

## Commercial / Industrial Fuels Comparison of Energy Costs - Quarterly

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**Notes:**

- All prices are inclusive of VAT
- Commercial coal prices no longer available
- Prices used are an average of wholesale scheduled prices, exclusive of any rebates that may apply. Rebate may reduce fuel cost in the region of 20-25% depending on various market conditions. Please contact your petroleum supplier for current prices.
- Prices available on request from suppliers for L.P.G. quantities over three tonnes.
- Wood fuel prices may vary from the average, given the fragmented supplier network at present.
- Minimum delivery conditions may apply. Discounts may apply for larger quantities.
- Gas prices are VAT Incl prices from the EU Price Regulation Survey, & represent prices for 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023 (Prices updated every 6 mths) For methodology and more details please see the following report : <https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/key-publications/>
- Electricity prices are VAT Incl prices from the EU Price Regulation Survey, & represent prices for 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023 (Prices updated every 6 mths) For methodology and more details please see the following report : <https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/key-publications/> See Special Note below on the Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy.
- To avail of lower night rate electricity a second meter is required.

The rate quoted is estimated for unit consumption costs only.

Actual costs may be higher due to higher standing charges for night rate electricity.

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Fuel	Form	Unit of Supply	Average Price per Unit (€) <sup>1</sup>	Gross Calorific Value (kWh/unit)	Delivered Energy Cost cent/kWh	Percentage change since 1 April, 2024	Percentage change since 1 April, 2023
Coal <sup>2</sup>	Industrial Fines	Tonne	n/a	7759.2	n/a	-	-
Oil <sup>3</sup>	Gas Oil 10ppm	Litre	1.265	10.55	11.99	+4.8%	+8.8%
	Light Fuel Oil	Litre	n/a	11.21	n/a	-	-
	Medium Fuel Oil	Litre	n/a	11.32	n/a	-	-
	Heavy Fuel Oil	Litre	n/a	11.45	n/a	-	-
L.P.G.	Commercial Cylinders	kg	2.312	13.96	16.56	+0.8%	-10.2%
	Bulk L.P.G. (0-3 tonnes) <sup>4</sup>	Litre	0.989	7.09	13.95	-1.6%	+1.5%
	Bulk L.P.G. (3.1-40 tonnes)	Litre	0.844	7.09	11.90	-1.4%	-2.6%
Wood <sup>5</sup>	Fuel Chips (35% moisture)	kg wet	0.201	3.2	6.30	+24.4%	+23.7%
	Pellets bulk delivery <sup>6</sup>	kg	0.431	4.8	8.99	-12.6%	-18.7%
	Pellets bagged	kg	0.493	4.8	10.27	-13.8%	-15.0%

## Comparison of Energy Costs - Biannually (see notes 7 & 8)

Natural Gas <sup>7</sup>	Band 11: <278 MWh per annum	kWh	0.1414	1.0	14.14	-	+0.2%
	Band 12: >=278 <2,778 MWh per annum	kWh	0.1046	1.0	10.46	-	-0.7%
	Band 13: >=2,778 <27,778 MWh per annum	kWh	0.0748	1.0	7.48	-	-8.3%
	Band 14: >=27,778 <277,778 MWh per annum	kWh	0.0587	1.0	5.87	-	-11.8%
	Band 15: >=277,778 <1,100,000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.0437	1.0	4.37	-	-27.5%
Electricity <sup>8</sup>	Band 1A: <20MWh per annum	kWh	0.3767	1.0	37.67	-	-6.6%
	Band 1B: >=20 < 500 MWh per annum	kWh	0.3252	1.0	32.52	-	-16.0%
	Band 1C: >=500 < 2000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.2798	1.0	27.98	-	-8.9%
	Band 1D: >=2000 < 20,000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.2342	1.0	23.42	-	-9.3%
	Band 1E: >=20,000 < 70,000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.2204	1.0	22.04	-	-9.5%
	Band 1F: >=70,000 < 150,000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.2163	1.0	21.63	-	-16.1%
	Night rate <sup>9</sup>	kWh	0.1398	1.0	13.98		

**Special Notes:**

**Note: New source for Electricity and Gas Prices from October 2010** : Due to full deregulation of the market, prices are now sourced from the prices gathered for the EU Gas & Electricity Price Regulation. Prices are updated 6 monthly. See notes 5 & 6 and [www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/key-publications/](https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/key-publications/) for the latest report.

Electricity - from 01/10/2023 the Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy has changed as follows: €0.00 per customer per month for small commercial customers (max import capacity < 30kVA) and €0.00 per kVA for medium and large customers (max import capacity >= 30kVA). See [www.cru.ie](https://www.cru.ie) for more details

**Carbon Tax** was introduced for Oil, L.P.G and Natural Gas on 1st May 2010. The Carbon Tax was extended to Coal and Peat on 1 May 2013. See [www.revenue.ie](https://www.revenue.ie) for more details.

**Temporary Business Energy Support Scheme:** TBESS was introduced in the second half of 2022 to support non-domestic customers with increases in their electricity or natural gas (energy) costs. TBESS rebates are not accounted for in the prices. See <https://www.revenue.ie/en/starting-a-business/tbess/index.aspx> for more details.

