

## EPC OVERVIEW

An Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) is required for all homes whenever built, rented or sold and also for installing Solar Panels to get your Higher Rate of Feed-in-Tariff.

If you are buying or selling a home it is now law to have a certificate.

### AN EPC CONTAINS:

Information about a property's energy use and typical energy costs  
recommendations about how to reduce energy use and save money.

An EPC gives a property an energy efficiency rating from A (most efficient) to G (least efficient) and is valid for 10 years.

### THESE BUILDINGS DO NOT NEED AN EPC:-

- places of worship
- temporary buildings that will be used for less than 2 years
- stand-alone buildings with total useful floor space of less than 50m<sup>2</sup>
- industrial sites, workshops and non-residential agricultural buildings that don't use a lot of energy
- some buildings that are due to be demolished
- holiday accommodation that's rented out for less than 4 months a year or is let under a licence to occupy
- listed buildings - you should get advice from your local authority conservation officer if the work would alter the building's character
- residential buildings intended to be used less than 4 months a year