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# Latvia: Obligation to undertake energy efficiency audits

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Latvia

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Obligation to undertake energy efficiency audits

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Native name: **Energoefektivitātes likums**

English name: **Energy efficiency law**

## Article

9 (2); 10 (1), (5), (6); 15 (1)

## Description

Large companies regularly carry out energy audits. The first energy audit must be performed within one year from the inclusion of the company in the list of large companies. The periodic energy audit must be performed every four years. A company with more than 249 employees or whose annual turnover exceeds €50 million and an annual balance sheet of €43 million is defined as a large company.

An energy audit must include a detailed overview of:

- the structure and energy efficiency of buildings or groups of buildings, processes or equipment, including transport, energy consumption;
- energy efficiency improvement measures with maximum estimated energy savings or economic returns if possible based on a life cycle cost analysis, as well as low-cost measures.

The energy audit evaluates the energy savings achieved as a result of each measure.

Large enterprises that already implemented and certified an energy management system or an environmental management system are not subject to the energy audit.

The Ministry of Economy sets up an energy efficiency monitoring system. The responsible authority (The State Construction Control Bureau of Latvia) must monitor energy efficiency, maintain the system and record energy savings. The procedure and structure of the system will be determined by the Cabinet of Ministers.

## Comments

An energy audit is a thorough assessment of the energy consumption of a company including its buildings, processes and transport use. Its goal is to identify cost-effective ways to save energy. Audits can identify often quite simple ways for companies to save energy and money such as properly insulating pipes in a factory.

Article 8 – (4) of the [Energy Efficiency Directive \(2012/27/EU\)](#), states that enterprises that are not SMEs, are subject to an energy audit carried out in an independent and cost-effective manner by qualified and/or accredited experts or implemented and supervised by independent authorities under national legislation, at least every four years.

Alternatively to the energy audit, a large enterprise can implement an energy management system that impacts more in comparison with an energy audit. An energy management system is based on a strategic process that aims to improve energy usage/efficiency.

Moreover, Member States should develop programmes to encourage SMEs to undergo energy audits.

### Cost covered by

- Companies
- Employer

### Involved actors other than national government

Other

#### Involvement others




The State Construction Control Bureau of Latvia The Ministry of Economics

#### Thresholds

Company size by number of employees:

249

#### Sources

-  [Energoefektivitātes likums \(Energy efficiency law\)](#)
-  [Mure database](#)
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