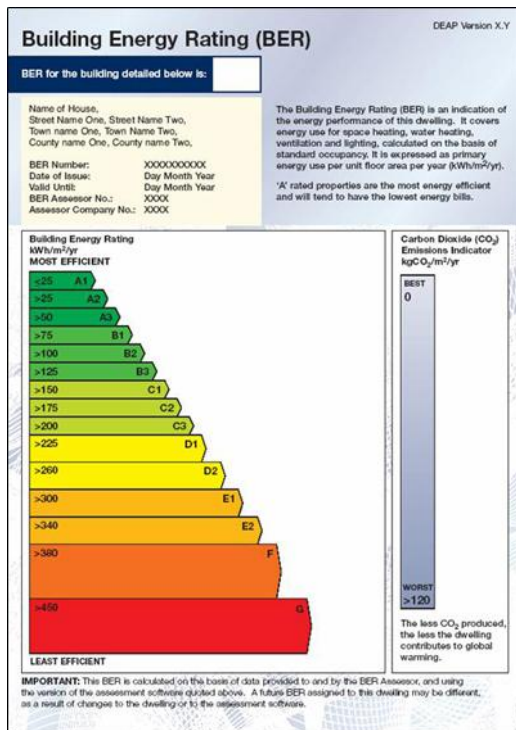


Building Energy Rating - BER

A domestic BER is an indication of the energy performance of a home. It covers energy use for space heating, water heating, ventilation and lighting calculated on the basis of standard occupancy. A BER is similar to the energy label for a household electrical appliance like your fridge. The label has a scale of A-G. A-rated homes are the most energy efficient and will have the lowest energy bills. A valid BER is a legal requirement of any home that is sold or rented as well as a requirement for many of the SEAI retrofit grants. BERs are valid for 10 years.

The BER assessment involves a detailed survey of your home; including measuring of the building footprint, glazing levels & types, the building's construction and an investigation into the heating systems. This data is then entered into the Dwelling Energy Assessment Procedure, (DEAP) software and lodged with the national database to produce the BER rating and certificate.

A simple advisory report is included with all BER assessments. This is a four page report that is generated semi automatically when the BER is published. It includes a list of recommendations to improve you homes energy performance, their impact on your energy use and fuel bills and an indication of their installation cost. This report is great to give home homeowners an idea of improvements they can make but for more complex homes and projects a more detailed bespoke report may be required, such as our whole house retrofit plan. The advisory report does not cover the requirements of the heat pump technical assessment.



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