

Energy Savings Scheme Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION

We have seen some ground breaking energy saving projects and have already approved nine new applications for accreditation this quarter.

Over 17.8 million Energy Savings Certificates (**ESCs**) have now been created by Accredited Certificate Providers (**ACPs**). Of that, more than 11.6 million ESCs were surrendered since the ESS began in 2009. The majority of surrenders came from electricity retailers to meet annual reduction targets.

The team has been very busy and there are looming compliance deadlines for all participants with the end of the financial year almost upon us.

In light of these deadlines, we encourage you to ensure that you allow enough time for audits to be completed. ACPs are also reminded to thoroughly read their accreditation conditions prior to ESC registration. The first two articles contain some useful information.



DEADLINES

SCHEME PARTICIPANTS

The compliance deadline for liable entities (**Scheme Participants**) to submit their Annual Energy Savings Statements (**AESS**) for the 2016 compliance year is **30 April 2017**.

Those reporting non-market purchases or exemptions must have their AESS audited and submit the audit report with their

AESS. Scheme Participants should already be working with auditors from the [Audit Services Panel](#) in order to meet the 30 April deadline.

Further guidance and templates are available on the [AESS and audit page](#) of our website.

ESC REGISTRATION

The deadline to register 2016 vintage ESCs is 30 June 2017. 2016 vintage ESCs cannot be registered after this date.

Importantly, you will not be able to register 2016 ESCs as 2017 vintage. Pro-rating of energy savings is not possible under the legislation.

To ensure ACPs make this deadline, we recommend they:

- ▼ Review accreditation conditions and calculation method requirements that relate to ESC registration.
- ▼ Submit implementation data via the ESS Portal.
- ▼ Register ESCs in the ESS Registry.
- ▼ Pay registration fees within 30 days of registration.

If you have a pre-registration audit regime, you need to complete your audit **BEFORE** you can apply to register ESCs. Audits of 2016 vintage ESCs should start as soon as possible.



UPDATES

DOCUMENTS

We have recently updated several key documents, as outlined below.

Audit scope – ESC creation audits - all methods

The Audit Scope - ESC creation requirements have been updated to include additional scope items for the Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits method. The latest version of the document takes effect from 21 February 2017.

Nomination Forms - all methods

To simplify the nomination process we have replaced the method specific templates with two templates that can be used for all methods. The new nomination forms are available on the ESS website and take effect for all nominations on or after 20 March 2017. For more information, refer to [ESS Notice 01/2017](#).

Commercial Lighting Fact Sheet and Post Implementation Declaration - Commercial Lighting method only

In response to feedback from stakeholders, the Scheme Administrator has separated the Building Lighting Information Sheet into two documents: (i) Commercial Lighting Fact Sheet and (ii) Commercial Lighting Post Implementation Declaration. For more information, refer to [ESS Notice 02/2017](#).

COMPLIANCE AND AUDITS

In response to feedback from ACPs, we now have an option to conduct opening meetings for audits via email. This is intended to help avoid any delays to audit commencement where involved parties may not be available for a teleconference. The use of this option depends on individual audit circumstances.

In relation to audits of ESC creation, the version of the *Energy Savings Scheme Rule of 2009 (Rule)* that applies is the version that was in force at the time of

ESC registration (subject to any transitional provisions).

We are in the process of updating required audit documentation to make document submission more efficient, increase accuracy and reduce processing times. We will consult auditors on any significant changes made.

We are also in the process of reviewing our approach to managing ACP compliance. We are currently reviewing feedback from the 2016 consultation and will release an Options Paper soon. For more information on the review, refer to the [updates page](#) of the ESS website.

PIAM&V METHOD

An online workshop about the PIAM&V Audit Process was held on 28 February 2017. Of particular interest for those who participated was that it clarified the role of M&V Professionals and PIAM&V Auditors.

The workshop was well received, with positive feedback provided by 22 attendees.

Our next [PIAM&V Online Workshop](#) will be held on **9 May 2017**. Check out the [events page](#) of our website for registration details.

M&V PROFESSIONALS

We continue to assess applications for M&V Professionals. To date, we have received 13 applications for approval as an M&V Professional, nine of which have been approved by the Scheme Administrator. The list of approved M&V Professionals is available on our [website](#).

We remind M&V Professional applicants to read the [Guide for M&V Professionals](#) before completing the application form.

The completed M&V Professional Application Form and supporting information should be e-mailed to: ESS_Applications@ipart.nsw.gov.au.

AUDIT SERVICES PANEL

We would like to remind Audit Services Panel Members (**Panel Members**) of the requirement under their Panel Agreements that they are not permitted to own, acquire or trade ESCs.

Further, Panel Members are required to notify IPART of any potential conflicts of interest (**COI**) that could impact audits, on an ongoing basis. A COI is any arrangement or undertaking that could influence an auditor's impartiality during an audit.

If a Panel Member becomes aware of a potential COI, they must notify IPART as soon as possible. Notifications can be sent to ess_compliance@ipart.nsw.gov.au

ACPs and Scheme Participants are required to select appointed [Audit Panel members](#) to conduct their audits. [Applications to join](#) the Audit Services Panel are accepted at any time.



WORKSHOPS

We recommend that new applicants and key stakeholders participate in our online workshops to better understand the ESS. We offer several sessions throughout the year that cover our published guidance documents and legislation.

Join one of our upcoming sessions below:

- ▼ [14 Mar 17, Module 2: The Application Process](#)

- ▼ [18 Apr 17, Module 3: The Commercial Lighting Energy Savings Formula Method](#)
- ▼ [9 May 17, Module 4: The Project Impact Assessment Method](#)

You can also register your interest for sessions offered with the [on-demand registration](#) feature on our website. Further details are available in the [events and registration page](#) of our website.



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ESS REGISTRY AND ACCREDITATION STATISTICS

Table1: ESS Registry and accreditation statistics

Total ESCs created under the ESS since 2009 ^a	2016 estimated target	ESCs available for surrender	ESCs created in 2016	Total current accreditations ^{a b}	New accreditations this quarter ^c
17,875,347	3,900,000	6,252,999	3,924,264	171	9

Notes:

- a) Data as at 28 February 2017
- b) Accreditations with multiple projects are counted as single accreditations.
- c) During the period 1 December 2016 to 28 February 2017

Table 2: Recent accreditations under the Energy Savings Scheme

Company name	Accreditation (RESA) name	Project type	Sector
B & G Green Trading Pty Ltd (trading as Aussie Greenmarks)	Lighten Up - Easy Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits	Multiple activities	Residential / Commercial
Blue Green Engineering Pty Ltd	Energy-efficiency via HVACR & controls optimisation	Multiple activities	Commercial / Industrial
Green Energy Trading Pty Ltd	GET PIAM&V Energy Efficiency Projects	Multiple activities	Commercial / Industrial
Green Home Green Planet Pty Ltd	GHGP Home Lighting Retrofit Program	Lighting	Residential / Commercial
Grosvenor Engineering Group Pty Ltd	NABERS - Grosvenor Client Portfolio	Building Upgrade	Commercial
Grosvenor Engineering Group Pty Ltd	Business Appliances Upgrades and Modifications	New Appliances	Commercial / Industrial
Grosvenor Engineering Group Pty Ltd	MBM Upgrades and Modifications	Multiple activities	Commercial / Industrial
Qantas Airways Limited	Replacement of the existing refrigeration system	Ind Refrigeration and Freezing	Commercial
Qantas Airways Limited	Qantas T3 Domestic Terminal Tri-generation	Power Systems	Commercial

Note: During the period 1 December 2016 to 28 February 2017.