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What is the Energy Savings Scheme (ESS)?

The Energy Savings Scheme (ESS), also known as the NSW Energy Savings Scheme, is a market-based program operating in New South Wales, Australia that creates Energy Savings Certificates (ESCs) from eligible energy-saving activities.

Who is authorized to create Energy Savings Certificates under the ESS?

Accredited Certificate Providers (ACPs) are authorized organizations that can create Energy Savings Certificates (ESCs) under the relevant method of the scheme. However, customer nomination and evidence are also required—an installer invoice alone does not establish a certificate entitlement.

What calculation methods can be used for ESS projects?

Projects under the ESS may use one of two approaches: the prescribed calculation method, which uses standardized formulas for eligible activities, or the project-based approach (PIAM&V), which compares modelled pre-project consumption with modelled or measured post-commissioning consumption and requires an approved independent M&V professional to deem the project appropriate.

What regulatory framework governs the ESS, and when does it take effect?

The scheme operates under the Energy Savings Scheme Rule dated 7 September 2026, which establishes the regulatory framework with specific implementation dates and transition provisions.

Is there a restriction on gas-fired equipment under PIAM&V in the ESS?

Yes. The ESS Rule specifies that listed new or replacement gas-fired steam boilers, water heaters, hot-water boilers and space heaters implemented on or after 1 July 2026 cannot create ESCs under PIAM&V. This restriction applies specifically to those activities and methods and does not apply to every gas-saving measure in every scheme.

What articles or updates related to the ESS are listed on this Northmore Gordon tag page?

The page lists several ESS-related items, including the 'August & September 2026 Compliance Update' (Sept 1, 2026), 'Australian Certificate Markets – June 2026 Update' (July 1, 2026), 'June 2026 Compliance Update' (June 22, 2026), 'May 2026 Compliance Update' (May 20, 2026), 'Australian Certificate Markets – April Update' (May 3, 2026), 'Energy Savings Scheme reform proposed: stronger focus on gas reduction and electrification' (Feb 20, 2026), 'November Compliance Update' (Nov 18, 2025), 'Shorter Paybacks, Bigger Impact: NSW Program Makes Energy Projects Stack Up' (Aug 15, 2025), and 'How Energy Efficiency Prevents Costly Grid Upgrades at Industrial Sites' (May 1, 2025).

What reform to the ESS was proposed in February 2026?

According to the page, an Energy Savings Scheme reform was proposed in February 2026 with a stronger focus on gas reduction and electrification, detailed in the article 'Energy Savings Scheme reform proposed: stronger focus on gas reduction and electrification.'

What company publishes this ESS tag archive page, and what does it do?

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What NSW program article discusses shorter paybacks for energy projects, and when was it published?

The article 'Shorter Paybacks, Bigger Impact: NSW Program Makes Energy Projects Stack Up' was published on August 15, 2025, and is listed under the Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) tag on Northmore Gordon's site.