

T&Cs

Terms of use

1. Purpose of Database

From 1st January 2009, a Building Energy Rating (BER) certificate and advisory report became compulsory for all homes being sold or offered for rent. The advisory report helps identify how home owners might improve the performance of their home.

A BER is based on the characteristics of major components of the dwelling (wall, roof and floor dimensions, window and door sizes and orientations) as well as the construction types and insulation, ventilation and air tightness features, the system for heat supply (including renewable energy), distribution and control, and the type of lighting. It covers annual energy use for space heating, water heating, ventilation, lighting and associated pumps and fans, calculated on the basis of a notional family with a standard pattern of occupancy.

A BER is only an *indication* of the energy performance of a house (represented as kWh/m²/annum). Actual energy performance will depend on how the occupants operate the house. A BER does not cover electricity used for purposes other than heating, lighting, pumps and fans i.e. cooking, refrigeration, laundry and other appliance use is not included.

BER assessments are published by BER assessors who have completed training under the National Frameworks of Qualifications, passed the national domestic BER examination and registered with SEAI. BER assessors are responsible for ensuring that, within reason, the data compiled and inputted to SEAI approved calculation software and all other related and recorded calculations are an accurate representation of all characteristics relevant to the energy performance of the building. SEAI has established a quality assurance system to monitor the performance of BER assessors.

The BER records available on this web facility are modified to comply with data protection legislation. It is hoped that by making this database available to researchers and the general public more in-depth analysis will be facilitated to enhance our understanding of the current state of Ireland's building stock and the potential for its improvement to reduce energy and CO₂ emissions from within the sector.

2. Access and Use

Those who wish to access the Database will be required to provide SEAI with details (name, institution, purpose for access etc) via an automated email registration with SEAI before gaining access.

The Database may be used for personal, research or education purposes. The production of the BER data is permitted provided the source is acknowledged.

3. No Warranties

SEAI manages a quality assurance system and disciplinary procedure for all BERs. The application or analysis of data made available via this facility is a matter for the recipient and

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