

ORESS Tonn Nua Qualification Process (ORTNQP)

24/06/2025

Where an Applicant is seeking to participate in the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction in respect of an ORESS Tonn Nua Project, it shall submit an Application for Qualification to the TSO using the required documentation set out in the Qualification Information Pack by the Qualification Application Closing Date. The TSO shall consider and review an Application for Qualification and determine whether the relevant Applicant is eligible to participate in the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction in respect of the ORESS Tonn Nua Project in accordance with the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions

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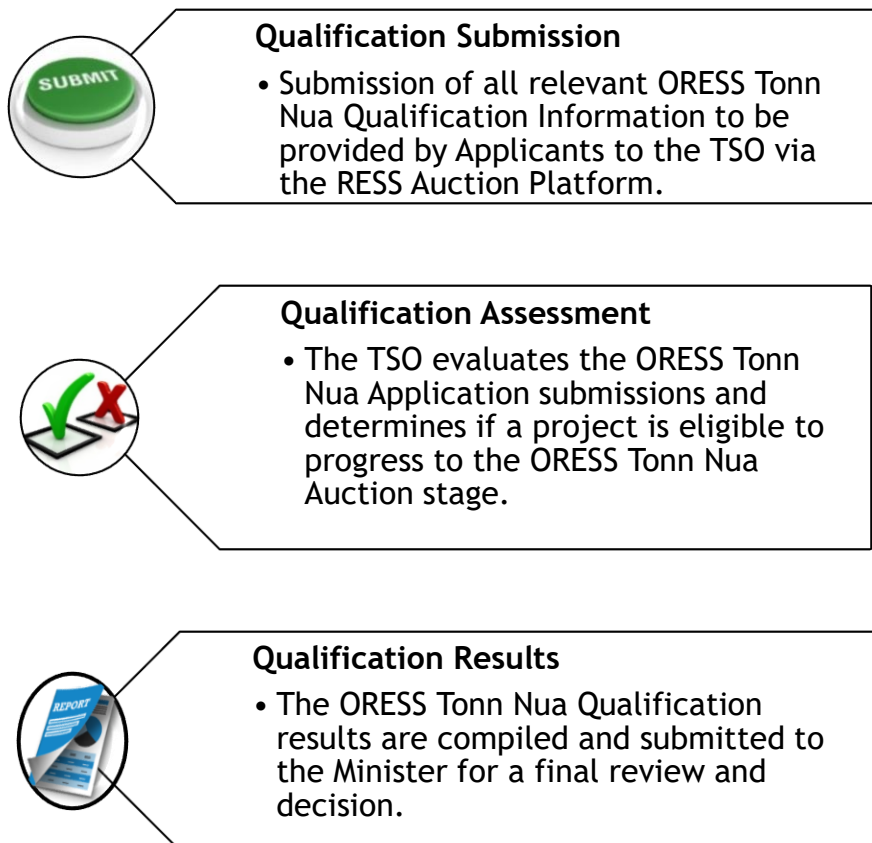
1 Introduction

1.1 Background and Purpose

In accordance with provisions set forth in the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions for the Second offshore Competition under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (ORESS Tonn Nua) published on 27th May 2025, and pursuant to Public Service Obligations imposed under Section 39 of the Act, the TSO is responsible for administering ORESS Tonn Nua Auction. The following sections describe the:

- Qualification process steps for section 7.2 of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, and
- The Roles and Responsibilities and obligations of each entity.

In accordance with section 7.2 of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions all Applicants must provide evidence to the TSO with the Application for Qualification that the eligibility requirements set out in Section 7.3 ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions have been met. The TSO must be satisfied that all eligibility criteria set out in the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions have been met for that ORESS Tonn Nua Applicant to participate in the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction. The ORESS Tonn Nua Qualification process consists of the following high-level steps:



