



## FAQ for the Price Variation Workbooks 22.03.2024

- Q.1.** I am having difficulties downloading and opening the Price Variation Workbooks when using Internet Explorer. How can this issue be resolved?
- A.** This issue occurs when accessing the Price Variation Workbooks using Internet Explorer, due to the fact that it is being discontinued. Please use another Internet Browser such as Google Chrome, Safari, Microsoft Edge, etc.
- Q.2.** Will there be additional support provided for the use of the Price Variation Workbooks?
- A.** The OGP has prepared a detailed guidance document in order to assist practitioners with the use of the Price Variation Workbooks. This is available [here](#).
- Q.3.** Who is responsible for preparing the Price Variation Workbook?
- A.** The Employer's Representative in conjunction with the Employer's Quantity Surveyor/Cost Consultant is responsible for preparing and maintaining the Price Variation Workbook(s).
- Q.4.** My Project has a Designated Date prior to 2024, where the **Consumer Price Index** Base: Year *Dec. 2016* = 100, and is misaligned with the current **Consumer Price Index** Base: Year *Dec. 2023* = 100. How can this be resolved?
- A.** The CSO provide a solution to this.
- Firstly, go to the Consumer Price Index page on the CSO website, which can be accessed via [this link](#).
  - Under 'Related Content', click on 'Rebase December 2023=100':



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Related content
> Methodology
> CPI Inflation Calculator
> CPI explained
> Flash Estimate of Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
> <b>Rebase December 2023=100</b>
> Eurostat - Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP)

- On the right-hand side of the page, under Contents select 'Data':

Contents
> Infographic
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- Under 'Datasets related to this release' click on 'CPM 18: Consumer Price Index by Detailed Sub Indices':

Datasets related to this release
> CPM01: Consumer Price Index by Commodity Group
> CPM02: Consumer Price Index by Selected Base Reference Period
> CPM03: Consumer Price Index by Selected Sub Indices
> CPM11: Contributions to changes in the Consumer Price Index
> CPM12: National Average Prices
> CPM15: Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
> <b>CPM18: Consumer Price Index by Detailed Sub Indices</b>
> CPM19: Consumer Price Index Goods and Services

[View all related tables on data.cso.ie >](#)

- Under 'Statistic', select 'Consumer Price Index (Base 2023=100)':

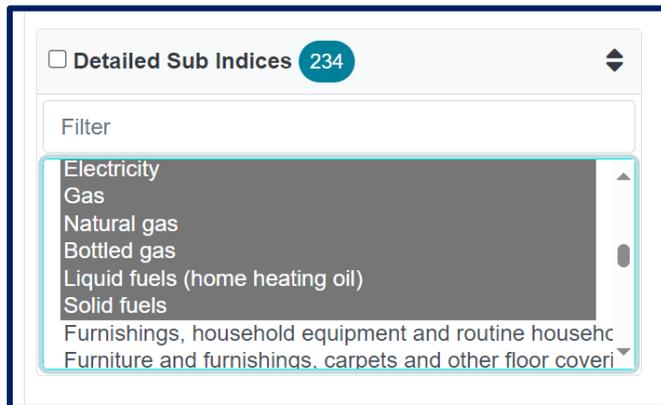


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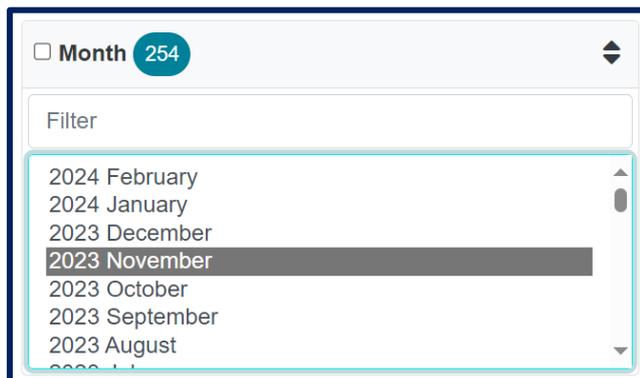
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- Under the 'Detailed Sub-Indices' section, select all categories from 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels' down to 'Solid fuels':



- Under 'Month' select the relevant month(s):



- Scroll to the bottom of the page, click 'Download' and select 'XLSX'.
- Wait for the file to download and then open it.
- Click 'Enable editing'.
- Go to the 'Pivoted' sheet and copy the rebased data for the categories from 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels' down to 'Solid fuels':



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Row Labels	VALUE
Consumer Price Index	
2023 November	
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	99.8
Actual rentals for housing and mortgage interest	99.2
Actual rentals paid by tenants (rents)	99.3
Private rents	99.8
Local authority rents	96.5
Mortgage interest	99
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	99.4
Materials for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling	99.5
Services for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling	99.3
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	100.7
Electricity, gas and other fuels	101.1
Electricity	100
Gas	100
Natural gas	100
Bottled gas	100
Liquid fuels (home heating oil)	105
Solid fuels	100.4

- Paste this data into the relevant space in the 'Electricity Consumer Price Index Movement' section of the '2. Indices' sheet of the Price Variation Workbook(s).

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