

EQA Energy Regulations

This document is Supplemental to the EQA Scheme Regulations. It is designed to cover the extra requirements for ISO 50001:2018 Certification.

Energy Legislation:

1. Within their Energy Policy, organisations are expected to include a commitment to comply with all relevant legislation relating to energy efficiency, energy use and energy consumption. Failure to meet this commitment or failure to take action to meet this commitment within a reasonable time frame will result in suspension and/or withdrawal of certification by EQA.
2. The European cooperation for Accreditation (EA) have issued a guidance document on what is expected of a certification body auditing legal compliance as part of an accredited ISO 14001 Environmental Management System audit, EA-7/04 “Legal Compliance as a part of Accredited ISO 14001:2015 Certification”. ([Link](#)).

EA have not yet developed an equivalent document for Energy Management Systems (EnMS). As there is a very close correlation between the clauses of ISO 50001:2018 and ISO 14001:2015, and as the requirements for legal compliance are similar, EQA will follow similar principles when auditing ISO 50001:2018 management systems for legal compliance.
3. Organisations are obliged to inform EQA of any convictions or penalties imposed for breach of Energy Legislation without delay. EQA will conduct a review of the certification status based on the severity of the occurrence and any remedial actions which have been taken to rectify the situation.
4. Organisations are obliged to inform EQA of any litigious action being taken against them for breach of Energy Legislation without delay.

Providing Information:

1. Within the EnMS scheme, as part of submitting an application or otherwise being subject to an application or contract review, organisations may be required to provide information to EQA including, but not limited to, staff levels, energy types, annual energy consumption, significant energy uses (SEUs), and site-specific details for multi-site organisations.
2. Organisations are requested to inform EQA about the closure of any sites covered by the scope of certification. Failure to provide such information to EQA will be considered a misuse of the certification and may result in suspension and/or withdrawal of certification.

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Record Retention:

1. Pursuant to Clause 8.e. of the EQA Scheme Regulations, organisations are required to retain the following records relating to its energy review and improvement of energy performance for a minimum of 3 years:
 - a. Energy consumption data
 - b. Energy baseline(s)
 - c. Energy performance indicator(s)
 - d. Objectives, energy targets and action plans
 - e. Any other records of energy data.