

Optional two-part tariff

This tariff comprises a quarterly standing charge of 46/9·6d. (£2·34) irrespective of the quantity of gas (if any) consumed and a commodity charge per therm calculated as follows:

<i>Therms per Quarter</i>	<i>Town Gas</i>		<i>Natural Gas</i>	
	<i>Old pence</i>	<i>New pence</i>	<i>Old pence</i>	<i>New pence</i>
First 1,000	19·44d.	8·1p.	18·24d.	7·6p.
All in excess of 1,000	16·8d.	7·0p.	15·6d.	6·5p.

The quarterly standing charge is on the basis of a single supply afforded through only one service pipe or meter. A supply to one premises through more than one service pipe or meter may nevertheless be treated as a single supply if the consumer so wishes and notifies the Board in selecting this tariff; in such event the quarterly standing charge will be increased by 23/- (£1·15) in respect of each additional service pipe or meter through which gas is supplied and the consumer will receive a single quarterly account for the total standing and commodity charges.

Domestic Gold Star tariff

This tariff applies to gas used wholly or mainly for domestic purposes at a private residence which is in single occupation and of which no parties let or sub-let to a tenant or lodger.

The tariff comprises a quarterly standing charge of 72/9·6d. (£3·64) irrespective of the quantity of gas (if any) consumed and a commodity charge of 16·8d. (7p.) per therm for town gas and 15·6d. (6·5p.) per therm for natural gas.

*Optional tariffs available only for Natural Gas**Heating and hot water tariff*

This tariff applies to natural gas used for bulk heating and/or bulk space heating (except to raise steam for process work) by any one consumer in any one premises.

The tariff comprises a commodity charge of 10·8d. (4·5p.) per therm and a quarterly standing charge of £35 plus 9·6d. (4p.) per 1,000 B.Th.U.s per hour rated output capacity of bulk water heating and bulk space heating equipment.

Gas used for other purposes by the same consumer in the same premises must, at the request of the Board, be separately metered and charged on an appropriate tariff.

Non-domestic general two-part tariff

This tariff applies to all natural gas used by any one consumer in any one premises.

The tariff comprises a quarterly standing charge of £320 irrespective of the quantity of gas (if any) consumed and a commodity charge of 10·8d. (4·5p.) per therm.

Conditions

A consumer is charged on the All Purpose Tariff until he elects to be charged on any other tariff. He may subsequently change from one tariff to another subject to Condition 2. The initial selection of a tariff and subsequent transfer from one tariff to another can be effected only by completing and delivering to the Board one of the standard forms available for these purposes at all gas showrooms.

Any consumer who elects to be charged on any tariff other than the All Purpose Tariff must continue to be so charged for at least four consecutive quarters unless either he vacates the premises before the end of that period or the operation of the tariff is terminated by the Board under Condition 3.

Where the supply is afforded through a prepayment meter any deficiency in the amount of money in the meter must be met in cash either at the time of collection or by payment within seven days thereof at an office of the Board. Failure to do so or, in the case of a credit consumer, failure to pay any gas account on the date specified for payment will entitle the Board to terminate the operation of any tariff other than the All Purpose Tariff without notice until a maximum period of twelve months has elapsed and all outstanding gas charges have been paid.

No apportionment of the commodity charges in the All Purpose Tariff is made for periods of less than a quarter.

All credit consumers' gas accounts are due and payable within 28 days of being rendered. Accounts will normally be rendered quarterly but the Board reserves the right, at its discretion, to render monthly accounts.

Each consumer is responsible for the safe custody of all meters, fittings and apparatus owned and provided upon his premises by the Board and for the restoration of all damage thereto, fair wear and tear excepted. Where gas is supplied through a prepayment meter, it is also a condition that the consumer is responsible for the safe custody of monies lying therein and liable to make good to the Board on demand any deficiency in such monies. Only current coins of the Realm may be placed in a prepayment meter and all monies so placed thereupon become the property of the Board.

Supplementary Charges to Prepayment Consumers

- A supplementary charge of 2·4d. (1p.) per therm will be payable in respect of all gas supplied under any tariff through prepayment meters to cover the additional inherent costs associated with such supplies.
- An additional supplementary charge of 0·96d. (0·4p.) per therm will be payable in respect of all gas supplied under any tariff through prepayment meters to consumers for whom the Board provides fittings or apparatus.

Public Lighting Charges

The foregoing tariffs do not apply to gas used for public lighting purposes. The charges for such gas are 25·92d. (10·8p.) per therm for town gas and 24·72d. (10·3p.) per therm for natural gas.

Special Agreements

Special terms, usually based upon guaranteed annual minimum quantities over a period of years and in certain defined circumstances, are available.

Maximum Charges for Re-selling Gas supplied by the Board

In accordance with Paragraph 17 of the Third Schedule to the Gas Act 1948, the Board gives notice that the maximum charges for re-selling gas supplied by the Board shall be 39·12d. (16·3p.) per therm for town gas and 37·92d. (15·8p.) per therm for natural gas.

Dated this 22nd day of December 1970.

By Order of the Board.

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