

MICROGENERATION CERTIFICATION SCHEME



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CASE STUDY: PLUMB SOLAR

Background:

Plumb Solar specialises in installation and service of solar hot water heating, allowing customers to save money on fuel bills by using the sun's energy to heat hot water. In addition to this, Plumb Solar undertakes plumbing services, unvented cylinder installation and installation of rainwater collection and reuse systems.

Kai Caswell founded Plumb Solar in 2007 as a sole trader, Kai is a Veissmann trained solar installer, plus is Corgi registered for plumbing and electrical competent person schemes.

Certification Process:

The certification process involved developing and implementing a new business planning method. This has proven extremely useful in the further management of the business, improving efficiency of day to day operations and the auditing of company documents.

Our Success:

Microgeneration Certification Scheme accreditation provides a significant unique selling point when quoting for work. Customers often look no further than BRE Global certification before accepting quotes as it is immediately recognised by those who have researched solar thermal and grant aid. Significant number of enquiries received after joining the scheme, with about 50% conversion rate into actual business.

I was so pleased with the work Plumb Solar did to fit an entire new heating system plus solar hot water. Kai showed real commitment to the work, initially listening to concerns and thoughts; solving any problems efficiently and continuing to show support following completion of the work.

The system works well and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend

Plumb Solar for similar work

—Katy Green, Homeowner.

BUILDINGS ACCOUNT FOR 47% OF CARBON EMISSIONS IN THE UK. MICROGENERATION HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UK'S CHALLENGING EU 2020 RENEWABLES AND GREENHOUSE GAS TARGETS.

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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



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