

Home Information Pack (HIP) Full Market Launch

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From today, all one and two bedroom properties being put up for sale will require a Home Information Pack (HiP). This follows the earlier On 22nd November 2007, Housing Minister Yvette Cooper announced that the phased implementation of Home Information Packs (HiPs) will be extended to one and two bedroom properties, to join three bedroom properties and above that were introduced in two stages earlier this year.

Simon Himsworth from the home search and relocation agency wefindhomes.co.uk said, "Home information packs are here to stay. Clearly there is much controversy as to whether their introduction will have a negative effect on the housing market. From our perspective it probably will in the short term, but it's not the only driver of the market. Interest rates, unemployment, consumer spending and the recent property price boom probably have more of a significant impact on the market than HiPs. As we all these things, our approach is to knuckle down and get on with it. The searches information provided in the HiPs will certainly be of value to our clients as prospective purchasers of property. Although in my opinion, purchasing a home is often an emotionally driven purchase and rating on the energy performance certificate isn't likely to be a significant factor for many when choosing which property to buy."

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) have both publicly criticised the introduction of Home Information Packs, but there is an alternative view. The news has been strongly welcomed by the Association of Home Information Pack Providers (AHIPP), which had been calling on Government to extend the rollout of packs across the market, since the required number of energy assessors was achieved back in September.

To help prospective sellers and purchasers understand more about the contents of a Home Information Pack, you can [download our free guide](#).

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