

# Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart

The government has announced a new insulation and energy efficient heating programme to make thousands more New Zealand homes warmer, drier and more energy efficient.

Better insulation means our homes are warmer, cosier, and easier to heat. Warmer, drier homes bring health benefits, especially for those with respiratory illness or other conditions derived from living in cold damp houses.

While the priority is insulation retrofits, the programme also provides funding to install clean, energy efficient heating devices in homes that are well insulated.

The new programme aims to retrofit more than 180,000 New Zealand homes over the next four years, starting on 1 July 2009.

## How will the scheme work?

The scheme offers to pay a third (up to \$1300) of the cost of installing ceiling and under floor insulation in homes built before 2000. There is no income restriction. Homes with sufficient ceiling and under floor insulation may also get access to funding for clean heating devices like approved log burners, pellet burners, heat pumps, or flued gas heaters.

Community Services Card holders will be eligible for higher levels of funding.

The scheme is designed to work with partners who will provide access to finance packages so home owners will find it easier to pay back the remaining cost of their insulation or clean heating installation. These mechanisms will be put in place over time.

## What funding will be available?

	Insulation	Clean heating
<b>All eligible houses built before 2000</b>	33% of the total cost up to \$1300 (incl GST)	\$500 (incl GST)
<b>CSC holders</b>	60% of the total cost*	\$1200 (incl GST)
<b>Landlords with CSC holding tenants</b>	60% of the total cost	\$500 (incl GST)

\*In some regions, the total provided to CSC holders may be higher, where third party funding from charities, lines companies or councils is provided.

## How can I find out more?

More information about the new programme will be made available when the scheme starts on 1 July 2009, through advertising, brochures and the ENERGYWISE™ website [www.energywise.govt.nz](http://www.energywise.govt.nz)