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British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme (BICS)

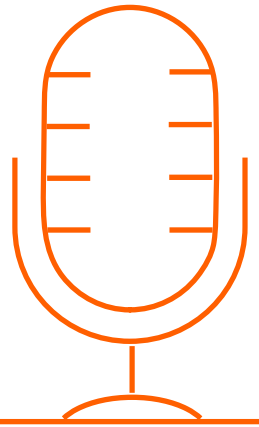
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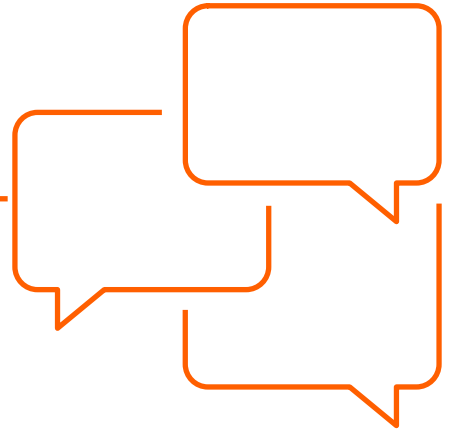
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Introductions



Harry Eaves
Head of Consultancy Delivery

Harry leads a team of experienced specialist and engineers dedicated to reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions through innovative mechanical and electrical design, compliance strategies and energy efficient solutions.

With eight years of experience as an energy consultant, a degree in renewable energy engineering, and an Executive MBA in progress, he combines technical expertise with a passion for sustainability.



Andy Pinder
Climate Change Engineer

Andy leads a team of specialists who have a focus on manufacturing businesses in energy intensive industrial sectors and expertise in the various relief schemes available to those businesses.

With over 30 years experience in manufacturing and an MSc in Engineering business Management, he combines technical expertise with his passion to support British manufacturing.



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What you'll learn

- What the British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme (BICS) is and why it has been introduced
- Which manufacturers and industrial businesses may be eligible for support
- The potential impact of BICS on electricity costs and business competitiveness
- Key timelines, developments and considerations for participating organisations
- Practical steps businesses can take now to prepare for the scheme
- How BICS fits within the UK's wider industrial and energy policy landscape.

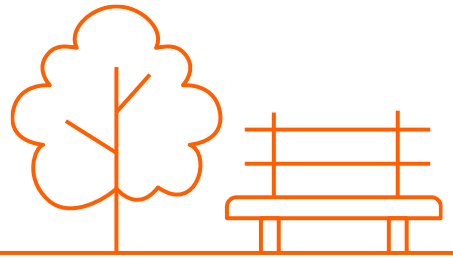


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Context

- The government is committed to retaining a modern, dynamic and globally competitive industrial base as part of its wider Industrial Strategy. However, high electricity costs have made it increasingly difficult for businesses to compete with their international counterparts.
- This government has been clear that the long-term answers to the challenges around energy security, affordability and sustainability point in the same direction – clean energy. In December 2024, the government launched their Clean Power 2030 Action Plan which set out a detailed plan for achieving the target of clean power by 2030.
- To address the more immediate electricity cost challenges, the government announced the British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme (BICS) as part of its Modern Industrial Strategy.
- In 2024, the UK's industrial electricity prices (including taxes) were the highest of all countries in the International Energy Agency dataset published by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), and more than double the EU-14 + UK median for large and very large industrial users. British policy costs on industrial electricity are significantly higher than most other major economies – typically around £61 per MWh or around 27% of the overall electricity bill compared to around £2 per MWh for France and £10 per MWh for Germany.

