

Energy Saving Opportunity Scheme (ESOS)



The Energy Saving Opportunity Scheme is the UK implementation of new EU legislation. It requires a mandatory programme of energy audits for “large enterprises”. There are some key questions to consider:

Is my business affected?

ESOS applies to any “large enterprise”. If your business meets the criteria below on the 31st December 2014 you must comply:

- More than 250 employees
- Turnover exceeding 50m euros
- Balance sheet exceeding 43m euros

What do I have to do to comply with ESOS?

- Audit of 90% of total energy use for a one year period.
- Identify opportunities for efficiency, evaluate these, store the data and inform the regulator (the Environment Agency).

What is the deadline?

Qualifying businesses must conduct their first energy audit by **5th December 2015**.

What is the cost?

Costs will vary depending on providers but the Government estimates that this will cost approx. £6,600 for each business, over a 4 year cycle.

What are the potential savings?

The Carbon Trust estimates that £1.9bn net savings can be made between 2015 and 2030. Businesses will only realise the savings if they implement recommendations identified.

What is the penalty?

Failure to undertake an ESOS assessment will include a penalty of up to £50,000 and/or an additional £500 a day penalty for each day starting on the day after the compliance date that the organisation remains non-compliant (subject to a maximum of 80 days); and/or publications of details of non-compliance.

What do I do now?

You will need to appoint a “Lead Energy Assessor”, who must be registered through an approved professional body.

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