



EcoHomes

Definition	<p>Launched in 2000, EcoHomes soon became mandatory for social housing in 2003 of which a 'Good' rating was shortly replaced in 2005 by a 'Very Good' rating. Over 200,000 homes have been certified since its launch. In April 2007 the Government's scheme, the Code for Sustainable Homes replaced EcoHomes for the assessment of 'new' housing in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.</p> <p>After 2007 the Code for Sustainable Homes replaces EcoHomes for New Build developments. But EcoHomes is still valid for Refurbishment developments</p>
Scoring System	<p>The assessment process results in a rating on a scale of PASS, GOOD, VERY GOOD, EXCELLENT and OUTSTANDING. The rating bands for each are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding: ≥ 85 • Excellent: ≥ 70 • Very Good: ≥ 55 • Good: ≥ 45 • Pass: ≥ 30 • Unclassified: < 30
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EcoHomes is used to improve, measure and certify the social, environmental and economic sustainability of new buildings. • It provides a framework within which home builders can be recognized for going beyond current Building Regulations on energy efficiency • It sets standards for a wide range of other aspects of sustainability which are not mandatory in the Building Regulations but are critical to limiting the environmental impact of housing