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INTRODUCTION

We have achieved another major milestone this year with the creation of more than 25 million Energy Savings Certificates (**ESCs**) since the Energy Saving Scheme (**ESS**) commenced in 2009. Of these, more than 19 million have been surrendered by Scheme Participants to meet their energy savings targets.

Throughout July, the ESS team was busy updating our guides and forms to reflect the ESS Rule changes that commenced on 31 July. We continue to prepare for the commencement of the commercial lighting ESS Rule changes on 1 November 2018. You can find our published guidance material on the [ESS website](#).



STAKEHOLDER FORUM

Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, we have had to move the date of our next [Stakeholder Forum](#). It will now be held on 6 November 2018. If you haven't already, please register to guarantee your space.



ANNUAL AUDITOR WORKSHOP



We held our annual Auditor Workshop on 16 August 2018. The session reviewed the latest ESS developments, auditor performance feedback and compliance issues currently affecting audits.

It was a successful event and we greatly appreciate the invaluable feedback received from our auditors.

These events help to inform compliance strategies, streamline our operations and improve communications. Feedback or ideas for upcoming events can be sent to ess_compliance@ipart.nsw.gov.au.

Pictured (left to right): Denis Cooke, Philippa Fague, Simon Dawes, Queenie Le, and Manuela Crank



COMPLIANCE ACTION TAKEN BY IPART

Since the beginning of the year IPART has dealt with several significant non-compliance matters. IPART has issued fines, cancelled accreditations, requested ESC forfeitures and imposed more restrictive conditions of accreditation on Accredited Certificate Providers (**ACPs**).

IPART has a range of powers available to it to deal with non-compliance, including prosecution for certain offences under the *Electricity Supply Act 1995*.

In certain circumstances IPART may prosecute directors of ACPs, or persons concerned with the management of ACPs. IPART will remain vigilant in monitoring compliance with the Scheme, and will continue to act where necessary to ensure the ongoing integrity of the ESS. You can view more information in the [Notices](#) section of our website.



COMMERCIAL LIGHTING CHANGES

As part of the amendments to the *Energy Savings Scheme Rule of 2009 (ESS Rule)* that were gazetted on 20 April 2018, changes to the Commercial Lighting Energy Savings Formula commence on 1 November 2018. For more detailed information about the changes, please refer to the [ESS Rule](#) and the [ESS Rule Amendments Fact Sheet](#) on the ESS website.

We are updating all relevant Commercial Lighting documents, including the Method Guide, Application Form, Evidence Manual and Evidence Pack to reflect these changes. All these documents are available on the ESS website on the [Commercial Lighting method page](#).

You should ensure that you use current versions of these documents, and that your processes, calculations and record keeping arrangements meet the current requirements.



PIAM&V UPDATE

Notice 08/2018

To improve consistency and administrative efficiency, we have introduced end-user equipment (**EUE**) categories for use under the Project Impact Assessment with Measurement and Verification (**PIAM&V**) method. *ESS Notice 08/2018 – End-user equipment categories under PIAM&V* (available on our [website](#)) explains the categories and how they will be applied.

Updated guidance material

We have updated the following documents to reflect the introduction of EUE categories, amendments to the ESS Rule commencing 31 July 2018 (refer to the [ESS Rule Amendments Fact Sheet](#)) and to clarify some requirements for M&V Professionals:

- *PIAM&V Method Guide*
- *Application for Accreditation - Part B, Measurement & Verification Professionals Guide*, and
- *Application - M&V Professional*.

The updated guides and forms can be downloaded from our [website](#).



AUDIT PANEL

ACPs and Scheme Participants are required to select [Audit Panel members](#) to conduct their audits. We accept [applications](#) to the Audit Services Panel (**Audit Panel**) at any time.

A new member has been appointed to the Audit Services Panel. We would like to welcome EnergyLink Services to the Audit Panel. EnergyLink Services is a multidisciplinary renewable energy and energy efficiency consultancy and project developer.



WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

We recommend that applicants and key stakeholders participate in our online workshops. Register through the links below for an upcoming session or an event:

- ▼ 20 Sep 18, [Module 10: The PIAM&V Audit Process](#)
- ▼ 11 Oct 18, [Module 1: Introduction to the ESS](#)
- ▼ 6 Nov 18, [Stakeholder Forum](#) (in-person event)
- ▼ 15 Nov 18, [Module 2: The Application Process](#)



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REGISTRY AND ACCREDITATION STATISTICS

Table 1: ESS Registry and accreditation statistics

Total ESCs created under the ESS since 2009 ^a	2018 estimated target	ESCs available for surrender ^a	ESCs created in 2018 ^a	Total current accreditations ^{ab}	New accreditations this quarter ^c
25,311,011	4,300,000	5,859,562	3,412,097	182	5

Notes:

a) Data as at 31 August 2018

b) Multiple project accreditations count as single accreditations

c) During the period 1 June 2018 to 31 August 2018

Table 2: Recent accreditations under the Energy Savings Scheme

Company name	Accreditation name	Project type	Sector
Auspro Group Pty Ltd	Auspro CARES	Lighting	Residential/Small Business
Auspro Group Pty Ltd	Auspro Commercial Lighting Efficiency Upgrades	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
E-lite Australasia Pty Ltd	Commercial Lighting Efficiency Program	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
Emerging Environmental Group Pty Ltd	Emerging Environmental Commercial Lighting Upgrades	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
Wattly Pty Ltd	Residential and Small Business Lighting Upgrades	Lighting	Residential/Small Business

Note: During the period 1 June 2018 to 31 August 2018