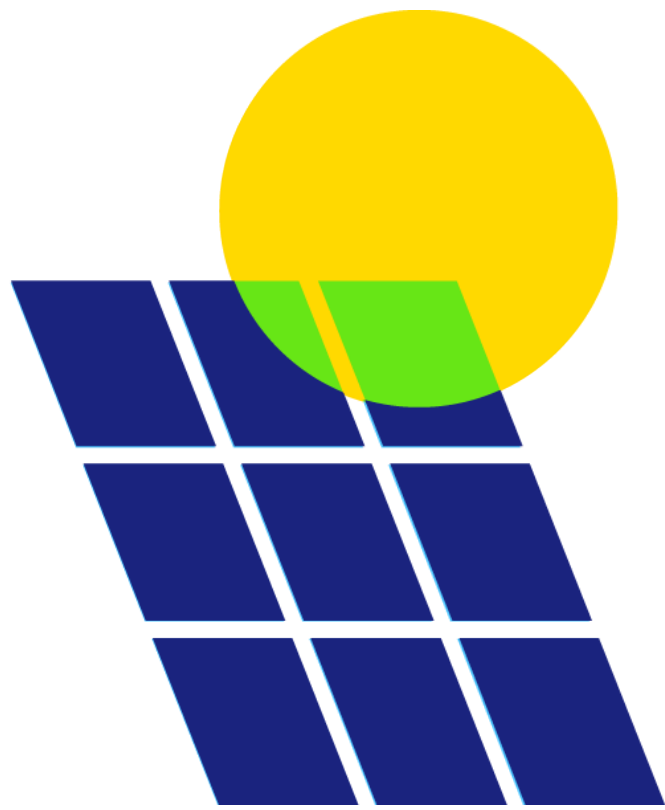




Solar Skills: London

Grant scheme guidance
for contractors



Overview

Solar Skills: London is a project run by Solar Energy UK and the Mayor of London. It is intended to help develop the solar supply chain in London, by supporting the creation of new jobs and a high-quality pipeline of talent for the capital's solar businesses.

The project is also intended to support existing solar sector workers to develop their skills and knowledge. To do this, the project includes a grant scheme for solar businesses and employees to receive training as part of their professional development. Solar Energy UK will award grants of up to £300 to eligible grantees. These will be valid to cover the cost, in whole or in part, of training courses relating to the solar and storage industry.

This document contains the information needed to apply for a grant as part of Solar Skills: London.

How to apply

To apply for a grant, you will need to complete an online application form. This will be available [here](#) from midday on Tuesday 20 July. The form will be live until midday on Tuesday 10 August.

Do not complete and return this document.

Grants will be provided on a reimbursement basis. This means you will need to pay for the initial cost of the course yourself. Solar Energy UK will then provide reimbursement:

- For up to £300 of the cost of the course, if the course is more than £300 in total.
- For the full cost of the course, if the course is less than £300 in total.

Timescale

Grants will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis to prospective grantees who meet the eligibility requirements, until the value of the first round of funding has been provisionally awarded. Solar Energy UK will aim to inform successful applicants as soon as possible after they have submitted their application.

If you are not successful in the first round, you will:

- Be placed on a reserve list for the first round of funding, should successful applicants subsequently decide not to proceed with their training request
- Be placed at the top of the list for the second round of funding. This is intended to run over Winter 2021 / 2022. Further details on this will be published on due course.

Any applications received after the deadline will also be placed on a reserve list for the second round of funding.

Application form

To apply for a grant as part of this project, you will be asked to answer the following questions using the online application form:

Section one: about you

1. What is your name?
2. What is your gender?
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Other (please state)
 - d. Prefer not to say
3. What is your age?
 - a. 18-25
 - b. 26-34
 - c. 35-44
 - d. 45-54
 - e. 55+
4. Do you have more than two years' professional experience relating to the rooftop solar and storage industry in London?
 - a. Yes
 - i. Please upload a CV detailing your experience.
 - ii. Please provide a description any relevant evidence (for example, training course completion certificates) of previous relevant professional development.
 - b. No.
 - i. Sorry, you will not be eligible for a training grant.
5. Please provide evidence of your professional registrations (eg Registered Competent Person Electrical status, membership of the Construction Industry Scheme, and similar):
6. Please provide a description of why you need this training, and how it fits into your career development.

Section two: about the funding you are applying for

1. What is the name of the course you are applying for?
2. Please provide a link to the specific course:
3. Which of the following areas does the course relate to?
 - a. Solar PV installation, operation, and maintenance.
 - b. Solar thermal installation, operation, and maintenance.
 - c. Solar storage technology installation, operation, and maintenance (including batteries and electric vehicle charging).
 - d. Electrical health and safety training.
 - e. Other (please specify)
 - i. Please note that funding for other courses will be awarded at Solar Energy UK's discretion.
4. What is the name of the training provider?
5. Is the course accredited by a relevant skills or training body?
 - a. Yes
 - i. Please provide a link to information on how the course is accredited.
 - b. No
 - i. This course may not be eligible for grant funding. We will contact you with further information.
6. How much does the course cost?
7. What is the intended date on which the course will take place? Please note that subject to course availability, courses should be completed as soon as possible.

Section three: declaration

Please read the following statement:

Solar Energy UK will reimburse grantees for expenditure incurred after the relevant training course has been completed. This will be to a maximum value of £300.

The final decision on the eligibility of all prospective grantees will be at the discretion of Solar Energy UK.

Grantees will be required to provide evidence of the cost of the course, and completion of employee training. This will include, at a minimum:

An email confirming the attendance of the course participant from the grantee or their company.

A receipt for payment from the training provider.

A course completion certificate from the training provider, with the name of the trainee, details of the course completed, and the date of completion.

Grantees will be asked to complete a short survey for Solar Energy UK, which should take less than five minutes to complete, relating to the Solar Skills: London grant scheme.

1. Have you read and understood the statement above, and do you agree to provide the information requested? Please note that if you do not agree, we will not be able to provide you with grant funding.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - i. Sorry, you will not be eligible for a training grant.

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More information

<https://solarenergyuk.org/resource/solar-skills-london>

