

What is ESOS?



Carbon legislation is becoming increasingly stringent. Following on from the mandatory CRC (Carbon Reduction Commitment) for the largest corporations, the government has established an Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) in order to implement Article 8 of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive. ESOS is a mandatory scheme for organisations in the UK that employ over 250 staff or have a turnover in excess of 50 million euro. It will reach far wider than the CRC scheme.

Am I eligible for ESOS?



Organisations subject to the Public Contracts Regulations (2006) are exempt.

The scheme will be administered by the Environment Agency and is due to be implemented in the next year, with **assessments due before the 5th December 2015.**

What do I need to do?

The good news is that if your organisation is ISO 50001 accredited then you don't need to carry out an ESOS assessment. If you are not ISO 50001 accredited then you will need to carry out an ESOS assessment that will take into account energy partly covered by ISO 50001, Display Energy Certificates (DECs) or Green Deal Assessments (GDAs). It will include:

- ✓ Calculations of energy consumption
- ✓ Identifying areas of significant energy consumption
- ✓ Appointment of a lead assessor
- ✓ Notifying the Environment Agency
- ✓ Keeping records
- ✓ Conducting audits
- ✓ Identifying energy saving opportunities
- ✓ Carrying out site visits during an audit

The assessments will need to be carried out by a lead assessor. This can be an internal employee or approved external contractor from the Environment Agency's register. The Environment Agency is currently implementing an application and approval process for professional bodies; however, it will not be possible for individuals to become approved assessors.

What if I do nothing?

Those who do not comply with the new regulations could face civil sanctions including financial penalties. These may be issued if, for example, an organisation fails to do the required audits or notify compliance.

What next?



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