

Renewable Energy Policy

Government Policy	
UK Government Policy	Target
<p>The Government recognises the many benefits of renewable energy and is actively supporting the growth of renewable generation to tackle climate change and encouraging a more sustainable approach to energy use.</p> <p>The Renewables Obligation (RO) is the mechanism for delivering this target.</p> <p>The RO requires licensed electricity companies, such as E.ON UK, to source a specific percentage of the electricity it supplies from renewable sources. The current target is 9.1% for 2008/9, rising to 15.4% by 2015/16.</p> <p>In order to meet this obligation suppliers, like E.ON UK, have three options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate renewable energy to accumulate Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs) • Buy renewable energy to acquire ROCs • Pay a buy out price 	<p>15% of all electricity supplied in England and Wales to come from renewable sources by 2015.</p>
Scottish Executive Policy	
<p>The Scottish Executive has announced a series of measures to help reach there target, the most important of which is the Renewables Obligation Scotland (ROS). This places a legal obligation on every licensed supplier in Scotland to supply a percentage of electricity from renewable sources.</p> <p>"Climate change is widely recognised as the most serious environmental threat facing our planet...Latest projections suggest that by the end of the century, Scotland will have warmer, wetter winters, less snowfall and an increased risk of flooding."</p>	<p>The Scottish Climate Change Programme commits Scotland to generating 18% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2010.</p> <p>The Scottish Executive has an aspirational target of generating 40% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2020.</p>
Welsh Assembly Policy	
<p>Technical Advice Note 8, Planning for Renewable Energy identifies areas in Wales which are considered to be the most appropriate locations for large scale wind farm developments.</p>	<p>The National Assemble for Wales has set a target to generate 4 terawatt hours of energy from renewable sources each year by 2010, this is likely to be equivalent to 10% of electricity generated in Wales by that time.</p> <p>The Assembly has also indicated a renewable generation target that rises to 7 terawatt hours per year by 2020.</p>