**Government supports for businesses taking steps to be more energy efficient.**

The Government supports businesses undertaking steps to save energy and advance cleaner energy solutions. The details of such schemes are listed below:

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| **Scheme** | **Details** |
| [EXEED Certified Grant from SEAI](https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/exeed-certified-grant/) | Grants of up to €1,000,000 or 50% of a project for an organisation conducting a project aiming at EXEED energy efficiency certification under the following categories:   * Retrofit upgrades * Partnerships with an energy supplier already participating in the Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme   Applications accepted year-round. Projects must be completed by October in the year following the year the application was lodged. |
| [Accelerated Capital Allowance](https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/accelerated-capital-allowance/) | The ACA scheme enables a sole trader, farmer or company that pays corporation tax in Ireland to deduct the full cost of energy efficient equipment from their profits in the year of purchase. As a result, the reduction in tax paid by the organisation in that year is currently 12.5% of the value of capital expenditure.  The equipment purchased must be listed on the Triple E register of recognised energy efficient equipment.  Claims are made as part of the usual submission of CT1 company return of income form. |
| [Support Scheme for Renewable Heat](https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/support-scheme-renewable-heat/) | The Support Scheme for Renewable Heat supports the adoption of renewable heating systems by commercial, industrial, agricultural, district heating, public sector and other non-domestic heat users not covered by the emissions trading system.  This consists of an installation grant of up to 30% of an investment into:   * Air source heat pumps * Ground source heat pumps * Water source heat pumps   And of a tariff supporting the upkeep for up to 15 years of the following technologies:   * Biomass boiler or biomass HE CHP heating systems * Biogas (anaerobic digestion) boiler or biogas HE CHP heating systems |
| [Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme (EEOS)](https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/energy-efficiency-obligation-scheme/) | Under this scheme, large energy suppliers of all energy types are obligated to meet targets to provide a certain level of support to residential and commercial projects aiming at improving energy efficiency. Corresponding to the amount of energy saved by the project, the supplier earns a corresponding amount of energy credits toward their target.  Credits on non-residential projects are earned for financial and technical support when the project is in one of the following areas:   * Lighting * Transport * Ventilation and air conditioning * Heating * Motors, drives and pumps * Combined heat and power * Refrigeration * Compressed area * Industry processes |
| [Project Assistance Grants](https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/project-assistance-grants/) | Project Assistance Grants are designed to help businesses and public bodies who spend more than €250,000 on energy bills per year to develop projects to save energy.  Up to 50% funding is available up to a maximum of €15,000 at the feasibility study stage, depending on the size of the applicant’s energy bill.  Up to 75% funding to a maximum of €15,000 where basic energy performance arrangements are considered and up to €37,500 where energy performance contracting (EPC) is considered are available at the final business case and project delivery support. |
| [Energy Contracting](https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/energy-contracting/) | Energy Contracting is a 'pay for performance' approach to installing and operating energy technologies in a business that helps reduce performance risk of a project. The option chosen influences the level of energy and cost savings guaranteed by the provider of the energy efficiency improvement project. The two ends of the spectrum of possible contracts are:   * Simple - Contractual guarantee making a portion of payment conditional on performance * Complex - Third parties take full performance and finance risk of the energy project but on the basis of having future savings as a revenue stream. |
| [SEAI Energy Academy](https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/small-and-medium-business/) | The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online resource developed by experts and gives SMEs access to high quality energy training. It includes briefings and workshops for businesses as well as resources for the workplace. |