

# Energy and Boiler Cover July 2021

# Tariff terms and conditions

## I agree and accept the following:

- I own the home that I am taking the tariff out on and have a gas boiler and controls that are in good working order
- I will manage my account totally online
- I have read and accept the HomeCare Terms & Conditions (copied below)
- I have read and accept the Insurance Disclosure Document (copied below)
- I understand this tariff is not available to customers who have an existing Services agreement (including HomeCare, Plumbing & Drains cover, Gas Appliance Cover and Kitchen Appliance Cover), though is available if you previously took a tariff with a services element. If you have an existing Services agreement and choose to take the Energy and Boiler Cover July 2021 tariff we will not set up any of the cover products. The terms of this energy tariff will continue to apply for each fuel on this tariff.
- I understand I will have two Direct Debits, one for my energy tariff and one for my services contract. The Direct Debit for my services contract will start after 12 months as this is an introductory offer

## About your tariff

Energy and Boiler Cover July 2021 prices are fixed until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021. You'll pay a daily standing charge and unit rate for each fuel on this tariff. We'll also add VAT. If you have a multiple rate electricity meter, you may have more than one unit rate. For more details about the rates we charge go to [www.britishgas.co.uk/alltariffs](http://www.britishgas.co.uk/alltariffs)

## How it works

Customers will need to switch their energy tariff for both gas and electricity to this tariff. Both this tariff and the associated Boiler and Controls Breakdown Cover (your **Cover**) will need to be in name(s) of the same account holder(s) and for the same address. The **Cover** is more suitable for customers who own their own home. You'll receive separate information about this tariff and your HomeCare agreement for your **Cover** once your order has been completed.

**Cover** is included for the first 12 months. Your **Cover** will start within 21 days of your tariff start date. Your **Cover** will automatically renew after 12 months unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this agreement. We'll contact you at least 25 days before your **Cover** expires to tell you the renewal price. If you do nothing your **Cover** will renew onto the renewal price. You can choose to change or cancel your **Cover** at any time.

This tariff is not available to customers who have prepayment meters or smart meters in prepayment mode.

This tariff is not available to customers who have an existing services agreement (including HomeCare, Plumbing & Drains cover, Gas Appliance Cover and Kitchen Appliance Cover), though it is available if you previously took a tariff with a services element included. If you have an existing services agreement (which was not included with a previous tariff) and choose to take this tariff we will not set up the Boiler and Controls Breakdown Cover. The terms of this energy tariff will continue to apply for each fuel on this tariff.

We'll use the Direct Debit details you give us when buying this tariff to set up your **Cover** contract. We'll use the same Direct Debit details to set up two Direct Debits, one for your energy tariff (payable to British Gas Trading Limited) and one for your **Cover** (payable to British Gas Services Limited). The first Direct Debit for your **Cover** will start after 12 months from your original contract start date. We'll contact you at least 25 days before your renewal date to notify you of your renewal price, and you can choose to change or cancel your contract if you wish.

## Key features and benefits

What is included in the **Cover**:

1. Boiler and Controls Breakdown Cover with a £99 excess for each repair
2. Added peace of mind that your gas boiler and controls are covered in case they need a repair
3. Unlimited call outs
4. Parts and labour included (limits apply, please see the Boiler and Controls Breakdown Cover terms for more details)
5. To call us day or night if things go wrong.

What is not included:

- An Annual Service Visit
- Repairs to the central heating system, including radiators
- Removing sludge or limescale or repairing the damage it causes if we tell you it might be a problem for your boiler
- Showers or taps
- Accidental Damage

See the [HomeCare Terms & Conditions](#) for full details of your **Cover**.

<https://www.britishgas.co.uk/homecare-terms>

## Manage your account online

You'll need to manage this tariff and your account online. Managing your account online means:

- your bills and statements will be available online and not sent to you
- you can check your account details on our website or app
- you can find information about your tariff and account on our website
- you'll provide your meter readings online, by text message or via the app at least once a quarter (if you don't have smart meters which send us meter readings automatically)
- you can contact us using our web chat service.

