

Technical Notice – Update to PCDB fuel prices – February 2023

Dear Accredited Assessor,

We have been informed that the government has agreed to changes to the fuel prices associated with savings after completing recommendations as well as the running costs on Domestic EPCs.

Quidos are happy that the concerns raised by ourselves and others are being listened to because these changes will have a significant effect on the savings home owners and tenants can make when considering recommendations for their properties.

Within the methodology, there are two sets of fuel prices

- The one which affects the SAP rating - this is dictated by the SAP methodology and only generally only updated in new versions of SAP.
- The other one is the fuel prices in the PCDB – these are updated every 6 months and based on a 3 year rolling average of fuel prices.

Quite clearly with the astronomical prices seen by all recently, the PCDB prices are highly inaccurate and needed updating. This change however, will not impact the SAP rating on the EPC, instead it will be evident in the “Estimated energy use and potential savings” section.

On the 15th February 2023, we are pleased to announce this update will take place and will be reflected in the Quidos software. All EPCs created after this date will see these changes, which we hope will aid assessors in helping answer some of the increasing number of questions regarding running costs and savings on the EPC.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us. As and when further information is published we will endeavour to share this with you all.