

SBCI Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme

Eligibility Application Form SME Businesses including Fishery¹



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NOTICE

Please note:

1. The SBCI Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme (**EELS** or the **Scheme**) has been established to support eligible SMEs to invest in the energy efficiency of their enterprises. Assets listed on the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's "Triple E Products' Register" are deemed to be eligible assets which may be financed under the Scheme, **except** for Electric Vehicles (**EVs**).
2. All applicants must firstly complete this Eligibility Application Form to check if they are eligible to apply for finance under EELS (**STEP 1**). If an applicant is assessed to be eligible, that applicant will then receive an eligibility confirmation letter from the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (**SBCI**), which the applicant then needs to present to its finance provider as part of its credit application (**STEP 2**).
3. **Confirmation of Scheme eligibility (STEP 1) does not confer credit approval.** Approval of finance under EELS is at the sole discretion of the relevant finance provider, following completion of the relevant finance provider's internal credit process (STEP 2).
4. This Eligibility Application Form relates to certain eligibility criteria for the Scheme. Additional Eligibility Criteria applicable to the Scheme is set out in the terms and conditions of the Scheme (please review these at <http://sbc.gov.ie/products/energy-efficiency-loan-scheme-eels#terms-and-conditions>).
5. This Eligibility Application Form contains mandatory binding declarations regarding eligibility for the Scheme. If a false or misleading declaration is made, or if false or misleading information is provided with this application, it may lead to a demand for repayment of any sums advanced under the Scheme by the relevant finance provider and to any State aid received being recovered with compound interest.
6. All declarations and documentation may be audited by the European Investment Fund (**EIF**), the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and/or any other European institution or body as part of periodic audits of European support schemes. Further details shall be provided in the terms and conditions to any financing made available under the Scheme.
7. The Scheme is established and offered by the SBCI and benefits from a guarantee provided by COSME² and the European Fund for Strategic Investment (**EFSI**) set up under the Investment Plan for Europe. The purpose of EFSI is to help support financing and implementing productive investments in the European Union and to ensure increased access to financing.

¹ Any applicant whose business is in the Primary Agricultural sector should complete the Eligibility Application Form headed "SMEs active in Primary Agricultural Sector".

² The EU Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs

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BORROWER DETAILS

Borrower Name *

Number of Employees * (min 1 – max 499)

Borrower Legal Form³ *

Incorporated

Unincorporated

Total Turnover (last financial year)⁴ *

Address Line 1 *

Balance Sheet Total Assets (last financial year)⁵ *

Address Line 2 *

Company Registration Number or VAT Number *

Company Registration No

VAT

Address Line 3

Company Registration Number / VAT Number

Eircode⁶ *

Established and operating in Ireland⁷ *

Yes

No

County *

Is SME part of a group⁹ *

Yes

No

Country *

Appointed Contact Name⁸ *

Contact Telephone Number *

Contact Email Address *

Year of Establishment *

3. Choose between "Incorporated" and "Unincorporated" to best describe your business' legal form.

4. Annual Turnover relates to the € value of your businesses turnover in the last financial year. If you are in start-up phase and have not recorded any sales please insert €0.00.

5. Total Assets relates to the combined € value of the Current Assets plus the Fixed Assets (also known as Non Current Assets). Total Assets is **not** the Net Assets figure.

6. Go to the Eircode finder <https://finder.eircode.ie> to find your Eircode.

7. The Applicant must be established and operating in a Participating Member State for the purposes of COSME (which includes Ireland).

8. The authorised signatory or a nominated third party who can deal with any queries that arise following submission of this application.

9. An SME is an enterprise which (i) employs less than 250 persons and (ii) whose annual turnover does not exceed €50m and/or whose annual balance sheet total does not exceed €43m. If a company is part of a group of companies, the employee, annual turnover and annual balance sheet limits apply to the group, and the group's consolidated figures should be inserted into this Application Form. Further information can be found at <https://sbc.gov.ie/products/energy-efficiency-loan-scheme-eels>

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BUSINESS DETAILS
Sector * <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Sector NACE Code ¹⁰ * <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Forecast Number of Employees post financing * <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

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I <u>Name of authorised agent</u> * an authorised agent of <u>Borrower Name</u> * confirm that: Name of authorised agent ¹² Borrower Name¹³																					
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10. NACE codes are commonly used within the E.C. to classify business activities for statistical purposes. Please select the NACE code from the list https://sbci.gov.ie/uploads/downloads/2022_03_15_EELS_NACE-Code-Listing-Final.pdf that best reflects the primary activity of your business.

