

Compliance criteria for grant schemes under the Climate and Energy Fund

Professional integrity and documentation requirements

The applicant must be able to document the undertaking's beneficial owners and persons exercising control, and provide information on its corporate structure, associated undertakings and any other matters relevant to assessing the undertaking's integrity and reliability. This requirement also applies to suppliers engaged by the applicant to implement the measure.

If the Climate Agency has reasonable grounds to question the professional integrity, ownership or beneficial interests of the undertaking or a supplier, the Agency may require additional documentation. Failure to provide documentation, or the provision of insufficient documentation, may result in rejection of the application, withdrawal of the grant commitment or suspension of payment.

The applicant and its suppliers must conduct their activities in compliance with the applicable rules of public law, including requirements concerning necessary permits, registrations or licences. Non-compliance may result in rejection of the application, withdrawal of the grant commitment or suspension of payment.

Documentation requirements and right of inspection

The Climate Agency may require any documentation necessary to verify that the conditions for the grant have been met, both before a grant commitment is issued, throughout the grant period, and when reviewing the final report. This may include information on the undertaking, ownership, financial circumstances, suppliers and implementation of the measure.

The Climate Agency may also carry out checks or request additional documentation where circumstances indicate that this is necessary. Non-compliance may result in rejection of the application, withdrawal of the grant commitment or suspension of payment.

Compliance with tax and duty obligations

The applicant must comply with its obligations to pay taxes and duties in accordance with applicable legislation. The Climate Agency may require documentation showing that the undertaking and its supplier comply with their tax and duty obligations. If a breach of these obligations is identified, the application may be rejected, the grant commitment withdrawn or payment suspended.