Your bills and statements will be available on our website at [www.britishgas.co.uk/identity/](http://www.britishgas.co.uk/identity/). We'll send you emails when your bills and statements are ready and prompt you for meter readings. You should provide meter readings for your fuels when we prompt you for them to help ensure your bills are up to date. This is in addition to the requirement in the supply terms to provide meter readings at least twice a year. If you are not able to send us meter readings when prompted we'll provide estimated bills. We'll automatically take meter readings if you have smart meter(s) which can send the meter readings directly to us.

If you stop managing your account online (as described above) we may contact you and give you 30 days to choose a different tariff. We won't contact you about moving to a different tariff if there are genuine reasons why you stopped managing your account online, for example our website or app wasn't available or wasn't working properly or you contact us by phone because you have a complaint or emergency.

## Smart meters

If you are eligible for smart meters and don't already have them (either for both fuels or just one fuel), by signing up to this tariff you agree you'll book a smart meter installation appointment within 3 months and be at home for the appointment by going to [www.britishgas.co.uk/smart-home/smart-meters.html](http://www.britishgas.co.uk/smart-home/smart-meters.html). When your booking is confirmed we'll arrange for smart meter(s) to be installed for no extra charge (if your home does not already have smart meter(s)).

Your home needs to meet certain requirements to enable us to fit smart meters. For example, we need to be able to access your existing meters and there needs to be a good mobile signal at your home. If you're a tenant, it's your responsibility to get your landlord's consent to having smart meters installed.

Not all customers can have smart meters yet. We can't be certain that you will be able to have smart meters until you come on to supply with us or in some cases, until the engineer has been to your home. If we can't install smart meters at your home, you can stay on this tariff, but you'll need to send us meter readings when prompted and manage your account online. If you are eligible for smart meters, and don't already have them and don't book an appointment for installation (where you are at the appointment or arrange for an alternative person to be at the appointment) within 3 months of coming on supply or switching to this tariff, we may contact you and give you 30 days to choose a different tariff. If you don't choose a different tariff or don't book a smart meter appointment after we have contacted you, we'll switch your tariff to a similar tariff (which doesn't require a smart meter) which we have available for you at the time.

If you have smart meters and join us from another supplier you may lose some smart functionality for example, automatic meter readings, but your ability to switch supplier or tariff is unaffected. If you have British Gas smart meters we should automatically receive your meter readings but there are some occasions where this won't work. If you already have smart meters you don't need to book an appointment to arrange for new smart meters and you can stay on this tariff. If your smart meters don't send us automatic meter readings, you'll need to send us meter readings when we prompt you for them.

## Environmental benefits from buying energy on this tariff

This tariff is a green tariff as we match the electricity you buy from us on this tariff with 100% renewable energy by buying Guarantees of Origin certificates or Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origins certificates (REGOs) or both of these.

Please note, the electricity you use won't be exactly the same energy that was generated from the renewable sources.

For more information about our fuel mix, environmental benefits which are in addition to our legal obligations, government support for renewable energy supply and how electricity is physically distributed go to [www.britishgas.co.uk/greentariffs](http://www.britishgas.co.uk/greentariffs).

- Buying renewable energy certificates

We'll match 100% of your electricity consumption on this tariff with Guarantees of Origin certificates (GoOs) or Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origins certificates (REGOs) or both. This means buying certificates that guarantee electricity has been generated from a renewable source to match the electricity that you'll use. We'll buy this when the tariff is launched and

we'll check at the end of the annual compliance period to make sure that we bought enough certificates to cover the electricity used. If you used more electricity than we originally bought and assumed you would use, we'll buy more certificates to cover what you did use.

The Guarantees of Origin certificates and Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origin certificates are in addition to our legal obligations and schemes and separate from the existing subsidies.

## Paying for your energy

You'll need to pay by Direct Debit.

Your prices may change depending on how you pay. If you pay by Direct Debit but miss any payments we can ask you to pay by cash or cheque. Your prices would go up – we'll explain the difference when we write to you and you can find the details at [www.britishgas.co.uk/alltariffs](http://www.britishgas.co.uk/alltariffs). We'll write to you at least seven working days before changing how you pay.