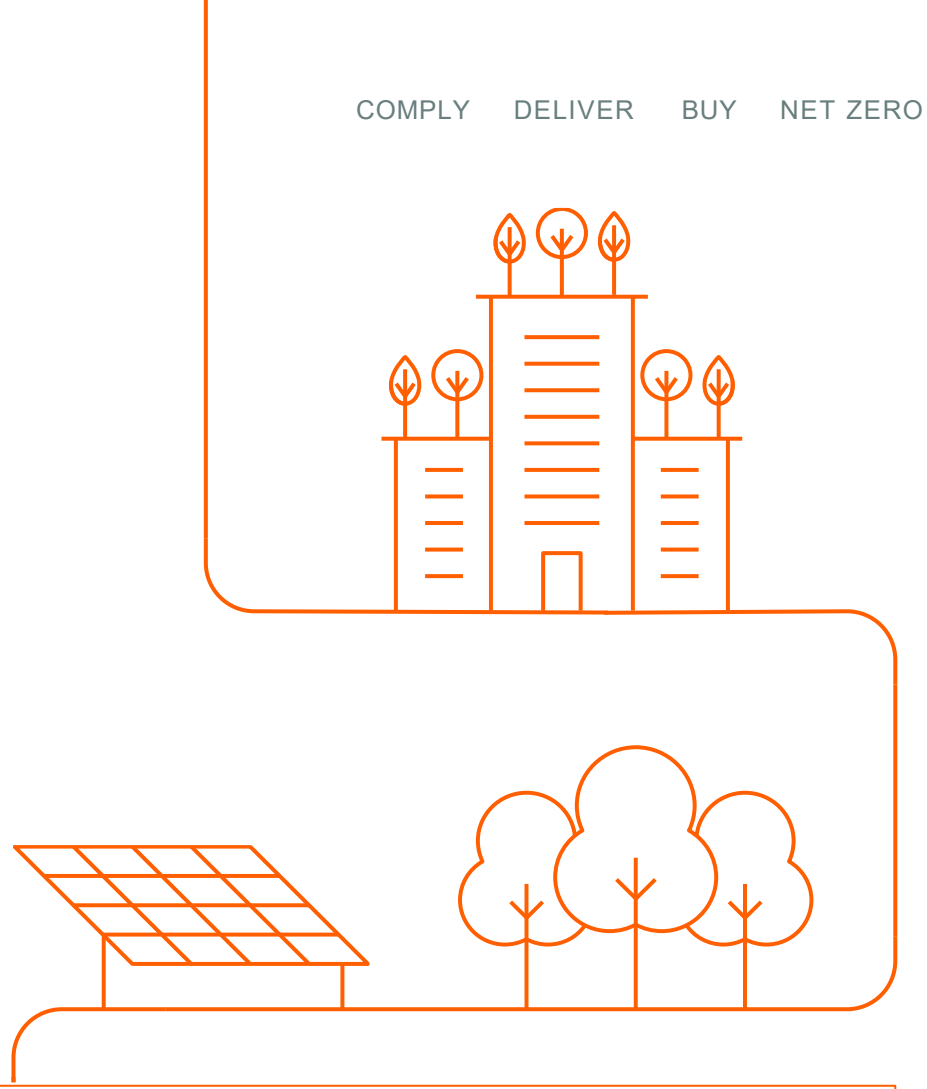




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What is BICS?

- BICS is a scheme that has been created by UK Government to reduce the burden of levies and charges on electricity users. This relief is targeted to manufacturers supplying IS8 sectors who have been deemed to be intensive consumers of electricity. The scheme will exempt eligible businesses from paying the indirect cost of 3 schemes:
  - Renewables Obligation (RO) - 2.597p/kWh
  - Feed-in Tariffs (FIT) - 0.855p/kWh
  - Capacity Market (CM) - 1.514p/kWh
- The government has confirmed the scheme is expected to average around £600 million per annum (originally approx. £300m pa). The scheme is expected to support around 10,000 businesses, which is an increase from the initial estimate of 7,000. Eligible companies will receive support of around £35 to £40/MWh.
- In line with the commitment set out in the Modern Industrial Strategy to deliver BICS by 2027, the government confirms that following an eligibility identification process, exemptions on bills will take effect from April 2027 for the RO and FIT levies, and October 2027 for the CM levy.