## Commercial / Industrial Fuels

### Comparison of Useful Energy Costs for Space Heating

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**Notes:**

- 10. Use manufacturers recommended fuel for each appliance.
- 11. Delivered energy costs quoted are for the conditions stated overleaf.
- 12. Efficiencies quoted are bands of typical seasonal heating efficiencies
- 13. If a night rate electricity meter is installed and if the heat pumps are run during the night, a unit cost of approximately half that specified can be assumed in the calculations for heat pump running costs.
- 14. Seasonal Performance Factor is defined as the ratio of heat output from the heat pump and the electricity supplied to the heat pump over the heating season. SPF's quoted assume heat pumps are used in conjunction with low temperature systems such as underfloor heating.
- 15. The Home Heating Appliance Register of Performance (HARP) database contains exact performance specifications of the proposed/installed appliances. [www.seai.ie/harp](http://www.seai.ie/harp)  
While HARP is not used in non-domestic Building Energy Rating (BER) it still gives a useful indicator of appliance efficiency/SPF for the purpose of commercial fuel cost comparisons.

Fuel <sup>10</sup>	Form	Delivered Cost <sup>11</sup> (c/kWh)	Seasonal Efficiency Ratings <sup>12</sup>									Typical Seasonal Efficiencies <sup>15</sup>	
			100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%		
<b>Coal</b>	Industrial Fines	n/a											<b>Solid Fuel Boiler</b> 65% - 75%
<b>Oil</b>	Gas Oil Light Fuel Oil Medium Fuel Oil Heavy Fuel Oil	11.99 n/a n/a n/a		13.32	14.99	17.13	19.99	23.98					<b>Gas or Oil Fired Boiler or Air Heater</b> 65% - 75%
<b>L.P.G.</b>	Commercial Cylinders Bulk L.P.G. (0-3 tonnes) Bulk L.P.G. (3.1-40 tonnes)	16.56 13.95 11.90		18.40	20.70	23.66	27.60	33.12					<b>Condensing Boiler</b> 85-97%
<b>Wood</b>	Fuel Chips Pellets bulk delivery Pellets bagged	6.30 8.99 10.27		7.00	7.87	8.99	10.49	12.59	15.74				<b>Electric Storage Heater</b> 90%
				9.98	11.23	12.84	14.98	17.97	22.46				<b>Direct Gas Fired Heater</b> 90%
				11.41	12.84	14.67	17.12	20.54	25.67	34.23	51.35		<b>Direct Electric Heater</b> 100%
<b>Natural Gas</b>	Band I1: <278 MWh per annum Band I2: >=278 <2,778 MWh per annum Band I3: >=2,778 <27,778 MWh per annum Band I4: >=27,778 <277,778 MWh per annum Band I5: >=277,778 <1,100,000 MWh per annum	14.14 10.46 7.48 5.87 4.37		15.71	17.68	20.20	23.57	28.28					
				11.62	13.08	14.94	17.43	20.92					
				8.31	9.35	10.68	12.46	14.96					
				6.52	7.34	8.39	9.79	11.74					
				4.85	5.46	6.24	7.28	8.74					
<b>Electricity</b>	Band IA: <20MWh per annum Band IB: >=20 < 500 MWh per annum Band IC: >=500 < 2000 MWh per annum Band ID: >=2000 < 20,000 MWh per annum Band IE: >=20,000 < 70,000 MWh per annum Band IF: >=70,000 < 150,000 MWh per annum  Night rate	37.67 32.52 27.98 23.42 22.04 21.63  13.98	37.67 32.52 27.98 23.42 22.04 21.63  13.98	41.86 36.13 31.09 26.02 24.49 24.04  15.54									

	Electricity used for Heat pumps <sup>13</sup>	Delivered Energy Cost <sup>11</sup> (c/kWh)	Factor (SPF) <sup>14</sup> for heat pumps								Typical SPF's for Heat Pump Types <sup>15</sup>
			2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	
<b>Electricity</b>	Band IA: <20MWh per annum Band IB: >=20 < 500 MWh per annum Band IC: >=500 < 2000 MWh per annum Band ID: >=2000 < 20,000 MWh per annum Band IE: >=20,000 < 70,000 MWh per annum Band IF: >=70,000 < 150,000 MWh per annum Night rate	37.67 32.52 27.98 23.42 22.04 21.63  13.98	15.07 13.01 11.19 9.37 8.82 5.59	12.56 10.84 9.33 7.81 7.35 4.66	10.76 9.29 7.99 6.69 6.30 4.00	9.42 8.13 7.00 5.86 5.51 3.50	8.37 7.23 6.22 5.20 4.90 3.11	7.53 6.50 5.60 4.68 4.41 2.80	6.85 5.91 5.09 4.26 4.01 2.54	6.28 5.42 4.66 3.90 3.67 2.33	<b>Ground source (horizontal)</b> 2.7 - 4.5 <b>Ground source (vertical)</b> 2.7 - 4.5 <b>Air/Air</b> 2.5 - 4.2 <b>Air/Water</b> 2.5 - 4.0 <b>Water/Water</b> 3.0 - 5.6 <b>Exhaust Air</b> 2.5 - 4.2