



FINAL UKAS GREEN DEAL COMMUNICATION NO. 4 – ISSUES RELATED TO PUBLICATION OF PAS 2030: 2012 EDITION 2 and MCS 023

The publication of PAS 2030: 2012 Edition 2 on 25 January 2013 and of MCS 023, the “bridging document” between the Micro-generation Certification Scheme (MCS) and PAS 2030 on 28 January 2013 raises a number of issues relating to accreditation of certification bodies for certification of Green Deal (GD) installation bodies.

PAS 2030: 2012 Edition 2

The changes to PAS 2030 mainly relate to the technical annexes covering the measures that are included in the GD. The changes to the PAS comprise:

1. Minor changes to the generic requirements in the core text of the PAS;
2. Those existing measures that remain have been re-ordered, and in some cases grouped together;
3. The measures relating to micro-generation have been removed from the PAS;
4. A number of new measures have been added.

The purpose of this communication is to alert certification bodies to these issues and explain the UKAS approach to dealing with them.

1. The changes to the core text are minimal and mainly concern reference to the 2nd Edition and the reason for its development, changes to the scope and a small change to 5.2.2. Clause 8 has also been modified to include any additional cross references required by the new and modified annexes.

Accredited certification bodies are asked to write to UKAS confirming that they have taken account of the changes in their Green Deal procedures and submitting copies of the relevant revised procedures. UKAS will then re-issue the schedules for the new PAS and confirm implementation of the changes at the next surveillance visit.

2. The technical annexes to PAS 2030 have been revised, so that the remaining existing measures have been re-organised. This will mean that existing accreditation schedules will need to be revised to reflect the re-ordering. If this is the only change, there will be no need for an application to extension to scope. UKAS will review, revise as necessary and re-issue the schedules to reflect the re-ordering of the Annexes.

3. The following micro generation measures have been removed from PAS 2030:
Ground and Air Source Heat Pumps
Solar Thermal
Solar PV
Biomass Boilers
Micro CHP
Micro and small scale wind turbine systems.

The schedules of those certification bodies that include these measures under PAS 2030 for the GD will be amended to remove them. UKAS will review, revise as necessary and re-issue the schedules to reflect the removal of these measures.

If certification bodies wish to continue to provide certification services to installer customers for these measures, they will be required to submit an application to UKAS for accreditation for the MCS for the measures required. To be able to provide accredited certification under the GD for these measures, the application will need to include the requirements of MCS 023.

4. New measures have been added to PAS 2030. To be able to offer accredited certification for installation of one or more of these measures, existing GD certification bodies will need to apply for an extension to scope to cover the new measure(s). This application will need to be accompanied by a full supporting package of information and will be subject to UKAS contract review to determine the assessment effort required. The applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis, and in some cases may be dealt with as an off-site desktop review, while others may require a head office visit and/or a witnessed assessment.

Please refer to the GD ORB communication “Transitional arrangements for PAS 2030: 2012 Edition 2” issued 19 February 2013 for details of the transitional arrangements.

MCS 023

DECC wishes micro-generation measures under GD to be installed only by MCS-certified installation companies. However, to operate under the GD, installation companies also need to comply with the generic requirements of PAS 2030. Hence the GD Oversight and Registration Body Gemserv has produced a document MCS 023 with which MCS-certified installers have to comply to operate under the GD. MCS-accredited certification bodies will in turn need to apply to UKAS for an extension to their MCS scope to cover assessment of the requirements of MCS 023 if they wish to certify installers for the GD.

Please refer to the MCS communication “Transitional arrangements for MCS 023 2013.02.20 v1.2” issued 20th February 2013 for details of the transitional arrangements.