IS 8 Sectors			
Advanced Manufacturing	Clean Energy Industries	Creative Industries	Defence
Digital and Technologies	Financial Services	Life Science	Professional & Business Services

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Who is eligible?

To qualify for support, a business must operate in an eligible sector (SIC Code) and manufacture at least one eligible product (HS Code) alongside site-specific intensity tests:

Sector requirement:
Companies must be in an eligible Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) sector listed in the government's Annex A.

These sectors are further defined as either "Frontier manufacturing industries" or "Foundational manufacturing industries".



Product requirement:
Companies must manufacture at least one eligible Harmonised System (HS) coded product listed in Annex A.



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Who is eligible?

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Registered office address

[redacted]

Company status
Active

Company type
Private limited Company

Incorporated on
4 March 1966

Accounts

Next accounts made up to **31 December 2025**
due by **30 September 2026**

Last accounts made up to **31 December 2024**

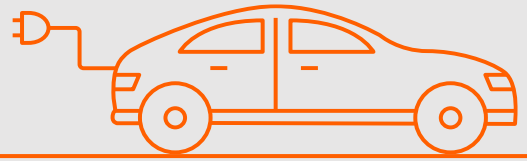
Confirmation statement

Next statement date **13 November 2026**
due by **27 November 2026**

Last statement dated **13 November 2025**

Nature of business (SIC)

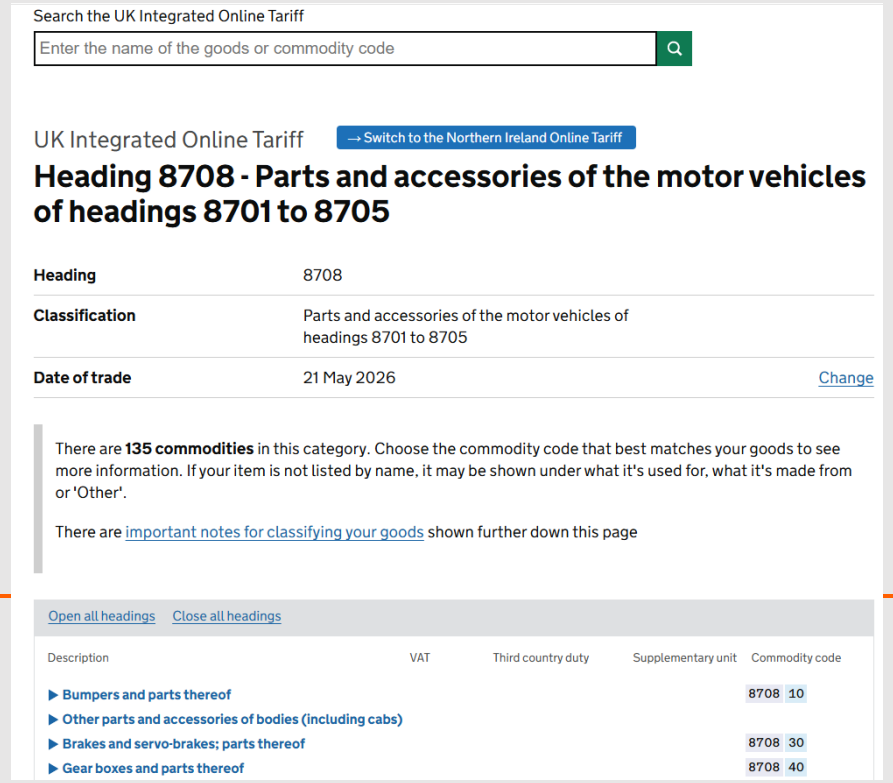
29310 - Manufacture of electrical and electronic equipment for motor vehicles and their engines
29320 - Manufacture of other parts and accessories for motor vehicles

