
Gas – Estate Conversion from Electric Heating to Gas

What are the benefits of switching to gas?

Switching to a new – first time gas supplier will usually allow you to benefit from cheaper heating and hot water costs, providing that the same volume of hot water and heating is used within the property.

What do I need to do once I have been switched to gas?

You will be provided gas in the first instance by a designated supplier. In most instances there will then be a minimum wait time of 3 months before you can change energy supplier, at which point you will need to decide whether it is best for you to switch to another supplier that offers a cheaper tariff. Once a new gas meter has been installed, a new customer account number must be created and your first energy bill will not be generated until approximately 3 months later, after the first billing quarter.

Our Energy Advisor can help you to find the best deal on the market so do call on 0800 023 2029. There are a number of things for you to take into account. It is crucial that you inform your existing electricity supplier that you no longer require a multiple rate meter, i.e. Economy 7.

Your existing supplier should be able to replace your dual rate meter with a single rate meter free of charge. A single rate meter has a standard rate for all usage; where as a dual meter will have a high rate for day use and a lower rate at night.

Combining your electricity and gas supply (Dual Fuel) will often be cheapest and easiest. You will receive a discount from the energy supplier for combining your fuels with them and you will also have one supplier and bill to deal with rather than two. Switching supplier can affect your eligibility for the Warm Home Discount, so it is important to consider this before any switch.

What is the Warm Home Discount and how does this affect me?

The Warm Home Discount scheme can provide eligible energy customers with money off their energy bill (typically £140). The payment will show as a credit and reduces your energy bill significantly. You can qualify for the Warm Home Discount in two ways:

Automatic (Core) Group – to be in this group you must be in receipt of Pension Credit Guarantee. If you are in receipt of Pension Credit Savings as well, this will not affect your automatic eligibility. You should receive the Warm Home Discount without having to apply, provided that you are registered with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) at your current address. You must also have been with your energy supplier before 12 July 2017.

Broader Group – if you have an annual gross household income of less than £16,190 or you are in receipt of certain other income related benefits you may qualify under this group. Each of the energy suppliers will have their own rules as to who qualifies so if you would like more information on this contact our Energy Advisor on 0800 023 2029.

The following companies are able to provide their clients with the Warm Home Discount:

- Atlantic
- Bristol Energy
- British Gas
- Co-operative Energy
- EDF Energy
- E.ON
- Equipower (Ebico)
- Equigas (Ebico)
- Extra Energy
- First Utility
- Fischer Energy
- Manweb
- M&S Energy
- Npower
- OVO
- Our Power
- Sainsbury's Energy
- Scottish Gas
- Scottish Hydro
- Scottish Power
- Southern Electric
- SSE
- SWALEC
- Utilita
- Utility Warehouse

NB: Bristol Energy, Fischer Energy and Our Power do not operate a Broader Group. Therefore if you do not receive Pension Credit Guarantee, you will not qualify with these suppliers.

I want to switch, who do I call?

To switch your energy supplier you can call our free and impartial service on 0800 023 2029 and speak to our Energy Advisor who will guide you through the process and make it as easy as possible.

Alternatively, visit the website at <http://energylinx.co.uk/energy/hanover> to make the switch online.

By switching with Hanover's energy broker you could not only save money, but will also receive an extra £15 cash back if you make the switch.