

Welcome to the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) newsletter, keeping you updated with key information relating to the scheme. In this issue:

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DESNZ MESOS Reporting System Update

In order to prioritise resources on providing the functionality required for action plans (APs) in MESOS as soon as possible, DESNZ have had to take a decision not to enable ESOS participants to add restricted users (external lead assessors) to their MESOS accounts to provide action plans. This decision also recognises that there are fewer information requirements on APs compared to those for the notification of compliance (NOC), and the time commitment required for ESOS participants to enter information provided to them in this way is expected to be relatively low. It also delivers the policy intent that ESOS participants should take an active role in choices on the recommendations from their audits.

In place of this functionality, templates will be made available alongside further guidance that we will cascade next week, so that ESOS participants can engage lead assessors to prepare the information for them offline. Completed templates will then need to be returned to the ESOS participant to allow them to enter the information into MESOS themselves.

As communicated in the September 2024 newsletter (issue 28), for organisations qualifying for Phase 3 of ESOS, the deadline for submitting your ESOS Action Plan is the 5 December 2024. Organisations should still look to meet the 5 December 2024 deadline where possible, however, to assist participants in preparing and submitting their action plans, the Environment Agency and Regulators for the Devolved Administrations will accept submitted action plans provided that you submit them by the **5 March 2025**.

If you have any queries in relation to this policy decision, please email DESNZ at businessenergyuse@energysecurity.gov.uk

Action Plan Guidance

Guidance on how to compile and complete the action plan submission can be found in the attached Action Plan data requirements template. This template is provided as a tool which lead assessors / responsible undertakings may wish to use to help them

collect the information required to complete the action plan submission in order to comply with the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS).

Action plans must then be submitted via the online system, MESOS, by the responsible undertaking in order to be compliant.

Contact us

For any IT specific queries relating to the MESOS Reporting System, please contact our new IT helpdesk at esos-it@environment-agency.gov.uk .

If you have any queries relating to ESOS or if there is anything specific you would like to see in future ESOS newsletters, please consult the [ESOS Guidance](#) in the first instance or email esos@environment-agency.gov.uk .