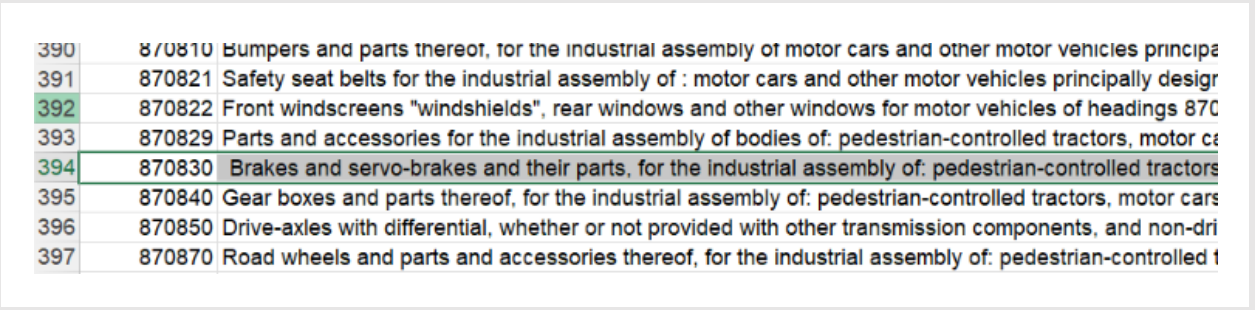


67	2830	Frontier	Manufacture of agricultural and forestry machinery
68	2849	Frontier	Manufacture of other machine tools
69	2899	Frontier	Manufacture of other special-purpose machinery nec
70	2910	Frontier	Manufacture of motor vehicles
71	2920	Frontier	Manufacture of bodies (coachwork) for motor vehicles; manufacture of trailers and semi-trailers
72	2932	Frontier	Manufacture of other parts and accessories for motor vehicles
73	3011	Frontier	Building of ships and floating structures
74	3030	Frontier	Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery
75	3040	Frontier	Manufacture of military fighting vehicles
76	3250	Frontier	Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies
77	3299	Frontier	Other manufacturing nec

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Who is eligible?



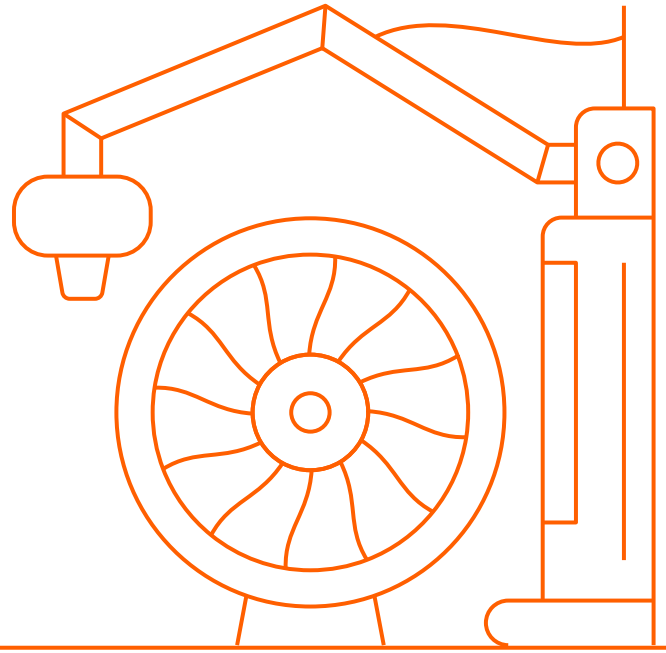


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Who is eligible?

Eligible or partially eligible sectors include:

- **Aerospace**
- **Automotive**
- **Aluminium**
- **Chemicals**
- **Cement**
- **Glass**
- **Pharmaceuticals**
- **Etc.**



