

Finding reliable suppliers

One of the main challenges of upgrading the energy performance of your home is to find a supplier that you can trust. Many suppliers can struggle to keep pace with all the changes in technology and government schemes and not all suppliers are as reputable as we would like them to be.

Do your research

- Look at [Checkatrade](#) to identify suppliers with high scores (9.9 or 10) and good feedback from clients.
- Look at [Buy With Confidence](#) to identify local suppliers listed on this government-run initiative.
- Ask for recommendations from friends, neighbours or colleagues who have had work done recently. Also people you know in related trades may be able to refer reliable colleagues.

Get quotes and references

It's a good idea to get a minimum of three quotes from suppliers so that you have a realistic idea of prices rather than relying on just one. For bigger projects, ask to speak directly to previous clients.

Check qualifications

Ensure any tradesperson has the requisite qualifications and approvals. For example, anyone installing renewable energy systems must be registered under the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) in order for you to claim subsidies once the system has been commissioned.