



mia Member Guidance New scheme replaces the Energy Bill Relief Scheme The government has announced that the current Energy Bill Relief Scheme (EBRS) is coming to an end – meaning the rate of energy bill support for non-domestic customers in Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be reduced.

Instead, from 1 April 2023 it will be replaced by the government’s new Energy Bills Discount Scheme (EBDS) that will run until 31 March 2024. As a result, eligible non-domestic customers, who have a contract with a licensed energy supplier, will see a unit discount of up to £6.97/MWh automatically applied to their gas bill and a unit discount of up to £19.61/MWh applied to their electricity bill, except for those benefitting from lower energy prices.

Additional support for Energy and Trade Intensive Industries Under the new scheme additional support is being offered to ‘Energy and Trade Intensive Industries’ (ETII). For eligible ETII businesses the price threshold for the scheme will be £99/MWh for gas and £185/MWh for electricity. This discount will only apply to 70% of energy volumes and will be subject to a ‘maximum discount’ of £40.0/MWh for gas and £89.1/MWh for electricity.

ETII eligibility is being based on Standardised Industrial Classification (SIC) codes. (A full list of qualifying ETII sectors can be found here.) Business meetings and events venues excluded from additional support The mia is disappointed that the ETII scheme is heavily weighted towards manufacturing. We understand that certain organisations such as historical sites and buildings and similar visitor attractions, whose scale of operations are similar and can host business meetings and events, will be eligible for the larger support package. But having been included based on identified SIC codes, it once again raises the issue that organisations in our sector aren’t classified under one standard consistent code. We will be continuing to communicate with the Department for Digital Media Culture and Sport and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy as well as other governing and industry bodies to warn of the devastating impact this will cause to not only operators but to the entire supply chain

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