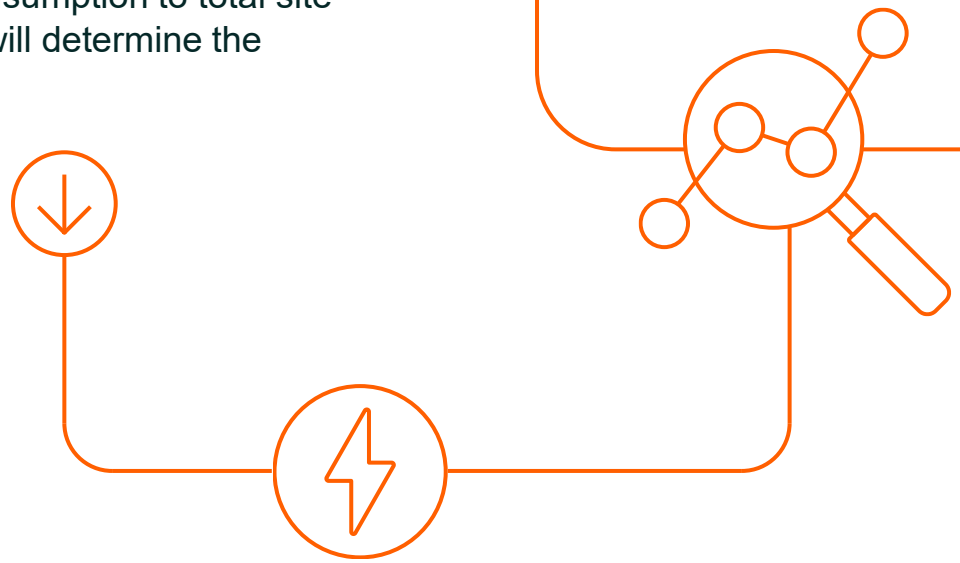


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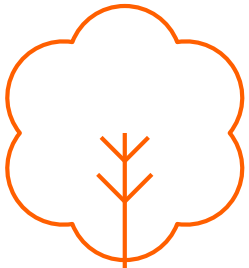
Site-level application rules

The level of support depends on the proportion of electricity used on a site for eligible products.

Businesses must provide details of all import Metering Point Administration Numbers (MPANs) related to the site, and the ratio of eligible consumption to total site electricity will determine the exemption.



If less than 25% of electricity usage at the site relates to eligible manufacturing, **no exemption is awarded**.



If between 25% and 50% of electricity usage at the site relates to eligible manufacturing, **a 50% exemption is applied**.

If 50% or more of electricity usage at the site relates to eligible manufacturing, **a 100% exemption is applied**.

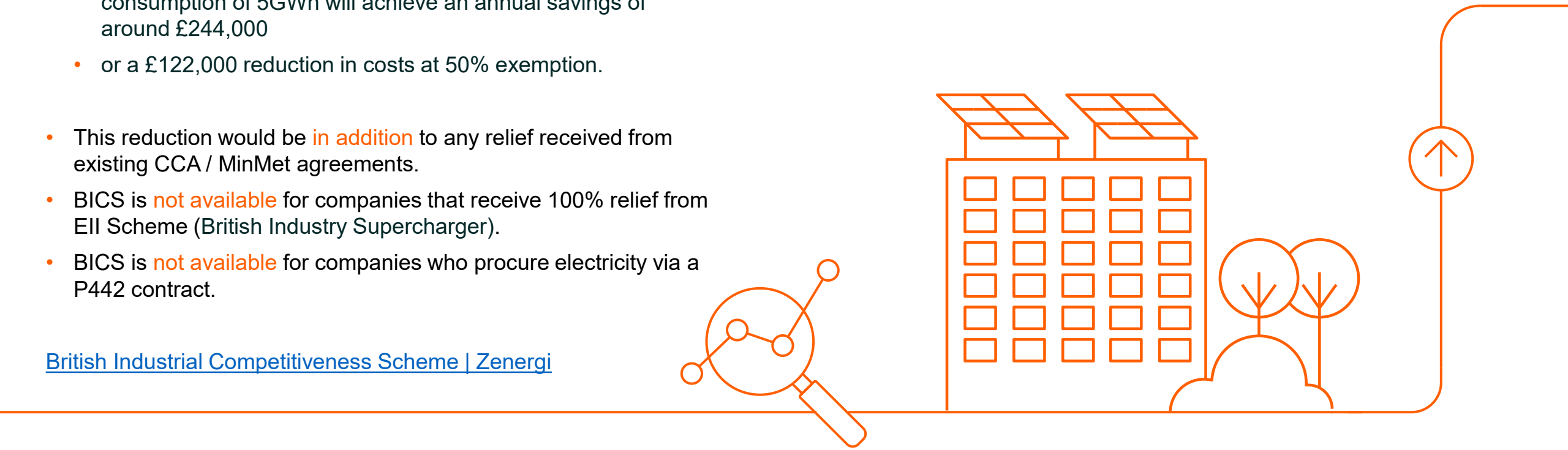
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Impact

