What is the notification obligation?
Does your organisation in the Netherlands use 50,000 kWh of electricity or 25,000 m3 of natural gas (or an equivalent) or more per year? In that case you are required to take energy efficiency measures with a payback period of five years or less. This is called the energy efficiency obligation. 1 July 2019 it has expanded with the energy efficiency notification obligation. This entails that you had to report which energy efficiency measures you have taken to ePortal by 1 July 2019.

Not yet reported? Check if the notification obligation applies to you and get started.

Why is there a notification obligation?
The Environmental Management Activities Decree requires organisations in the Netherlands to save energy. The business community and the Dutch Government intend to accelerate energy efficiency with the notification obligation.
Who does not have a notification obligation?

• Organisations whose various locations all participate in the European Union Emissions Trading System (EU ETS);
• Organisations in the greenhouse industry participating in the CO2 equalisation system;
• Organisations whose locations all participate in the Long-Term Agreements on energy efficiency covenant;
• Organisations classed Type C in the Environmental Management Act that have an environmental permit.

Do you have an Energy audit under the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and a notification obligation?

In this case, you have more time to meet the notification obligation. Report the energy efficiency measures to ePortal by 5 December 2019.

PAY ATTENTION: since 1 July 2019 you can submit your EED Energy audit via ePortal.

What is the best way to prepare for this?

1. Go to www.rvo.nl/informatieplicht and watch the introductory video (in Dutch).
2. Use the step-by-step plan to check whether or not you must meet the notification obligation for your organisation.
3. Do you need to meet the notification obligation? In that case, use the step-by-step plan to determine which of the Recognised Energy Efficiency Measures Lists (EML: Erkende Maatregelenlijst) applies to your business sector and determine which measures you have taken. Is there no EML that applies to your organisation? In that case, list the energy efficiency measures with a payback period of five years or less that you have taken.
4. Purchase a Level 1 identity token (eHerkeningsmiddel niveau 1). The step-by-step plan explains how to do so. Please remember to do it in time. Applying for a token will take five working days. An alternative is to authorise an intermediary.
6. Does the notification obligation apply to you and you have not yet reported? Do this as soon as possible via ePortal.
Which data will you need to report?

- Login code for a level 1 Identity token;
- Your most recent annual energy consumption;
- Your Chamber of Commerce number;
- The Recognised Energy Efficiency Measures List (EML) for your business sector.

What can you expect after reporting?

Your municipality or environment agency (the competent authority) will be able to retrieve your report from ePortal from 2 July 2019 on.

Your report may raise questions, or the competent authority might want to conduct an inspection.

If you do not report on time the municipality may take enforcement measures. This could have financial consequences in the form of a non-compliance penalty.

More information?

Would you like to know more? For more information, go to the Netherlands Enterprise Agency website or phone +31 88 042 42 42. If you have any questions about what a measure entails, please get in touch with:

Name

Address
Energy efficiency notification obligation

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