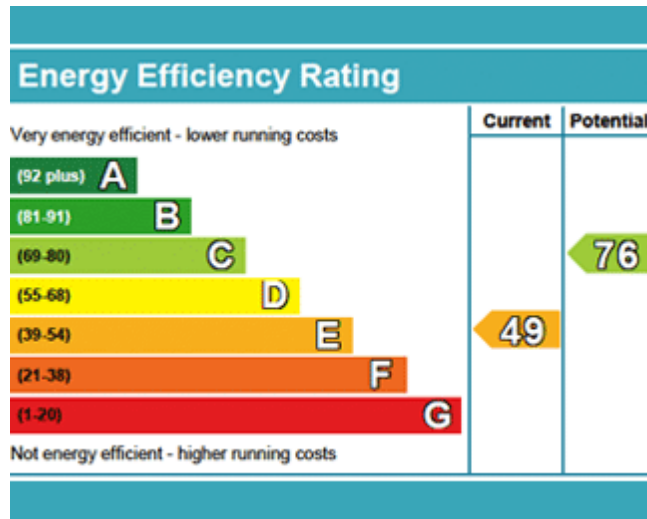


## APPENDIX A

### Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) give information on how to make homes more energy efficient and reduce energy costs. All homes bought, sold or rented require an EPC.



EPCs contain:

- Information about the dwelling's use and typical energy costs
- A recommendation report with suggestions to reduce energy use and save money
- Details of the person who carried out the EPC assessment
- Who to contact in case of complaint

EPCs carry ratings that compare the current energy efficiency and estimated costs of energy use with potential figures that the building could achieve if energy saving measures were put in place. The rating measures the energy efficiency of your home using a grade from A to G, with A being the most efficient. Each band is based on SAP ratings.

EPCs also provide a detailed recommendation report showing how you could reduce the amount of energy you use and your carbon dioxide emissions. The report lists:

- suggested improvements, like fitting loft insulation
- possible cost savings per year, if the improvements are made
- how the recommendations would change the energy efficiency rating of the property

In 2016 new legislation will allow councils and tenants to demand energy efficiency measures from landlords and from 2018 there will be a minimum energy efficiency standard for private rented homes. It will be illegal to rent out properties rated F and G.

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