

Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS)

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Quarterly Report

Issue 3 – November 2022 to January 2023

The Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) quarterly report provides information on issued vouchers, grants paid, and the installations that have been supported over the previous quarter and since the start of the scheme. This report is provided in compliance with our obligations as set out in the Boiler Upgrade Scheme (England and Wales) Regulations 2022¹. This is the third BUS quarterly report since the scheme launched on 23 May 2022 and covers the period from 1 November 2022 until 31 January 2023.

Reporting Period	Publication deadline
February to April	31 May
May to July	31 August
August to October	30 November
November to January	28 February

In addition to this quarterly report we also publish a monthly update on our website² that provides summary information on the number of voucher applications received, vouchers issued, redemption applications received, the value of grants paid and the remaining scheme budget. A more detailed BUS report will be published annually by 31 July each year, with the first annual report being due by 31 July 2023.

¹ Regulation 30(3) – [Boiler Upgrade Scheme \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2022](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2022/565/contents/made): <<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2022/565/contents/made>>

² [BUS Monthly Scheme Update](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/bus-monthly-scheme-update): <<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/bus-monthly-scheme-update>>

BUS voucher summary

The BUS grant application is a two-stage process which is illustrated in the flow chart below. Firstly, installers are required to submit a voucher application (stage 1) where we check the majority of the eligibility criteria are met. If the application is successful we issue the voucher. Following commissioning of an installation the installer can submit a voucher redemption application (stage 2). Once we have established that the remaining eligibility requirements have been met, the grant payment is made. A summary of applications at each stage of the process can be found in **Figures 1 and 2**. For further information on the BUS application process please refer to our BUS guidance for installers.³

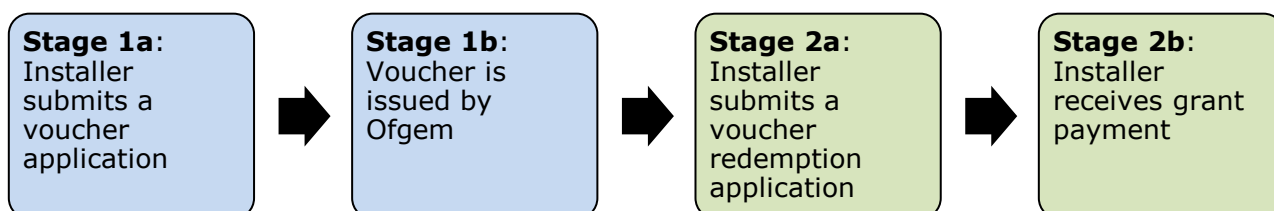


Figure 1: Voucher applications and vouchers issued (stage 1)

Quarterly Period	Voucher applications received ⁴	Vouchers issued ⁵	Value of vouchers issued
May 2022 to Jul 2022	4,367	2,534	£12,720,000
Aug 2022 to Oct 2022	4,552	3,445	£17,347,000
Nov 2022 to Jan 2023	4,062	3,910	£19,663,000
Total	12,981	9,889	£49,730,000

³ [Information on the BUS application process can be found in our Installer Guidance:](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/boiler-upgrade-scheme-guidance-installers) <<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/boiler-upgrade-scheme-guidance-installers>>

⁴ Due to the way voucher applications are processed the numbers shown for previous quarters may have changed from previous reports.

⁵ These figures do not include vouchers that were issued but have since expired or have been revoked/withdrawn. As such the historical figures may have changed from previous reports.

Figure 2: Voucher redemption applications and grants paid (stage 2)

Quarterly Period	Voucher redemption applications received ⁶	Grants paid ⁷	Value of grant payments
May 2022 to Jul 2022	1,206	907	£4,549,000
Aug 2022 to Oct 2022	3,441	3,184	£15,974,000
Nov 2022 to Jan 2023	3,524	3,550	£17,861,000
Total	8,171	7,641	£38,384,000

Scheme budget is allocated based on the number of vouchers issued at stage 1. As such from the original £150 million budget for year one, £100,270,000 remains to be allocated.

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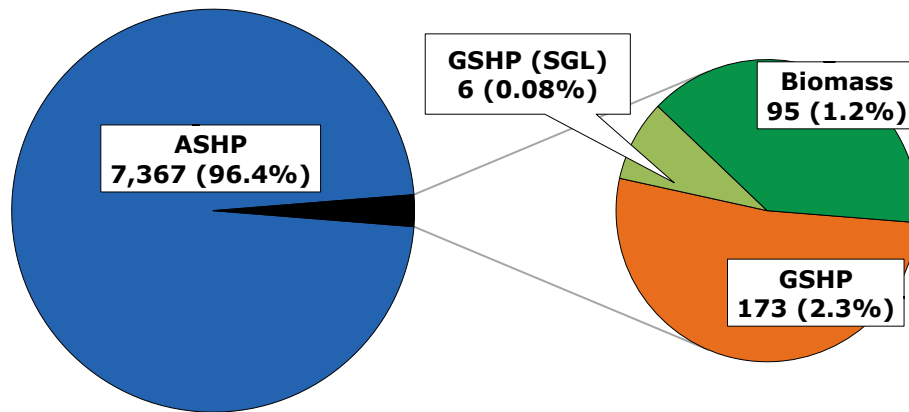
⁷ These figures do not include grants that were paid but have since been revoked/withdrawn. As such the figures may have changed from previous reports.

