

Advisors Toolkit

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Smart Export Guarantee

The Smart Export Guarantee (SEG) is a UK government programme introduced to ensure licensed electricity suppliers offer a tariff and make payment for electricity exported to the national grid.

If you generate renewable electricity and live in England, Scotland or Wales, you could benefit from a Smart Export Guarantee tariff.

The Smart Export Guarantee is a support mechanism that ensures people that generate their own electricity are paid for the electricity they export to the grid.

This doesn't happen automatically, so you need to sign up to get the SEG tariff.

Under the scheme, all licenced energy companies with 150,000 or more customers must provide at least one SEG tariff. Smaller suppliers can offer an export tariff if they want to.

All suppliers can also choose to offer other means of making payments for exported electricity, separate to the SEG arrangements.

Who can get a smart export guarantee tariff?

You may be eligible to apply if you have one of the following technologies that generate renewable electricity:

- [solar panels](#)
- [wind turbines](#)
- [hydroelectricity](#)
- [anaerobic digestion](#)
- [micro combined heat and power \(micro-CHP\)](#)

Micro-CHP technologies need to have an electricity capacity of 50kW or less. All other technologies need to have a capacity of 5MW or less.

For more information see:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/smart-export-guarantee-seg/generators>