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Briefing Note: Energy Saving Opportunity Scheme (ESOS)

What is ESOS?

ESOS (Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme) is a mandatory energy assessment and energy saving identification scheme for large undertakings (and their corporate groups).

ESOS is being established by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) in response to the requirement for all Member States of the European Union to implement Article 8 of the Energy Efficiency Directive.

Under the scheme, large undertakings will have to complete an assessment of their energy use every four years.

Am I in?

Large undertakings will be captured within the scope of ESOS if the organisation meets either of the following criteria:

- It has 250 or more employees in the UK.
- It has fewer than 250 employees, but has:
 - an annual turnover exceeding €50 m, and
 - a balance sheet exceeding €43 m

What am I required to do?

In simple terms, an ESOS Assessment requires participants to do three things:

1. Measure total energy consumption (buildings, transport, industrial activities)
2. Conduct energy audits to identify cost-effective energy efficiency recommendations
3. Report compliance to the Environment Agency (as the scheme administrator)

What is the timescale?

The scheme will be divided into three four-year compliance phases.

The qualification date for phase 1 is the 31st December 2014.

The compliance date for phase 1 is the 31st December 2015.

Where can I find further information?

DECC have published further information and a guidance document on the scheme. This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/energy-savings-opportunity-scheme-esos>

UK ESOS [Regulations](#)

EU [Energy Efficiency Directive](#)

DECC [Guidance](#)