



Fact sheet: Display Energy Certificates (DECs)



Does my building need a DEC?

The Energy Performance of Buildings Directive states that a DEC is required for buildings with a total useful floor area of over 1000m², occupied or part occupied by a public authority or an institution providing a public service that is frequently visited by the public. The deadline for undertaking a DEC was 1st October 2008, but Self Energy can help those who have been left behind as well as supplying renewals to current DEC holders.

What is the purpose of the DEC?

The DEC is designed to:

- Make public authorities more accountable to the general public in terms of energy efficiency
- Inspire public authorities to take action in reducing energy consumption
- Highlight the business case for improving buildings energy efficiency

What does a DEC consist of?

A DEC consists of a certificate showing the operational energy use of a building which **must** be renewed each year and be made clearly visible to the public. This is accompanied by an Advisory Report with recommendations to reduce the building's CO₂ emissions, valid for seven years. Self Energy has the capacity not only to carry out the inspection but can also implement the recommended actions: see [our website](#) for further details.

How will I be penalised if I do not have a DEC?

Failure to display a DEC is a £500 fine, plus a further £1000 for failing to obtain an Advisory Report.

What benefits can I achieve by obtaining a DEC and implementing Self Energy's recommendations?

- Raised awareness of energy use
- Energy reduction
- CO₂ reduction
- Excellent return on investment

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