

Green Deal Code of Practice Version 5 - Summary of Changes

We set out below, a summary of the most substantive updates made to the Green Deal Code of Practice, Version 4. This summary has been prepared to signpost the most significant changes which may affect the responsibilities of Green Deal Participants and Certification Bodies under the Code of Practice. Please note that this table is not exhaustive, and Green Deal Participants and Certification Bodies are responsible for reviewing the Green Deal Code of Practice Version 5 to ensure compliance with the updated requirements.

Please note, Sections 1 to 5 has been restructured to improve the readability of this part of the Code of Practice. References in Annex B to paragraphs in Version 3 that had been consolidated or merged in Version 4 are deleted in Version 5; consequently there are some paragraph number changes to these provisions.

Green Deal Code of Practice Reference		Nature of Change
2014	2017	
Section 2.4	Section 2.3	Amendment to reinforce requirements for Green Deal Participants and Certification Bodies to make their employees and contractors aware of the Code of Practice and how it applies to them, rather than just making a copy available to them when requested as required under Version 4 of the Code of Practice.
Section 2.3	Section 2.5	Reinforce level of cooperation required by Green Deal Participant or Certification Body with the Oversight and Registration Body by addition of 'assist'.
N/A	Section 3.1	Update citing Green Deal Quality Mark Requirements and Guidelines.
Section 3.1 (b)	Section 3.2 (b)	Title update.

Section 3.3	Section 3.4	Scope widened to cover marketing material more generally.
Section 3.9	Section 3.7	Insertion of reference to the Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013 which applies to all activities for financial selling.
Section 5.3	Section 5.1	Clarifies requirement that Green Deal Providers and Certification Bodies must cooperate with reasonable requests made by the Oversight and Registration Body to assist with an investigation into its activities.
Glossary: Assessor Services Specification	Glossary: Assessor Services Specification	Title update.
Glossary: Authorisation	Glossary: Authorisation	Correction: Authorisation is provided for persons to act as Green Deal Providers and Certification Bodies rather than a Green Deal Participant or Certification Body.
Glossary: Complaint	Glossary: Complaint	Correction to regulatory reference (previous reference was regulation 61, amended to regulation 51).
Glossary: Green Deal Improvement Package Tool	Glossary: Green Deal Improvement Package Tool	BRE link updated for approved and validated software tools.
Glossary: Green Deal Arrangement Agreement	Glossary: Green Deal Arrangement Agreement	Amendment to clarify that finance parties are part of the agreement.

Glossary: Home Energy Scotland Advice Service	Glossary: Home Energy Scotland Advice Service	Link to EST Scotland updated.
N/A	Glossary: MCS 023	Insertion of a new term which has been referred to within the document. MCS 023 is a technical document setting standards for installing solar panels.
Glossary: Oversight and Registration Body	Glossary: Oversight and Registration Body	Minor update to clarify the role of the Green Deal Oversight and Registration Body.
Glossary: PAS 2030	Glossary: PAS 2030	Amended term to reflect the new version of the PAS 2030: 2017 which replaced PAS 2030: 2014.
Glossary: Relevant Person	Glossary: Relevant Person	Correction to regulatory reference (previous reference was regulation 65(2), amended to regulation 51).
Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 1	Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 1	Insertion of reference to the Green Deal Quality Mark requirements and guidelines.
Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 20	Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 20	Moved to section covering domestic properties.
Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 29	Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para 25	Adds reference to period for which instalments may be charged.

Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 38	Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 32	Amended text as a result of PAS 2030: 2017, to require an installation method statement to be confirmed in writing by the Green Deal Installer prior to installation of energy efficiency measures taking place. The Green Deal Provider must retain a copy of the declaration of conformity for a minimum of 6 years.
Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 38A - 39	N/A	Deleted since these clauses are duplications of requirements in PAS 2030: 2017.
Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 53	Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 41(b)	Amended text in sub-paragraph (b) to reflect mandated electricity suppliers and reference to the Electricity Supply Licence.
Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 66	Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 54 - 55	No new requirements. Separation of paragraph 66 of Version 4 of the Code of Practice into two separate paragraphs in Version 5 of the Code of Practice.
Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 77	Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 66	Amended as a result of PAS 2030: 2017, to require the Green Deal Provider to obtain and retain a Statement of Conformity from the Green Deal Installer that its design meets all the relevant requirements of PAS 2030: 2017 and Building Regulations etc.
Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 78 – 79	N/A	Deleted since these clauses are duplications of requirements in PAS 2030: 2017.
Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 80	Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 67	Amended text in last paragraph to clarify the fact that it is the Green Deal Provider that can cancel a Plan before it has been entered into, rather than the Secretary of State as referred to in Version 4 of the Code of Practice.

Annex B: Green Deal Providers, Para. 94	N/A	Deleted.
Annex C: Green Deal Installers, Para. 1(b)	Annex C: Green Deal Installers, Para. 1(b)	Insertion of an additional reference to the MCS's Microgeneration Installation Standard: MCS 023; a technical document setting standards for installing solar panels.
Annex C: Green Deal Installers, Para. 11	N/A	Deleted to avoid duplication from the requirement in PAS 2030. Green Deal Installers must still comply with the requirement to retain records of installations completed under the Green Deal for a minimum of 6 years.
Annex C: Green Deal Installers, Para. 12	N/A	Deleted.
Annex E: Certification Bodies, Para. 5	Annex E: Certification Bodies, Para. 5	Requirement for employee identification documents to be produced in accordance with the Green Deal Quality Mark requirements and guidelines.
Annex E: Certification Bodies, Para. 7	Annex E: Certification Bodies, Para. 7	Text amendment to second bullet point, requiring Certification Bodies to promote best practice and understanding of the Green Deal rather than promoting its development and growth, following changes in the market.

Further information

For further information, Green Deal Providers/ Certification Bodies should contact the GD ORB on GDORBhelpdesk@gemserv.com

For further information on Green Deal Assessor/ Installer certification and compliance requirements, Green Deal Assessors/ Installers should contact their Certification Body.

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