

## Free EPC Plus Terms & Conditions

- 1 An Energy Performance Certificate Plus (EPC Plus) provides a standard EPC report showing your home's energy efficiency and some added benefits:
  - Vibrant will help customers identify if they are eligible for any government-funded schemes available through local authorities and installers. Eligibility is dependent on your personal circumstances. The qualifying funding can be used towards the recommended upgrade works listed within the EPC Plus report.
  - Access to technical advice from Vibrant's energy upgrade team.
  - Option to use Vibrant's team to project-manage any chosen improvements to the property's energy efficiency. This will be subject to a project management fee that will be agreed between the customer and Vibrant. Skipton Building Society will have no involvement in any such agreements. Skipton Building Society will not be responsible for any actions or omissions by Vibrant during the project management phase and will not have any responsibility or liability for the installation and subsequent performance of any improvements or any other works which are part of the project management agreement.
  - For properties in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, Vibrant can also help landlords find out if they are eligible for any exemptions under the Minimum Energy Efficiency Regulations and how to enter this on the Private Rented Sector Exemptions Register.
- 2 Your EPC Plus is provided by Vibrant Energy Matters Ltd. Vibrant are owned by Connells Limited, part of the Skipton Group. Your EPC Plus survey will be carried out by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst Energy Systems Limited.
- 3 The EPC Plus is free to eligible home-owning members with the cost being borne by Skipton Building Society. You are eligible if you hold a savings or mortgage account with Skipton Building Society at the time of applying for the offer and are the homeowner of the property for which you request the EPC Plus. Only the property owner may apply for a free EPC Plus and the offer is non-transferable. Skipton Building Society reserves the right to decline any requests that don't meet the criteria above.
- 4 The free EPC Plus offer is not available on properties constructed within the last 10 years, as these will have had a Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) EPC created at the time of construction. They generally provide a more accurate assessment of a property's energy efficiency and are valid for 10 years. You can find details of your SAP EPC at [gov.uk/find-energy-certificate](http://gov.uk/find-energy-certificate), or if you're in Scotland at [scottishepcregister.org.uk](http://scottishepcregister.org.uk)
- 5 Eligible members may request up to a total of 10 EPC Plus reports for the properties they own, even if these properties are not mortgaged with Skipton Building Society. One free report may be requested per property.
- 6 To request a free EPC Plus you must apply to Vibrant directly by completing an online form on its website. To ensure that you benefit from the free offer you must visit [skipton.co.uk/epc-plus](http://skipton.co.uk/epc-plus) and follow the link provided. Any applications made without going through this process will not be registered as part of the Skipton Building Society free EPC Plus offer and you will be charged for the report.
- 7 To provide an EPC Plus report and carry out the EPC survey, Vibrant will visit the property at an agreed time. The visit will only take 20-40 minutes and to ensure the most accurate assessment possible, you will need to allow the assessor full access to the property (including head and shoulder access to the loft), and provide information regarding any existing insulation, if you have it.

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- 8 Once the EPC survey has been completed, Vibrant will update the Government's central register for EPC ratings with the details of your new report and this will replace any existing EPC rating you may have. You can access information about your property's EPC Certificate at [gov.uk/find-energy-certificate](https://gov.uk/find-energy-certificate), or if you're in Scotland at [scottishepcregister.org.uk](https://scottishepcregister.org.uk)
- 9 If you are a landlord or if you are considering becoming one in the future, the new EPC rating of your property may affect your ability to let the property out and could make you liable for a fine, for example, if your EPC rating is below the minimum standard required.

It is important that you consider the potential costs involved to get the EPC rating up to standard and any loss of current income if you are unable to rent out the property until the works are completed. For further information on letting your property in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and EPC ratings visit:

[gov.uk/guidance/domestic-private-rented-property-minimum-energy-efficiency-standard-landlord-guidance](https://gov.uk/guidance/domestic-private-rented-property-minimum-energy-efficiency-standard-landlord-guidance).

- 10 The EPC Plus offer may be withdrawn without notice if demand exceeds supply. Notification of the offer withdrawal will be posted on [skipton.co.uk](https://skipton.co.uk). In the event of the scheme being withdrawn, we will continue to honour applications for EPC Plus made before our notice of withdrawal.

### **Use of your information**

- Vibrant is a controller of the personal information it collects for the purpose of providing the EPC Plus report. This means it decides what information to collect and how to use it and is responsible for protecting it. Skipton Building Society has no control over personal data collected by Vibrant, you should therefore contact Vibrant directly to exercise your rights in relation to this data. Further information, including information about your rights, can be found within Vibrant's Privacy Policy at [vibrantenergymatters.co.uk/policies](https://vibrantenergymatters.co.uk/policies)
- If you apply for the offer, Vibrant will share your personal information with Skipton Building Society. The purposes for which Skipton Building Society use this information include:
  - monitoring adherence to the eligibility criteria of the offer;
  - contacting you where necessary about the offer;
  - if you are selected, to ask about your experience and undertake research related to the offer;
  - to help personalise the marketing communications it sends to you; and
  - understand the take-up and use of the offer.

For more information about how Skipton Building Society uses your information and your rights in relation to this data, please visit: [skipton.co.uk/privacy-policy](https://skipton.co.uk/privacy-policy).

### **Contact details for Vibrant Energy Matters Limited**

Any queries regarding the administration of the EPC Plus scheme should be directed to Vibrant Energy Matters Limited, 2 Foxes Lane, Oakdale Business Park, Blackwood, Gwent, NP12 4AB.

If you have a complaint about any element of the EPC Plus, or any other service received from Vibrant, this should be sent to them directly by emailing [customerservices@vem.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@vem.co.uk), or by writing to the address above.

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