

Do you know the legal requirements for having an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)?

Why do I need an EPC?

- If you are advertising a property to let/sale, by UK law you must have an EPC from an accredited assessor
- EPC ratings must be displayed alongside adverts of properties
- If you started a new tenancy or renew one from 1st October 2015, you cannot serve a Section 21 Notice without giving your tenant an EPC beforehand
- EPC ratings also have to be a minimum of E by 2018

How will getting an EPC benefit me?

Getting an EPC is not only a legal requirement but it will help you identify the likely cost of bills in your property and help to suggest improvements in order to reduce energy bills.

Energy Efficiency Rating Current Potential Very energy efficient - lower running costs (92 to 100) (81 to 91) В 78 (69 to 80) C 65 (55 to 68) D) (39 to 54) E (21 to 38) (1 to 20) Not energy efficient - higher running costs

Improving energy efficiency will help you to have:

- Happier tenants the premises will be warmer and cheaper to heat
- Potentially higher rent
- An easier to let property
- Lower void rate as tenant more likely to extend their contract
- Increase value of property
- Less chance of rent arrears as fuel bills are smaller proportion of tenants income

Higher ratings on the EPC

A good investment opportunity

Ask for details on how to get your EPC Certificate through Cooke & Co