- Collectively, RO (renewables obligation), FiT (feed in tariff) and CM (capacity market) charges represent around 20 to 25% of electricity bills. (Average reduction of around 4 – 5p/kWh)
  - Therefore, a 100% exemption with an annual Electricity consumption of 5GWh will achieve an annual savings of around £244,000
  - or a £122,000 reduction in costs at 50% exemption.

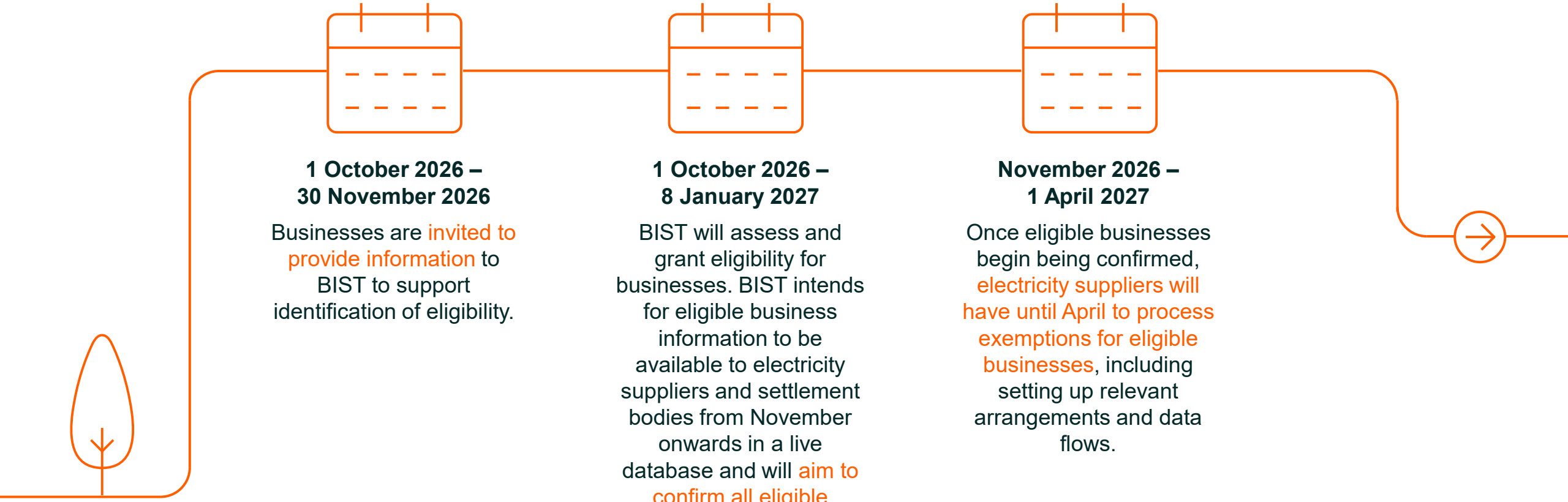
- This reduction would be in addition to any relief received from existing CCA / MinMet agreements.
- BICS is not available for companies that receive 100% relief from EII Scheme (British Industry Supercharger).
- BICS is not available for companies who procure electricity via a P442 contract.

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Timelines

To launch year 1 of BICS, BIST proposes a time-limited eligibility identification window from 1 October 2026 to 8 January 2027:



1 October 2026 – 30 November 2026

Businesses are invited to provide information to BIST to support identification of eligibility.