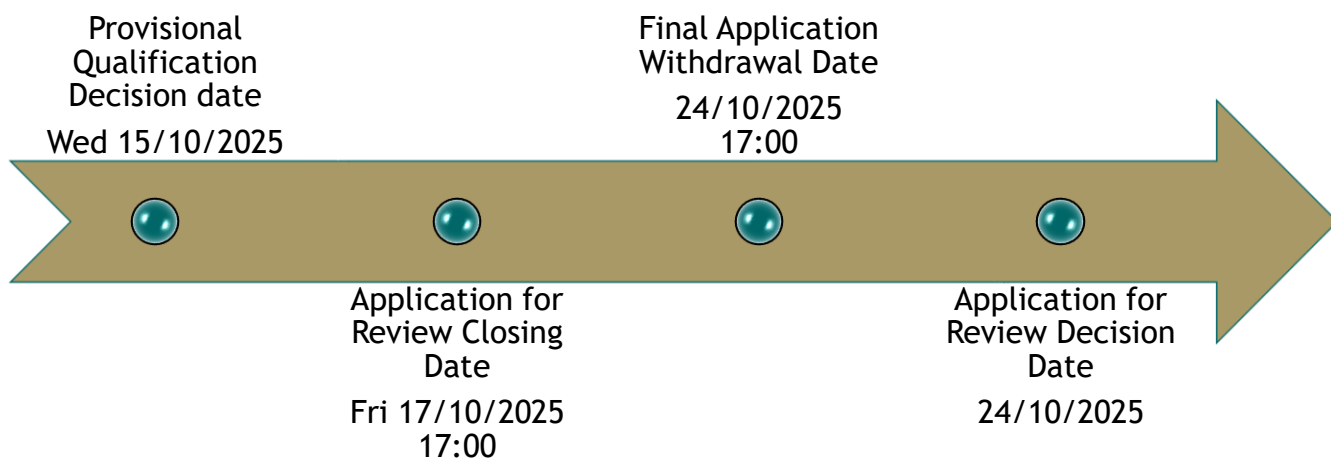
2 Qualification Dates and Times

The Department of Climate, Energy and Environment (DCEE) have published a series of timelines to which the TSO and ORESS Tonn Nua Applicants are obliged to adhere. The Key Qualification Dates are:



Qualification Dates

Qualification Information Pack Publication Date	Qualification Application Opening Date	Qualification Application Closing Date	Bid Bond Posting Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The date by which the Qualification Information Pack is published by the TSO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The opening date for submission of Applications for Qualification.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The last date an Applicant can submit an Application for Qualification in respect of the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The last day on which a Bid Bond may be paid by the Applicant to the TSO RESS Account.



Review & Withdrawal

Provisional Qualification Decision date

- The date by which Provisional Qualification Decisions will be issued by the TSO.

Application for Review Closing Date

- The last day by which an Applicant can submit an Application for Review to the TSO.

Final Application Withdrawal Date

- The last date an Applicant can withdraw their Application for Qualification in respect of the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction.

Application for Review Decision

- The date by which the TSO shall complete a review of any relevant Provisional Qualification Decision and issue its decision to the relevant Applicant.



Qualification Decisions

Qualification Decisions Submission	Notice of Dissatisfaction by Participants Date	Final Qualification Decisions Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date for submission of Provisional Qualification Decisions to the Minister. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final Date by which a Notice of Dissatisfaction can be submitted to the Minister. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date for issuance of Final Qualification Decisions to Applicants.

