

Energy Assessments

All houses being offered for sale now require a Home Information Pack (HIP) which has to include, amongst other details, an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). From 1st October 2008 all rented property will require an EPC when marketed to prospective new tenants. EPC's can only be produced by Accredited Home Inspectors (HI) and Domestic Energy Assessors (DEA).

Commercial properties for sale and for rent also require EPC's. These are produced using SBEM methodology. An Energy Assessment Certificate is intended to inform owners, potential purchasers and tenants of the energy performance of a property. They are produced to a standard format thus providing a standard and unambiguous presentation very similar to that so successfully used on new refrigerators, washing machines and other white goods. Ratings are given between 1 and 100 for domestic properties where 1 is the poorest and 100 the most efficient. These ratings are sub divided into colour coded groups listed A to G (A is the best 92 to 100 and G is the poorest 0 to 20). Ratings for commercial properties are between 1 and 150 where 1 is the best and 150 the poorest.

Further details on energy performance certificates can be found on the HIP website here together with a more detailed explanation on the content and what it means to you. Midsummer Energy Assessors provide energy assessments, energy inspections and Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) to Wiltshire, Hampshire, Dorset, Salisbury, Fordingbridge, The New Forest and Ringwood.