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# Subsidy granted to property owners to install a solar heating system – Determination of amounts and procedures for awarding and paying the subsidy

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The Prince's Government has decided to introduce a subsidy policy designed to encourage the installation of both private and shared-use solar thermal heating systems for domestic hot water and/or heating purposes in buildings.

Subsidies amounting to 30% of the total cost per building for solar thermal heating systems (equipment and installation) may now be awarded. The subsidies, which are capped at €30,000, will be awarded, in principle, on the basis of an application. Systems must be installed by a professional.

The thermal collectors must be oriented from south-east to south-west.

The additional domestic hot water and/or heating must come from a new thermal system, excluding any oil-fired system, or from a slightly modified existing system, where appropriate.

Subject to approval of the application as set out below, the grant shall be awarded to the following applicants:

- private building owners;

- authorised representatives of jointly owned properties where there are a number of joint owners;
- entire co-ownership groups, which may comprise private or public owners, via the managing agent or representative, where there is no legally established managing agent.

Without prejudice to the provisions set out in Article 1 of Sovereign Ordinance No. 3.647, dated 9 September 1966, as amended, the applicant must submit, in duplicate, an application for the grant to the Department of the Environment.

The application must include:

- the subsidy application form, which can be obtained from the Department of the Environment;
- a certificate of ownership or a copy of the mandate, where acting as a representative;
- a full description of the system, including technical information setting out the annual productivity in kWh/m<sup>2</sup> of the usable collector, the backup power used, an estimate of the resulting energy savings (volume and as a percentage of the average total energy consumed annually), and the tilt of the collectors;
- a diagram and graphic documentation enabling a judgement to be made on the aesthetic acceptability of the system;
- a detailed quote drawn up by a professional.

Please note that the Government may reject the system for aesthetic reasons and will request, prior to an as-built inspection, that a certificate validating the installation work is issued by a building control office.

Once agreement in principle for the subsidy has been notified and the work has been completed, the applicant must submit a request for payment, in duplicate, to the Department of the Environment.

Payment of the subsidy is subject to approval of this application and obtaining as-built certification.

The application must include:

- the payment request form sent by the Department of the Environment with the notification that the subsidy is agreed in principle;
- the applicant's bank account details;

- a detailed invoice drawn up by a professional;
- a certificate from a building control office;
- a copy of the letter relating to the as-built certification.

The Government reserves the right to periodically amend this notice.

This notice cancels and replaces the “Subsidy awarded to property owners wishing to replace a fossil fuel heating system with a solar thermal heating system”, published in Journal de Monaco No. 7846, dated 8 February 2008.