

An Overview of the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS)

Introduction

The Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) Regulations apply across the UK and were introduced in July 2014 and partially transpose the requirements of Article 8 of Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency (the Energy Efficiency Directive). The aim of the regulations is to encourage businesses to identify energy efficiency opportunities via energy audits every four years.

Who is affected?

Organisations will be affected by the regulations if they qualify as a large undertaking on 31 December of each qualification year (the initial qualification date was 31 December 2014 with the next qualification date being **31 December 2018**). For ESOS large organisations are those which have:

- 250 or more UK employees; **or**
- Fewer than 250 UK employees but has;
 - An annual turnover exceeding €50 million
 - A balance sheet exceeding €43 million

It is important to consider the qualification criteria (number of employees, balance sheet and turnover) across each undertaking in the corporate group and for at least two consecutive accounting periods; if one undertaking within the group meets the requirements then the whole group must comply.

What do you need to do?

If you are affected you will need to:

- Measure total energy consumption over a 12 month period
- Determine areas of significant energy consumption
- Ensure an audit is completed and energy saving opportunities reported, or an alternative compliance route such as ISO 50001:2011 – Energy Management System (EnMS) is implemented
- Complete the sign-off process by the qualified Lead Assessor and Director
- Submit notification of compliance by 5 December of the compliance year (the year following qualification)

Useful Links

[The Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme Regulations 2014](#)

[The Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#)

[Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC 2006/32/EC](#)

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(The link to the Directive directs you to the main page on Eur Lex, however to ensure that you fulfil all requirements please ensure you also take account of the “Relationship between documents” section and in particular the “Amended by” sub-section which can be found by ensuring you are using the “Document information” tab (at the top of the page) and scrolling down.)

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