



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Energy Saving for Businesses



Energy Information Sheet for Rate Payers

Training for staff

- SEAI deliver a free training module for staff on energy efficiency.

<https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/>

- The Irish Government have created a toolkit that allows businesses to measure their carbon footprint for free.

<https://www.climatetoolkit4business.gov.ie/>

Energy Audits and business supports

- Micro businesses can avail of support through the LEO **Green 4 Micro Scheme**.

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Portal/Green/New-Green-Images/What-is-Green.html>

- SMEs with energy costs greater than €10,000 a year can apply for a €2,000 voucher towards the cost of an energy audit with SEAI.

<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/small-and-medium-business/supports/energy-audits/>

- Enterprise Ireland members can avail of funding for an audit or consultancy support for the creation of an environmental or energy management system.

<https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/>



Capital funding, grants and tax implications

Once you have completed your energy audit you can now look for sources of funding.

- The **Better Energy Communities fund (BEC)** is an SEAI fund where a Project Coordinator will apply for the funding on your behalf, project manage the works and verify the savings.

Applicants can apply for 30% of the cost of energy efficiency or renewable energy capital projects.

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/community-grants/project-criteria-and-funding/>

- For company's replacing some of their fleet with electric vehicles there is a grant of up to €3,800

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/electric-vehicle-grants/grant-amounts/>

- **Accelerated Capital Allowance** is a tax incentive scheme that promotes investment in energy efficient products & equipment. The scheme allows a sole trader, farmer or company that pays corporation tax in Ireland to deduct the full cost of the equipment from their profits in the year of purchase.

<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/accelerated-capital-allowance/>

- The **Support Scheme for Renewable Heat** provides an incentive to businesses who invest in biomass heating systems

<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/support-scheme-renewable-heat/>