







ESOS Newsletter

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

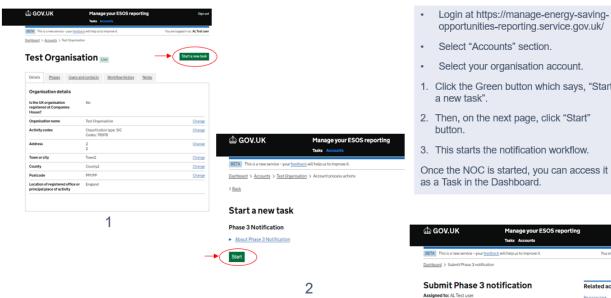
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MESOS Reporting System Update

The Manage your Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme reporting system (MESOS) has now seen around 4,500 accounts successfully created to date.

As reported in our last newsletter the notification of compliance functionality is now enabled. In order to carry out this action you must have registered an organisation account within the MESOS system.

In order to complete your notification of compliance please follow the steps below:



- opportunities-reporting.service.gov.uk/ Select "Accounts" section. Select your organisation account. 1. Click the Green button which says, "Start Then, on the next page, click "Start" 3. This starts the notification workflow.
- Once the NOC is started, you can access it as a Task in the Dashboard.











Who should register in the MESOS system

All organisations who qualify for the ESOS scheme must register an organisation account within the MESOS system. Once registered there is a requirement to submit a notification of compliance which will clearly detail the data resulting from the ESOS assessment. The only other organisations that should be registering within the MESOS system are those who are submitting a 'Do Not Qualify' notification.

Registering a "Do Not Qualify" status

If you would like to notify us that you do not qualify for ESOS Phase 3 then you can do so within the new digital service. The first step will be to complete the registration process, then complete only the first task of the Notification of Compliance. This will ask if you qualify for ESOS with two options of Yes or No. If you select the No option, you can add text as to why you do not qualify and then submit your response. Please ensure where possible you provide sufficient detail to confirm the statement.

User Permissions

There are two levels of permissions within the MESOS system, as detailed in the MESOS - Part 2 - How to trigger NOC and assign task to users (Advanced & Restricted) <u>guidance video</u>. This video provides advice on who can carry out certain activities within the MESOS system and who has the responsibility of carrying out certain actions. Please note that a restricted user can only complete the information required by the NOC once the advanced user has first started the NOC and then sent the NOC to them for review.

Compliance Notification Enforcement Extension Position Statement

With the new IT system now live allowing all users to complete registration and submit their notification of compliance, the Environment Agency have taken steps to help participants complete compliance in a timely manner by providing this position statement. This follows extensive discussions with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero who lead on ESOS policy.

For organisations qualifying for Phase 3 of ESOS, the deadline for submitting a compliance notification is the 5 June 2024 and organisations should still look to meet this compliance notification deadline where possible. However, the Environment









Agency and Regulators for the Devolved Administrations will not take enforcement action against you if you do not comply with this legal requirement, provided that you meet both of the following conditions:

- registration of your account in the new IT system has been completed by the 5 June 2024, and
- you submit your notification of compliance by the 6 August 2024

This regulatory enforcement extension period will cease after the 6 August 2024.

We will monitor compliance levels during this extension period and request that participants and lead assessors contact us if they feel they will be unable to submit a notification of compliance by this extension deadline.

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 <u>ESOS Guidance</u> in the first instance or email <u>esos@environment-agency.gov.uk</u>.

Please also find a <u>link to the recording</u> from the ESOS Phase 3 webinars on Wednesday 24th April. Please note that this is for presentational purposes only and participants should refer to the <u>ESOS legislation</u> for full compliance information.