

How will the 2025 ban on fossil fuel heating systems in new buildings affect me?

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START HERE:
Are you planning a new building?

Are you planning an extension?

Are you planning a change of use in relation to an existing building?

Are you planning to install a fossil fuel heating system in an existing building?

If your plans do not relate to the installation of a fossil fuel heating system in a building but you still have questions about the 2025 ban, please email climatechange@gov.im

Do your plans include installing any of the following in relation to the new building or the extension?

- A gas or oil boiler
- An oil tank
- A gas supply
- A gas or oil fired combined heating and cooking system

Have your plans already been approved by Building Control?

Will installation of the boiler, tank or supply be complete before 1 January 2025?

Do your plans include the installation a gas cooker/hob or other gas fired appliance?

Will a new gas supply be installed for this appliance?

Do your plans include the installation of another heating system that uses fossil fuels?

New building control applications for new buildings containing fossil fuel heating systems will be rejected from 1 January 2024.
If your building control application was not submitted before this date, you will not be able to proceed with plans that include a fossil fuel heating system. As a result you may need to amend your Planning application to accommodate your alternative heating system.

If the fossil fuel heating system is installed before 1 January 2025 it will **not be affected** by the ban.

You have until 31 December 2024 to install the fossil fuel heating system.
From 1 January 2025 it will be illegal to install a fossil fuel heating system in a new building – even if you have obtained Planning and/or Building Control approvals.
If you are not certain that installation will be complete by 31 December 2024, you should seek to amend your plans as soon as possible.
If you do not complete installation before 1 January 2025, you will need to amend your Building Control plans and may need to amend your Planning application.

The changes **do not affect** existing buildings (including change of use) or existing fossil fuel heating systems.
You can still install fossil fuel heating systems in existing buildings after 1 January 2025.
You can connect new appliances to existing fossil fuel heating systems after 1 January 2025.

The following are **not affected** by the 2025 ban:

- Fossil fuel systems for high temperature applications for commercial or industrial purposes
- Freestanding heating appliances (eg. electric oil filled radiators, gas heaters that house a small bottle of gas etc.)
- Components of heating systems that do not themselves burn fossil fuels eg. internal pipework, radiators, valves etc. (with the exception of supply and storage components).
- Open fires and multi-fuel/wood burning stoves, whether or not connected to apparatus that supplies heat or hot water. This includes AGAs and similar appliances that do not use oil or gas.
- Biomass boilers (ie. boilers that use renewable biomass fuels such a woodchips).

If you have a question about a fossil fuel heating system that is not covered in this chart please email the Climate Change Transformation Team at climatechange@gov.im

If your plans do not relate to the installation of a heating system that uses fossil fuels in a new building (including an extension) then they will not be affected by the 2025 ban.

More information about low carbon heating and the 2025 ban on installation fossil fuel heating systems in new buildings is available at <https://www.netzero.im/our-programme/heating-systems/> or you can email climatechange@gov.im (please include your phone number if you would like to receive a call back)

If you have a query about an existing Planning or Building Control application or approval please contact planning@gov.im or buildingcontrol@gov.im