# Low Carbon Heating Technician Apprenticeship Grant Scheme - 2025

# Application Form: Training Providers

This is the application form for The MCS Foundation’s Low Carbon Heating Technician Apprenticeship grant scheme for training providers. Please complete all sections of the application form making sure to answer questions in a concise manner and providing supporting information where necessary. If you have any queries, please contact us at grants@mcsfoundation.org.uk.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for training providers to enable them or improve their ability to train apprentices on the Low Carbon Heating Technician scheme.

Grant applications that meet the eligibility requirements will likely be funded. There is a set grant budget and once this has been allocated no further grants will be provided within the grant period (2025).

If your application is successful, you will be provided with a grant funding agreement for signature.

Grant payments will only be made after the Apprenticeship Training Plans and evidence of spend (receipts or invoices) have been provided and approved by the Foundation.

## Eligibility

Grants of up to £10,000 are available towards costs associated with delivering the Low Carbon Heating Technician Apprenticeship (LCHTA) and meeting the following terms:

* The apprentices must start training with you in 2025 or 2026
* At least five apprentices will be enrolled
* The applicant organisation must be on the government’s apprenticeship provider and assessment register
* Applicants must provide Apprenticeship Training Plans and evidence of spend (receipts or invoices)
* Recipients must not have any conflicts of interest or, if they do, have suitable mitigations in place
* Activities to be funded by The MCS Foundation are not being funded by another source unless as match funding and agreed prior to application

The grant can be used for:

* Developing training facilities: Purchase of non-consumable equipment that can be used multiple times and form part of the core components of low carbon heating and hot water systems and facilities to deliver LCHTA training
* Training staff: Enable staff to undergo formal training so they can teach the LCHTA at an appropriate standard

Examples of suitable training centre improvements include:

* Purchasing MCS certified heat pumps (ASHP and GSHP), buffer vessels, heat pump training rigs, ground loop training rigs, ground loop manifolds and chambers
* Purchasing MCS certified solar heating systems i.e. solar heating collectors, solar pumping stations, hot water storage vessels, radiators, underfloor heating manifolds, heating controls, zone valves, divertor valves, circulators, expansion vessels, heat exchangers, hydraulic separation (e.g. low loss headers), fill and purge equipment, pressure gauges, filling loops, simulated roof structures
* Costs related to developing training bay structures (including a scaffold and edge protection set up)

**If you have any concerns about the eligibility of your activity or would like funding for an activity not mentioned please email us with a brief overview for consideration and approval prior to application.**

Please answer the following questions deleting text as required. You must be able to answer ‘Yes’ to the following questions to be eligible to apply for this grant.

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| Will the delivery of the Low Carbon Heating Technician Apprenticeship begin in 2025 or 2026? | Yes/No |
| To the best of your ability, will you engage with The MCS Foundation for 3 years following receipt of the grant to provide photos and quotes for promotional material to help increase take-up of the LCHTA? | Yes/No |
| Do you declare that the activity for which the grant is being used is not being funded by other sources? | Yes/No |
| Will you provide Apprenticeship Training Plans and evidence of spend? | Yes/No |

## Applicant details

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| **Organisation Name** |  |
| **Company No** |  |
| **Organisation address** |  |
| **Organisation legal structure** |  |
| **Main contact**(this will be the point of contact for The MCS Foundation) |  |
| **Job title** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Telephone No.** |  |

## Bank details

This needs to be the bank details for your organisation and where any grant would be transferred to.

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| **Bank Name** |  |
| **Account Name** |  |
| **Account Number** |  |
| **Sort Code** |  |

**Please provide with your application the bank details above on a letter headed document as a pdf.**

## Grant request

The following information will be used to help us ensure eligibility and understand the impact of the grant scheme and barriers to delivery of courses. Grant applications that meet the eligibility requirements will not be evaluated prior to a decision being made.

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| 4.1 **Total amount of funding requested (£)** |  |

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| 4.2 **How many apprentices are signed up to start the course in September 2025 or 2026 at the point of this application?** |  |

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| 4.3 **Please describe how you would spend the grant and the benefit it will provide.** *Example: ‘Purchase of an MCS certified [manufacturer name, model] heat pump for class demonstrations which will enable apprentices to practically learn how to install a heat pump’* Add more space as needed |
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| 4.4 **How do you support apprentices to ensure they successfully complete the apprenticeship?**Add more space as needed |
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| 4.5 **How do you support apprentices from disadvantaged groups within the sector (women, disabled, ethnic minorities etc)?**Add more space as needed |
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**If your application is successful, you will be provided with a grant agreement. Payments will only be made once all evidence has been provided – see section 1.**

## Conflicts of interest statement

Please state all known conflicts of interest, if any, at the time of making this application and detail how any of these conflicts will be managed. If there are no conflicts of interest, please enter ‘N/A’. Examples of potential conflicts of interest could be where the training provider or employee has a financial interest in an apprentice employer, end-point assessment organisation or third-party organisation for which the grant will be spent with. Create or delete rows as needed.

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## Declaration

Please complete the details in the box below to confirm that all information provided in this application is correct at the time of making the application.

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| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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