11. For SMEs in sectors other than fishery and aquaculture, de minimis aid is State aid given to an enterprise which typically cannot exceed €200,000 over any three rolling fiscal-year period. For SMEs in the fishery and aquaculture sector, de minimis aid is State aid given to an enterprise which cannot exceed €30,000 over any three rolling fiscal-year period. For all SMEs, regardless of sector, where the SME is part of a group, the threshold limits referred to above apply to the group collectively. De minimis aid can be granted by any State body, State agency or Government Department. Further information on State aid can be found at <https://sbci.gov.ie/about-us/regulation>

12. The "authorised agent" is the person who will sign this Eligibility Application Form.

13. The "Borrower name" needs to match the borrower name inserted on page 2 of this form.

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DECLARATION

1. I confirm I am an SME¹⁶ *

2. It is necessary for the SBCI to process certain information (including personal data) to process your application.

I confirm that I have read and understand the SBCI Data Protection Statement¹⁷. *

3. Acting further to its statutory functions under the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland Act 2014, the SBCI compiles a database of its applicants so that the SBCI can send communications to such applicants for the purposes of: (i) direct marketing of similar products and services in future; and (ii) to conduct market analysis and surveys related to your application.

As an applicant, we will add your contact details to our database but if you would prefer not to be included, you can opt-out by following the instructions below.

You have the right at any time to opt-out from such processing for the purposes described above, by notifying SBCI by email at: marketingoptout@sbc.gov.ie

Otherwise, we will retain your personal data in our database of applicants so that we can contact you in future for the marketing purposes described above based on the following criteria: (i) whether you choose to opt-out; (ii) the availability of similar SBCI schemes / products / services in future; (iii) SBCI's market analysis and research requirements; and (iv) otherwise in accordance with our data retention policy.

4. The SBCI works closely with other statutory agencies, including but not limited to Enterprise Ireland, the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and Microfinance Ireland (together the "SBCI Marketing Partners"), for the common purposes of supporting enterprises by facilitating the provision of credit and related products and services to enterprises and contributing to the diversity of the types of finance available in Ireland. An up to date list of SBCI Marketing Partners is available on the SBCI website at: <https://sbc.gov.ie/about-us/sbc-marketing-partners>.

From time to time SBCI issues a shared marketing statement by email which contains information on both SBCI's new and existing schemes, products and services as well as information on financial services and supports provided by the SBCI Marketing Partners, which we consider are relevant and potentially of interest to you and your enterprise given the common purposes of the SBCI and the SBCI Marketing Partners. Please note that such emails are sent only from SBCI and your contact details are not shared with our SBCI Marketing Partners for this purpose.

You have the right at any time to withdraw your consent or to opt-out from receiving the shared marketing statement from the SBCI, simply by notifying SBCI by email at marketingoptout@sbc.gov.ie

Otherwise, we will retain your personal data for a period of up to 10 years after the end of the Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme, based on the following criteria (i) availability of other similar SBCI schemes / products / services and availability of financial services and supports of the SBCI Marketing Partners in future and (ii) whether you choose to opt out before then.

If you would like to receive the shared marketing statement by email from SBCI, please tick the box.

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¹⁷ Visit <https://sbc.gov.ie/information-access/data-protection-notice> to access the full SBCI Data Protection Statement.

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DECLARATION

5. I confirm I am aware that EELS is being established and offered by the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland and benefits from a guarantee provided by COSME and EFSI set up under the Investment Plan for Europe.

I confirm that any credit advanced will not be used in contravention of any of the terms and conditions of the Scheme. *

6. I declare that I am authorised by the Borrower to complete this application form and that all information provided in this application form is accurate and up to date. *

7. I declare that the asset to be financed is listed on the SEAI "Triple E Register for Products" and is not an Electric Vehicle. *

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DECLARATION

Authorised Signature

Position

Date

When completed and signed, please return this application form to the SBCI via email or post at the relevant address set out below.

Email:

applications@eels.sbc.gov.ie

Post:

SBCI

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