3 Qualification Process Steps

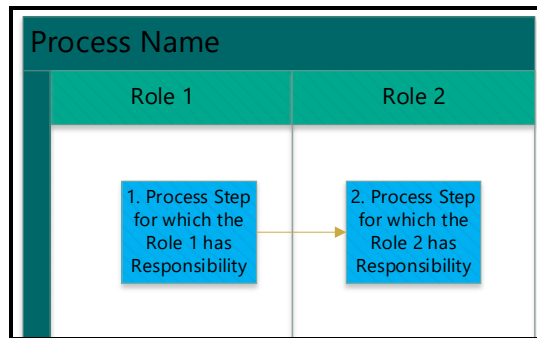
Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
1	Final ORESS Tonn Nua Timetable Published.	26/05/2025	EirGrid Website	TSO	Applicants
2	Qualification Information Pack Publication Date. The TSO publishes the Qualification Information Pack containing all the material that participants require to submit their Applications for Qualification.	24/06/2025	EirGrid Website	TSO	Applicants
3	Register on RESS Auction Platform. The Applicant submits the required information and waits for account to be authorised by the TSO.	From: 24/06/2025	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
4	The TSO reviews submitted registration information and authorises the RESS Auction Platform account. Applicants test RESS Auction Platform Access by logging on with their Username and Password.	From: 24/06/2025	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
5	Qualification Application Opening Date. This is the date and time from which ORESS Tonn Nua Applicants can start completing their ORESS Tonn Nua Applications for Qualification	22/09/2025 10:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
6	Applicants submit all ORESS qualification data in the format requested through the RESS Auction Platform. Section 7.3 Eligibility Requirements of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions describes all the data and information that participants must provide in order to qualify for the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction. Note the RESS Auction Platform will not allow the submission of incomplete ORESS Tonn Nua Applications for Qualification.	By: 26/09/2025 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
7	Qualification Application Closing Date. This is the last date an Applicant can submit an Application for Qualification in respect of the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction. It will not be possible to submit an application after 17:00 on this date.	26/09/2025 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
8	ORESS Tonn Nua Applicants pay Bid Bonds on or before the Bid Bond Posting Date. A Bid Bond is a cash security to be lodged by Applicants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions. The Bid Bond is paid to the TSO RESS bank account using the Application Reference number (ORESS-1-4 digits) generated by the RESS Auction Platform.	By: 03/10/2025	TSO ORESS Bank Account	Applicants	TSO ORESS Bank Account
9	The Eligibility Requirements for Qualification are assessed by the TSO. The TSO assesses the qualification data submitted through the RESS Auction Platform to check that all data submitted is in line with Section 7.3 Eligibility Requirements of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions.	From: 26/09/2025 17:00	Internal Process and Work Procedures	TSO	
10	The TSO may request clarifications from the Applicant.	From: The week of 06/10/2025	RESS Auction Platform and Email	TSO	Applicants

Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
11	The Applicant submits clarifications within the format and timeframe specified in the clarification request.	From: The week of 06/10/2025	RESS Auction Platform Message	Applicants	TSO
12	A Provisional Qualification Decision is made by the TSO and issued individually to Applicants.	15/10/2025	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
13	Applicant views Provisional Qualification Decision.	From: 15/10/2025	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	
14	The Applicant may request a Review of an Application for Qualification by the Application for Review Closing Date if they consider that the TSO has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in making the Provisional Qualification Decision. The Applicant fills out the ORESS Tonn Nua Application for Review Form (ORTNAFR) and submits this form via the RESS Auction Platform.	By: 17/10/2025 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
15	Where an Applicant is no longer seeking to participate in the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction in respect of a ORESS Tonn Nua Project, it shall submit a Notice of Application Withdrawal (ORESS Tonn Nua Notice of Withdrawal Form (ORTNW)) to the TSO prior to the Final Application Withdrawal Date.	By: 24/10/2025 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
16	Receipt of the Notice of Withdrawal is acknowledged by the TSO.	From: 24/10/2025	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
17	TSO reviews any Application for Review and issues its decision to the relevant Applicant.	24/10/2025	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
18	The TSO prepares Final Qualification Decisions and submits to the Minister for approval.	From: 28/10/2025	Email	TSO	DECC
19	Following receipt of the TSO Review decision in respect of an Application for Review, the Applicant may submit a Notice of Dissatisfaction form (ORTNND) to the Minister by the Notice of Dissatisfaction by Participants Date. The completed Notice of Dissatisfaction form should be emailed to the DCEE mailbox at ORESS@decc.gov.ie .	By: 28/10/2025	Email	Applicants	DECC
20	RESS Qualification Approval given by the DCEE Minister in formal letter to the TSO.		Letter of Approval	DECC	TSO
21	Final Qualification Decisions are issued to the Applicants through the RESS Auction Platform. Applicants can log onto the RESS Auction Platform to view their RESS Qualification results.	31/10/2025	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants

4 Process Structure and Legends

The following process flow diagrams are made up of columns that identify who are responsible for what activities. Typical roles include the:

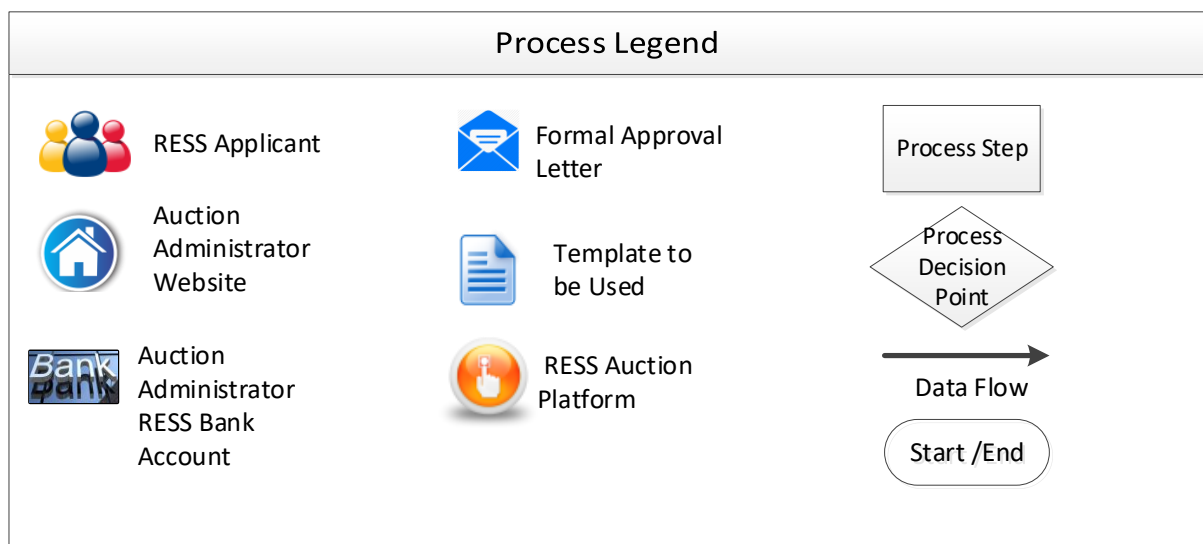
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- RESS Applicant



