

# MICROGENERATION CERTIFICATION SCHEME



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## CASE STUDY: MINT SOLUTIONS

### Background:

Mint Solutions was formed in 2004 to provide working at height and technical services for the telecommunications industry. Utilising its existing skills base, the company has developed its expertise to offer a full turnkey installation and maintenance package for the renewable energy sector, with a particular focus on self-supporting wind turbines and photovoltaic systems.

Mint Solutions' mission is to provide quality installation and maintenance services to both the general public and the professional renewable energy sector. Mint Solutions multiple teams can offer nationwide services and react quickly to customer requirements.

Highlights of work to date include installation of two 10kW wind turbine demonstration sites, with planning permission currently being sought for several further 5kW and 10kW turbine sites. Mint Solutions is also providing ongoing installation services to a Photovoltaic system supplier.

### The Certification Process:

Mint Solutions is used to working in an environment where accreditation is extremely important and as an ISO9001:2000 registered company, is already committed to meeting industry standards for quality. On investigating accreditation within the renewable energy sector, it became clear that the Microgeneration Certification Scheme is vital for proving quality and increasing competitive advantage within a rapidly expanding market.

The MCS certification process was extremely thorough, including assessment of the company's processes and procedures, plus a recent example of a 10kW wind turbine installation. Mint Solutions feel that this level of testing will ensure that the scheme becomes well known for being thorough and this will pass on to the consumer, who can have confidence in utilising accredited companies for their installations. As part of the MCS process, Mint solutions have also listed with REAL, the Renewable Energy Association consumer code.

### Our Success:

Since achieving accreditation, Mint Solutions have seen the number of enquiries increase from potential customers, predominantly due to the listing on [www.greenbooklive.com](http://www.greenbooklive.com). Mint Solutions have also been able to use the accreditation status to open doors with established companies within the renewable energy sector.

**"The MCS is no doubt going to lead to growth within in our business and help develop our status and reputation within the renewable energy sector" - Darren Oliver, MD, Mint Solutions**

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## MICROGENERATION CERTIFICATION SCHEME

The Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) is owned by the department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR formerly DTI) and is designed to evaluate products and installers against robust criteria for microgeneration technologies, providing greater protection for consumers and ensuring that the Government's (i.e. taxpayers) grant money is spent in an effective manner.

This new scheme will underpin BERR's grant schemes, such as 'the Low Carbon Buildings Programme' where grants are only available to applicants using both products and installers certified under approved schemes such as MCS. The scheme also creates a quality framework for other initiatives aimed at supporting microgeneration. Examples include stamp duty land tax relief for new zero carbon homes, the Carbon Emission Reduction Target scheme, and new simplified planning regulations.

### The aim is to:

- Help build a rapidly growing Microgeneration industry based on quality and reliability
- Make a substantial contribution to cutting the UK's dependency on fossil fuels and its carbon dioxide emissions
- Provide consumer confidence that products and installers meet and continue to meet robust standards
- Grow the Microgeneration industry

For full details on product and installer listings, please visit [www.greenbooklive.com](http://www.greenbooklive.com)



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