If you pay by payment card or, if applicable, directly through the benefits you receive from government, the rates we charge are the same as if you pay by cash or cheque.

## If we replace your meters with prepayment meters or mode change your meter to prepayment

If we replace your gas and/or electricity meters with prepayment meters, or mode change your meter to prepayment, we'll switch your tariff for each fuel on a prepayment meter to our cheapest tariff which is available to prepayment meter customers at the time. For any fuel which is not on a prepayment meter these existing terms will apply. We'll let you know if your tariff has changed because you have a prepayment meter.

Your **Cover** will continue and will automatically renew after 12 months unless cancelled separately.

## If you want to change your meters

You need to contact us to discuss this. This tariff including the **Cover** may not be available on another meter type and/or you may want to choose a different tariff. We will let you know if you would need to choose a different tariff when you contact us.

## If you want to cancel or switch

You have 14 days from the day after you agreed to this tariff to change tariff without paying exit fees. In these terms and conditions we call this the cool off period. For more information about the cool off period go to [britishgas.co.uk/cooloff](http://britishgas.co.uk/cooloff)

You can switch to another supplier without giving us any notice. If you switch to another energy supplier after the cool off period and before 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 we'll charge you an exit fee of £30 for electricity and £30 for gas. We'll collect exit fees before any other amounts you owe us, either from payments you make or from any credit balance you have with us. If you move to another tariff with us, the exit fee will not apply.

Your **Cover** will continue and renew automatically even if you cancel this tariff. If you want to cancel the **Cover** for any reason then this must be done separately by contacting British Gas Services Limited. Details can be found in your [HomeCare Terms & Conditions](#).

## If you cancel or upgrade the Boiler and Controls Breakdown Cover

If you cancel or upgrade the **Cover** this energy tariff will continue without the **Cover** until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021, unless the tariff is cancelled earlier in accordance with these terms and conditions.

## If we can't take you onto Boiler and Controls Breakdown Cover

If we realise during sign up or at a breakdown visit that we can't take you onto Boiler and Controls Breakdown Cover, we may contact you and give you 30 days to switch both fuels to one of our other available tariffs. The full terms of this tariff will continue to apply until you choose a different tariff. There will be no cancellation fees if you cancel or upgrade your **Cover** agreement. You will not be liable for costs incurred up to the point that you cancel or upgrade your **Cover** other than the £99 excess for any work that has been carried out. If you're not eligible for the **Cover** we will not automatically renew it after 12 months

## Moving Home

You can take this tariff without the **Cover** with you if you move home. However, you will have to contact us as soon as possible about your **Cover** as we may be able to transfer this to the new property or start a new agreement for the same cover. We can cancel the **Cover** if you ask us to. British Gas Services Limited may be able to offer you an alternative service for your new home.

## At the end of the tariff

Before this tariff ends, if you haven't already switched to another tariff or supplier, we'll contact you. If you don't switch tariff or supplier before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021, we'll move you to the cheapest default tariff (no exit fees) we have available at that time.

From the last 49 days of this tariff ending if you decide to switch to another supplier you don't have to pay any exit fees. You'll keep your current prices and terms and conditions (excluding exit fees) until:

- You switch to one of our other tariffs no later than 20 working days after (but not including) 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021; or
- You switch to another supplier and they tell us you'd like to switch no later than 20 working days after (but not including) 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021. The other supplier then needs to supply your energy within a reasonable time after they told us you want to switch; or
- You try to switch supplier and you pay any outstanding supply charges for the fuel(s) you want to switch within 30 working days after we tell you we object to the switch.

After the tariff ends, the **Cover** will continue until you cancel it.

## Other things to bear in mind

The tariff prices are fixed until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 unless the government or regulator does something or plans something that means the price changes. For example, changing the

amount of VAT we must charge (we hope they won't, but we have to let you know). We'll only sell so many of these tariffs, and we might withdraw it.

Our terms and conditions of supply also apply - you can find them at [britishgas.co.uk/terms](https://www.britishgas.co.uk/terms) If there is any difference between what we say in these terms and conditions and the supply terms, what we say in these terms takes priority.

Your Boiler and Controls Breakdown Cover will be provided by British Gas Services Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.