

Are You Ready For The British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme (BICS)?

APPLICATION WINDOW

1st October - 30th November 2026



Miss the application window or make a mistake and you could delay your savings until 2028.

What the scheme does

The British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme (BICS) is designed to reduce electricity costs for eligible UK manufacturers by removing selected policy costs: Renewables Obligation and Feed-in Tariffs (from April 2027) and Capacity Market charges (from October 2027).

Support begins in 2027, with payments backdating from April 2026, providing applications are submitted successfully within the application window.

Qualifying businesses will save an estimated 5p/kWh on their electricity invoices. Get it right and that's around 20% off current prices.

Who may qualify?

BICS is targeted at UK manufacturing businesses, not services. To qualify, a business needs to:

- ✓ Operate in either a manufacturing frontier industry within the IS-8 growth sectors, or
- ✓ A manufacturing foundational industry that supplies important inputs into those frontier industries, and
- ✓ Meet a defined electricity intensity threshold, demonstrating that electricity costs are a significant share of their overall cost.

Why choose Businesswise Solutions?

- 1 **Extensive experience** working with the Department for Business & Trade and DESNZ, successfully delivering applications for schemes including EII and UK ETS.
- 2 **Maximise your BICS savings** by ensuring the correct 25%/50%/100% qualification level is achieved, helping avoid costly underclaims.
- 3 **Dedicated Energy Management Team** providing site assessments and application support at no additional cost where required.
- 4 **Full management of backdated rebates** from April 2026, ensuring all eligible payments are correctly claimed and received.
- 5 **End-to-end scheme management**, including applications, supplier liaison, monthly bill validation, quarterly savings reports, and ongoing scheme reviews.
- 6 **No upfront fees** - our share-of-savings model means all services are included, with fees only paid from the savings achieved.

Our experts manage the entire BICS process from application to ongoing savings validation.

Exclusive NAA member offer:

Reduced commission - just 10% of savings delivered. You keep 90% of the savings we achieve for your business.

Not sure where you stand?

Unsure about your industry code?

We can help establish whether your business falls within an eligible sector.

Only some products qualify?

We can help identify eligible activity and determine the appropriate qualification level.

Struggling to split electricity consumption?

We'll help establish and evidence the consumption attributable to qualifying activity.

Sharing a meter or your landlord pays the bill?

That doesn't necessarily mean you can't qualify. We can assess your individual setup.

Not sure you have enough evidence?

We'll help identify what's needed to support a robust application.

Short on time?

We can manage the application process and help ensure everything is submitted correctly within the application window.



Contact Natacha Churchward for a free-of-charge eligibility assessment.

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