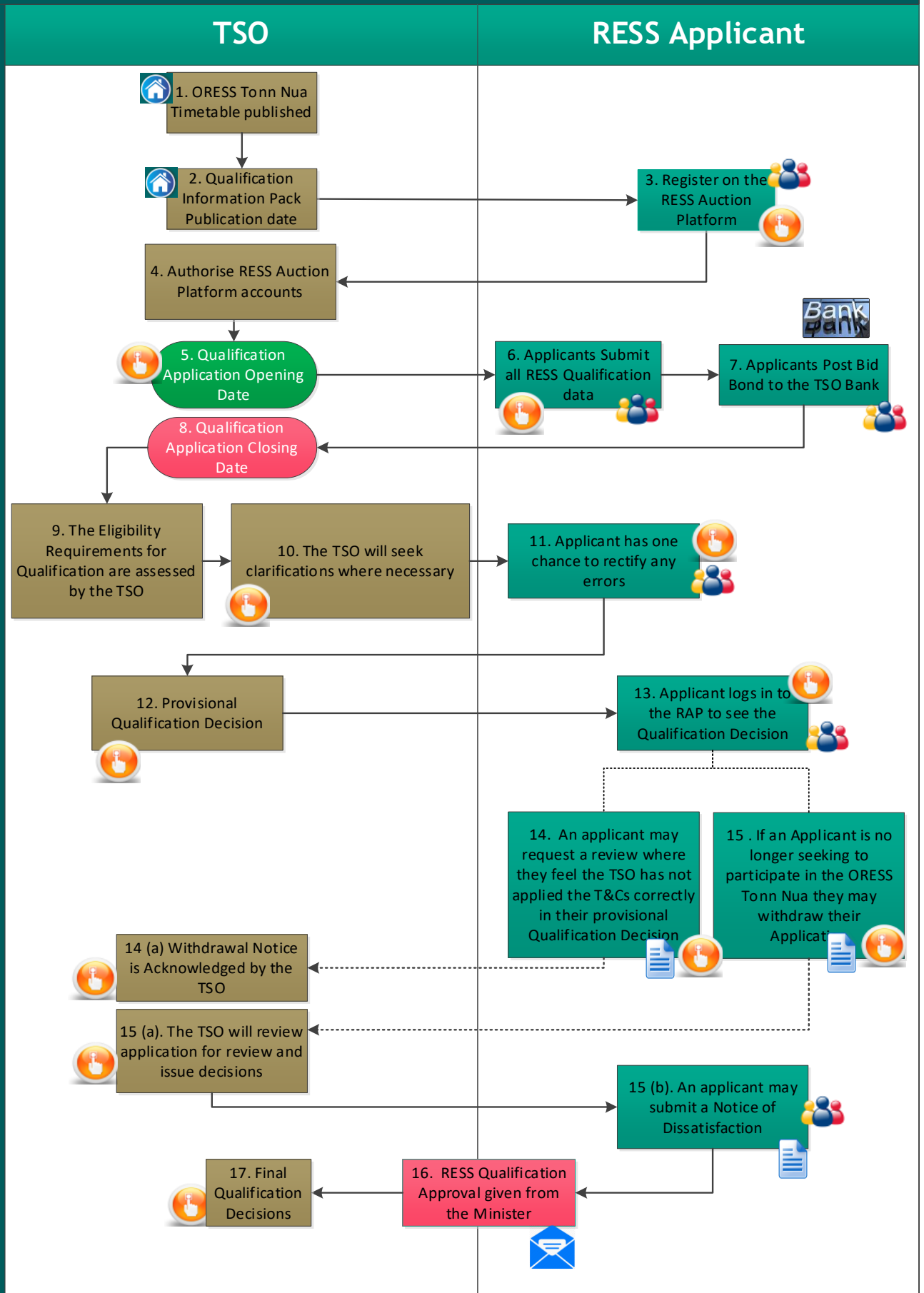
Example of Roles and Responsibilities swim lanes

Within the process diagrams we use various symbols or legends to make the process diagrams more intuitive to the reader. The diagram below illustrates some of the symbols we use in our process flows.

ORESS Process Flow Legends used



ORESS Tonn Nua Qualification Process



5 ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Submission Steps

Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
1	The TSO will advise in the Qualification Information Pack What, Where and How the Bid Bond is to be lodged in the TSO ORESS Bank Account. Note It is important that Applicants use the Application Reference number (ORESSTN-4 digits) when making the lodgement so we can clearly identify lodgements associated with a particular project.	24/06/2025	EirGrid Website	TSO	Applicants
2	The Applicant fills in the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form (ORTNBB1) and ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Applicant Return Form (ORTNBB2) and uploads both forms through the RESS Auction Platform.	By: 26/09/2025 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
3	The Applicant pays the required Bid Bond amount to the RESS bank account in accordance with TSO guidelines on or before the Bid Bond Posting Date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bid bond in the form of a cash held deposit. The Bid Bond value in ORESS Tonn Nua is €20,000,000. 	By: 03/10/2025	Bank Transfer	Applicants	TSO

Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
4	<p>The TSO will carry out 2 ORESS Qualification checks.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Bid Bond sufficient for the RESS Project to qualify? 2. Has the Bid Bond amount been posted on or before the Bid Bond Posting Date? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the answer is YES to both questions your Bid Bond submission has been successful and the process ends without any further communication (then go to step 5) • If the answer to either of these questions is NO then go to step 6. 	From: 26/09/2025	TSO Internal Procedure	TSO	
5	The TSO confirms that the Bid Bond conditions have met the Bid Bond Eligibility criteria as set out in the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions.	From: 03/10/2025	TSO Bank Check	TSO	
6	The ORESS Qualification is rejected , and the Applicant is informed as part of the Provisional Qualification Decision.	15/10/2025	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
7	<p>The Applicant has two escalation options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request a Review (From step 14 of ORESS Qualification Process) 2. Lodge a Notice of Dissatisfaction with DECC (From step 19 of ORESS Qualification Process). 				

ORESS Bid Bond Process

