



ESOS Newsletter

Welcome to issue 3 of the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) newsletter. Here we aim to keep you updated with any changes or updates for the ESOS Scheme.

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Tell your network about ESOS

Awareness of ESOS is rising and we know organisations are starting to think about compliance. We would urge organisations that have not yet begun their activities to comply with ESOS to start now in order to meet the 5 December 2015 deadline. Organisations need to complete an assessment and notify compliance by this date to avoid being liable to civil penalties.

Please forward this newsletter to other organisations in your network if you wish to help make them aware of the scheme.

If people want to be added to the mailing list for future issues of this newsletter they can just send an email to the [helpdesk](#) asking to be added to our contacts database.

ESOS Notification System

We have updated the notification form to reflect that we do not intend to require organisations which qualify for the scheme but have zero energy responsibility to appoint a lead assessor. We have also added a question for participants to indicate whether their lead assessor agrees that they comply with the requirements of the scheme. The ESOS regulations require (where applicable) that your assessment is reviewed by a lead assessor and they need to notify you of whether they believe you are compliant with the requirements of the scheme. If your lead assessor does not believe you meet the scheme requirements, but you do, you may still choose to submit your notification reflecting this. In this case you are more likely to be audited and asked to justify the approach to your assessment.

ESOS Compliance Guidance

The ESOS Compliance Guidance document published by the Environment Agency in February has been updated to reflect the changes to the notification form. The updated guidance also includes information regarding the treatment of student loans and references the new Public Contracts Regulations 2015 rather than the previous 2006 regulations. The new version is available [here](#) and the changes are documented in the version control table.

ESOS Liaison Group

Would you like to join the ESOS Operational Liaison Group on behalf of your sector? The group meets periodically and comprises representatives of participants to discuss operational aspects of the scheme. We have a small number of places available if new members wish to join. Please email the [ESOS helpdesk](#) if you are interested.