

# ECA SCHEME

## Lighting controls and the Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA) Scheme

The Government's Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA) scheme enables businesses to claim a 100% first year capital allowance on investments in certain energy saving equipment, against the taxable profits of the period of investment. This can provide a cash flow boost and an incentive to invest in energy saving equipment which normally carries a price premium when compared to less efficient alternatives.

The ECA scheme aims to encourage the purchase of lighting controls that realise energy savings by automatically switching or dimming lighting, and recognises that savings of 30-40% are common for circumstances where lighting controls are used.

Open Technology's intelligent lighting control system, LiGO, is able to provide all of this functionality and more. It can be scaled to suit all building types and functions and is cost-effective for retrofit, refurbishment or new build projects.

Due to the wide range of products and variations available, lighting products are not listed on the scheme's Energy Technology Product List. In these cases, purchasers need to obtain a statement from their supplier to confirm that the product meets the eligibility criteria in force when it was purchased. Open Technology is able to provide you with this statement, which should then be used as the supporting evidence for your ECA claim.

Further clarity on the eligibility of direct costs is available from HMRC: [www.eca.gov.uk/etl](http://www.eca.gov.uk/etl)

## Eligible control categories



Time controllers that automatically switch off lighting at predetermined times



Presence detectors that respond to occupancy by adjusting light output



Daylight detectors that switch off or dim lighting when daylight is sufficient



Central control units that can manage some or all of these categories

## Substantial savings

LiGO has demonstrated its potential to produce savings in all types of buildings:

- Education
- Health
- Transport
- Retail
- Leisure
- Commercial



Detailed case studies can be found on our website: [www.opentechnologyuk.com](http://www.opentechnologyuk.com)

Please contact us to arrange a survey, which will let you know the savings you can expect from renewing your lighting installation.

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