

# Energy Audits for SMEs

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# General Overview

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- Scheme A and B open till September 2023
- Changes in categories and grant capping
- Optional template linked to additional refund
- Changes to the Schedule on audit report outputs

# Promotion of Energy Audits for SMEs SCHEME A AND B

All Small and Medium-sized Enterprises are eligible for the scheme as per criteria below:

Enterprise	No. Of Employees	Annual Turnover	Annual Balance Sheet Total
Small	< 50 and	≤ €10 million or	≤ €10 million
Medium	< 250 and	≤ €50 million or	≤ €43 million

Enterprises which have not received grants which exceeded or will exceed the aggregate of €200,000 over a rolling three fiscal year period (2020 – 2022) in terms of the de minimis Regulation should apply under **Scheme A**.

Otherwise, they must apply under **Scheme B**.

State Aid Received between 2020 - 2022	Energy Audits Scheme Applicable
Less than €200,000	Scheme A
More than €200,000	Scheme B

# Eligible Refund

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The cost raised by the Certified Energy Auditor in the course of carrying out the Energy Audit as per the Schedule. Expenses related to any loss or delays in production or operation due to the audit are not eligible.

**Scheme A :** 100% of the eligible cost is refunded up to the capping;

**Scheme B :** Small Enterprises – 70% of the eligible cost is refunded;  
Medium Enterprises – 60% of the eligible cost is refunded;

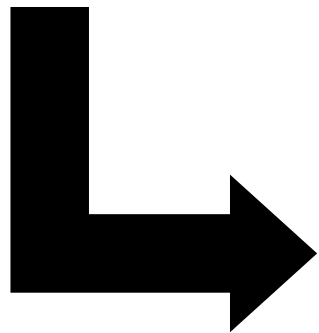
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# 2022 Scheme Changes

Grant Capping of some Categories:

	Old Categories	Grant
<b>Category 1</b>	Medium Sized Enterprises in the NACE Code C and I	€ 5,000
<b>Category 2</b>	Medium Sized Enterprises in all other NACE Codes	€ 3,000
<b>Category 3</b>	Small Sized Enterprises in all NACE Codes	€ 1,000



	Categories from 2022	Grant
<b>Category 1</b>	Medium Sized Enterprises in the NACE Code C and I	€ 5,000
<b>Category 2</b>	Medium Sized Enterprises in all other NACE Codes	€ 3,000
<b>Category 3</b>	Small Sized Enterprises in the NACE Code C and NACE Code I subgroup 55	€ 3,000
<b>Category 4</b>	Small Sized Enterprises in all other NACE Codes and NACE Code subgroups	€ 1,000

# Optional Additional Refund

The enterprise may claim an **additional €500** against the presentation of **one of the energy improvement opportunities identified in the audit report** in one of the **templates available on the Energy and Water Agency website**.

Points to note:

- Filling of template is optional and does not affect grant allocated for the audit report;
- If opted for, the template must be handed in with the audit report, i.e. within the same deadline;
- The template can be downloaded for the Energy and Water Agency website;
- The template has to be filled in only for one of the energy improvement opportunities identified in the report;
- The energy improvement opportunity chosen is at the discretion of the company;
- The required supporting documentation must be provided with the filled in template.

# 2022 Report Schedule Changes

Added requirement to **include water in the analysis** when **the operations of the company include a large consumption of water.**

*Suggested Information:*

- *List of processes that use water;*
- *Amount of water used in these processes;*
- *Source of water for these processes;*
- *Treatment of water prior/post use;*
- *Discharge of water;*



# Next Steps

## Application

Submit **Application Form Scheme A or B**, to carry out an energy audit to the level and detail as described in the **Schedule** to the Government Notice.

## Grant Offer

After **reviewing** the Application, the Agency informs the enterprise whether it can **proceed** with the Audit.

## Audit Submission

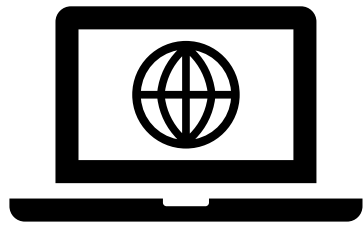
Enterprise engages a **Certified Energy Auditor**, chosen from the official list of energy auditors published on the website of the **Regulator for Energy and Water Resources** (REWS). The Energy Audit identifying improvement opportunities and investments for the enterprise is to be submitted to the Agency within the **stipulated timeframe**.

## Payment

The Agency will **review the report and/or the optional template** to ensure it meets the minimum requirements as detailed in the **Schedule**. The Enterprise will then receive **payment** for the Energy Audit exercise according to the **fiscal receipts signed** by the energy auditor capped as per previous table.



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