

ESOS: Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme

The ESOS is a mandatory energy assessments and energy savings identification scheme for large undertakings in the UK. Compliance under this scheme must be fulfilled by 5th December 2015, however action is recommend ASAP to allow ample time to carry out all elements required.

Do we qualify?

You will be mandated to comply with the ESOS regulations if, on the qualification date of 31st December 2014 you are:

1. A UK undertaking which has 250 or more employees in the **UK or abroad**
2. A UK undertaking which has fewer than 250 employees, but has:
 - An annual turnover exceeding €50m
 - AND,**
 - A balance sheet exceeding €43m
3. Part of a corporate group which includes an UK undertaking which meets criteria 1 or 2 above.

What must we do?

Compliance with ESOS can be met via an ESOS compliant evidence pack and lead assessor approval, or an ISO 50001 certified Energy Management System.

ESOS evidence pack route:

1. Measure **total energy consumption** across:
 - a. Buildings,
 - b. Transport- Freight and business travel in company and employees vehicles
 - c. Industrial activities.
2. Conduct energy audits to identify cost-effective energy efficiency recommendations.
3. Report compliance to the Environment Agency by 5th December 2015

Before notification to the Environment Agency, the ESOS assessment must be **conducted or approved by a lead assessor** and reviewed by a board level director.

ISO 50001 certification

A certified Energy management system results in ESOS compliance providing the certificate is valid on 5th December 2015, and covers 90% of total energy. Implementation of a certified Energy Management System allows significant energy savings to be realised and demonstrates a commitment to continual improvement.

What if we do not comply?

Failure to correctly comply with the scheme can lead to fines of up to £50,000 and / or an additional fine of £500 per day, until compliance is entailed, for a maximum of 80 days. Non complying companies will also be named and shamed.

Where can I find help?

If you think you may qualify for this scheme or you aren't sure, please contact Envantage to discuss compliance in more detail. We can provide you with more details on how ESOS works and how we can help meet the requirements of the scheme.