evidence submitted on behalf of the local authority:

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CEO or dedicated responsible person mandatory signature

Cyngor Gwynedd will administer the scheme according to BEIS' ECO4 Order and will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process. The CEO of the Council will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECO4 Flex.

The eligibility information will be stored securely in line with the Council's data protection policy, Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code, and BEIS guidance.

Signature:



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Date of signature: 27.01.2023

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