1 October 2026 – 8 January 2027

BIST will assess and grant eligibility for businesses. BIST intends for eligible business information to be available to electricity suppliers and settlement bodies from November onwards in a live database and will aim to confirm all eligible businesses by 8 January 2027 for Year 1 of the scheme.

November 2026 – 1 April 2027

Once eligible businesses begin being confirmed, electricity suppliers will have until April to process exemptions for eligible businesses, including setting up relevant arrangements and data flows.

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Timelines



BIST (Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade) proposes a digital-first process which minimises the administrative burden for businesses when confirming their eligibility for BICS

To support efficient scheme administration, BIST has published an online eligibility checker to enable businesses to self-assess whether they are likely to be eligible for BICS.

If a business determines that they are likely to be eligible, they will be asked to apply online.

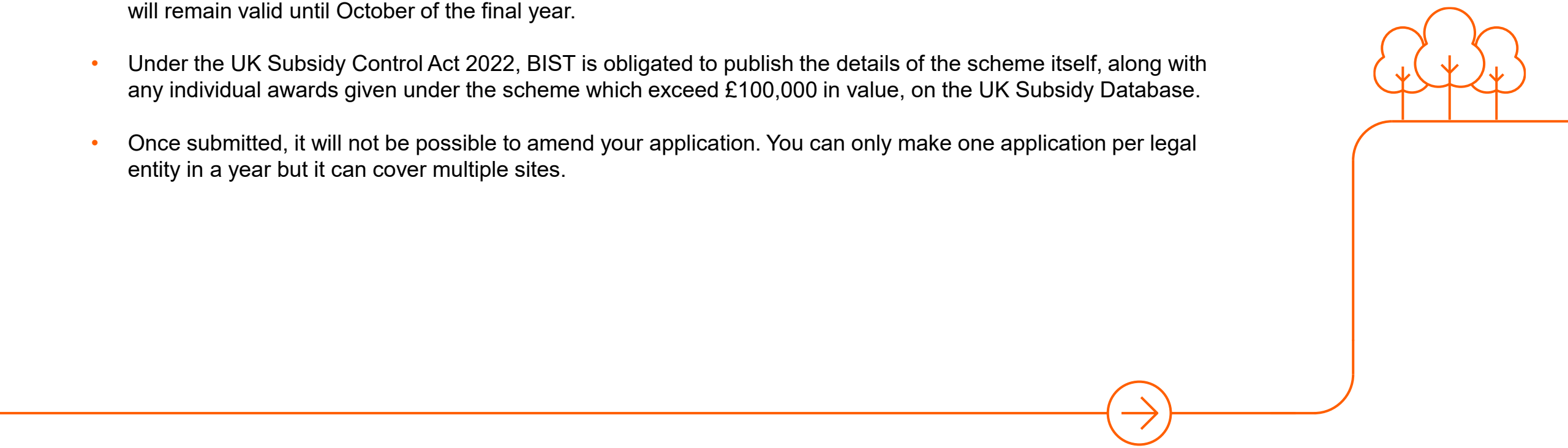
Businesses that are expected to meet the eligibility requirements will then be required to provide further information and evidence of their business activity by legal entity, manufacturing site, along with relevant electricity consumption and production data for the 6 months prior to applying.

BIST will then assess this information alongside existing data to inform whether a business meets the criteria for BICS.

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Additional notes

- The first BICS application window opened on 1 October 2026 and will close on the 30 November 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
- Once a site is approved for BICS, your exemption will be valid for a period of 5 years. For RO and FiT exemptions, the BICS exemption will remain valid until April of the final year. For CM exemptions, the exemption will remain valid until October of the final year.
- Under the UK Subsidy Control Act 2022, BIST is obligated to publish the details of the scheme itself, along with any individual awards given under the scheme which exceed £100,000 in value, on the UK Subsidy Database.
- Once submitted, it will not be possible to amend your application. You can only make one application per legal entity in a year but it can cover multiple sites.



Thank you

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