Breakdown of grants paid

The analysis below provides information on the installations for which grants have been paid at the completion of stage 2.

Figure 3: Grants paid by technology type

This chart shows that of the 7,641 grants paid to date 7,367 or 96.4% were for air source heat pumps (ASHP). There were 173 grants paid for ground source heat pumps (GSHP), six for shared ground loop (SGL) GSHPs and 95 for biomass boilers.



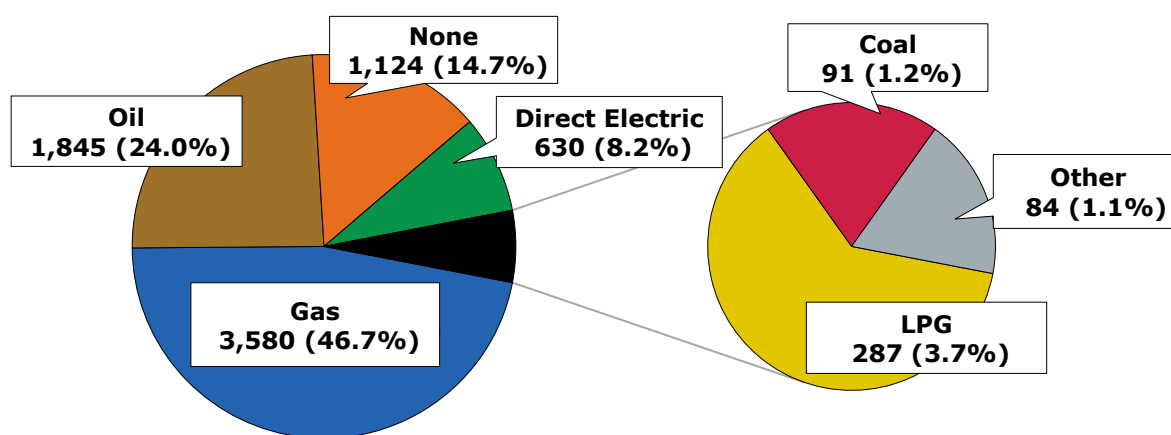
	ASHP	GSHP	GSHP (SGL)	Biomass
May 2022 to Jul 2022	884	12	2	9
Aug 2022 to Oct 2022	3,094	54	0	36
Nov 2022 to Jan 2023	3,389	107	4	50
Total	7,367	173	6	95

Figure 4: Regional distribution of grants paid by technology type - cumulative

	ASHP	GSHP	GSHP (SGL)	Biomass	Total	Total (%)
South West	1,424	43	3	20	1,490	19.5%
South East	1,361	30	0	2	1,393	18.2%
East of England	1,048	18	0	3	1,069	14.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	789	23	0	1	813	10.6%
East Midlands	780	13	1	4	798	10.4%
North West	545	12	0	8	565	7.4%
West Midlands	516	12	2	9	539	7.1%
Wales	433	13	0	36	482	6.3%
London	274	5	0	0	279	3.7%
North East	197	4	0	12	213	2.8%

Figure 5: Original heating system

This chart shows the number and types of heating systems that have been replaced by new installations. The most common were gas systems which made up 46.7% of the total. Oil was the second most common at 24.0%. Overall, replaced fossil fuelled systems account for 89.0% of grants paid. An additional 1,090 of the grants paid were for heating systems in eligible self-build⁸ properties where no heating system was replaced.



	Gas	Oil	Direct Electric	LPG	Coal	Other	None
May 2022 to Jul 2022	482	239	54	42	12	9	69
Aug 2022 to Oct 2022	1,510	815	252	115	39	34	419
Nov 2022 to Jan 2023	1,588	791	324	130	40	41	636
Total	3,580	1,845	630	287	91	84	1,124

Further information

For further information on how the BUS scheme works including guidance for property owners and installers please refer to the BUS section of the Ofgem website⁹.

If you can't find the information you need on our website, our customer service team will be happy to help. You can contact us by email at BUS.Enquiry@ofgem.gov.uk or by telephone at **0330 053 2006**

For press enquiries please contact Ofgem's press office on **0207 901 7179**

⁸ New properties are not eligible for the scheme with the exception of certain 'self-builds'. A self-build must have been built mainly using the labour or resources of the first owner, and must never have been owned by a business or organisation.

⁹ [BUS section of the Ofgem website](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/boiler-upgrade-scheme-bus): <<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/boiler-upgrade-scheme-bus>>