

RESS 2 Qualification Process (R2QP)

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Where an Applicant is seeking to participate in the RESS 2 Auction in respect of a RESS 2 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 RESS 2 Auction in respect of the RESS 2 Project in accordance with the RESS 2 Terms and Conditions.

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Introduction

Background and Purpose

In accordance with provisions set forth in the Terms and Conditions for the Second Competition under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS 2: 2021/22) published in October 2021 and pursuant to Public Service Obligations imposed under Section 39 of the Act, the TSO is responsible for administering RESS 2. The following sections describe the:

- Qualification process steps for sections 9.2 and 9.3 of the Terms and Conditions, and
- The Roles and Responsibilities and obligations of each entity.

In accordance with section 6.4, all Applicants must provide evidence to the TSO with the Application for Qualification that the eligibility requirements set out in Section 6.4 have been met. The TSO must be satisfied that all eligibility criteria set out in the RESS 2 Terms and Conditions have been met for that particular RESS 2 Applicant to participate in the RESS 2 Auction. The RESS 2 Qualification process consists of the following high level steps:

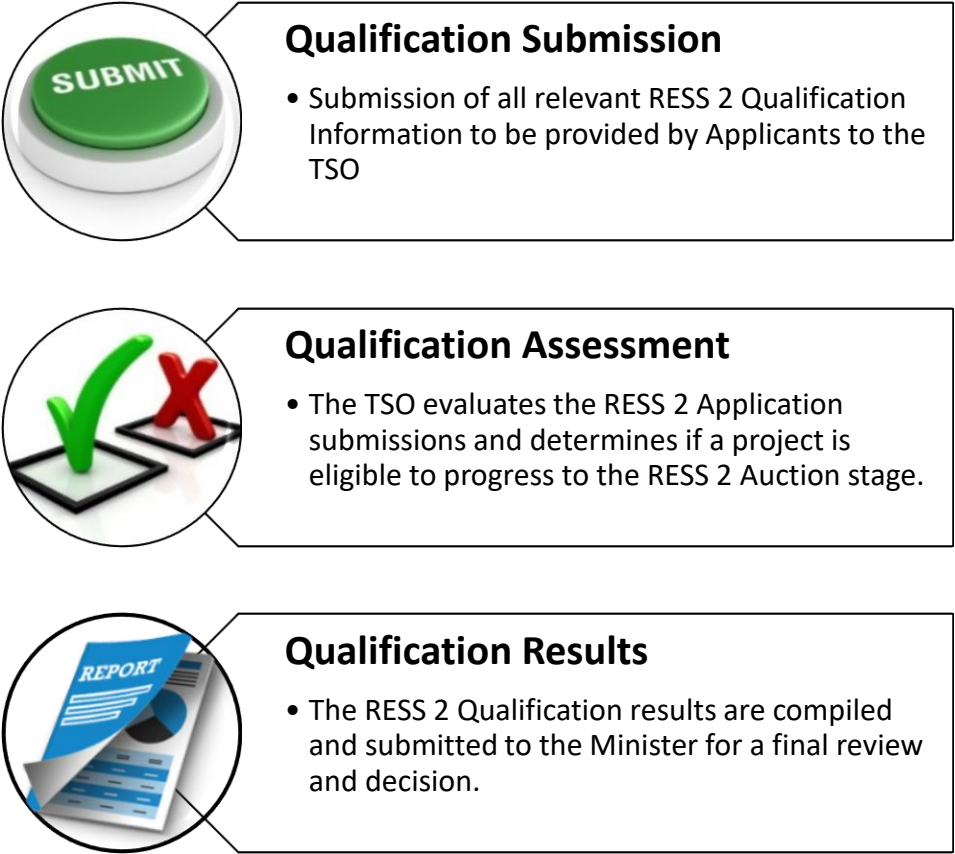


Figure 1 High Level Qualification Process Steps

RESS Escalation Scenarios

Where an Applicant considers that the TSO has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in making the Provisional Qualification Decision it can avail of the following processes.



Review Process

- In respect of a Provisional Qualification Decision, where an Applicant (acting reasonably and in good faith and to the standard of a Prudent Industry Operator) considers that the TSO has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in making the Provisional Qualification Decision, they may submit an Application for Review to the TSO by the Application for Review Closing Date.

Notice of Dissatisfaction

- Following receipt of the TSO Review decision the Applicant may submit a Notice of Dissatisfaction to the Minister by the Notice of Dissatisfaction by Participants Date.
- The Minister shall consider the Final Qualification Decisions submitted by the TSO, the Auction Monitor report (in accordance with the Information Paper) and any Notices of Dissatisfaction submitted by Applicants in respect of a Final Qualification Decision.



The Review Process is operated by the TSO whereas the Notice of Dissatisfaction is submitted directly to the Minister.

Qualification Dates and Times

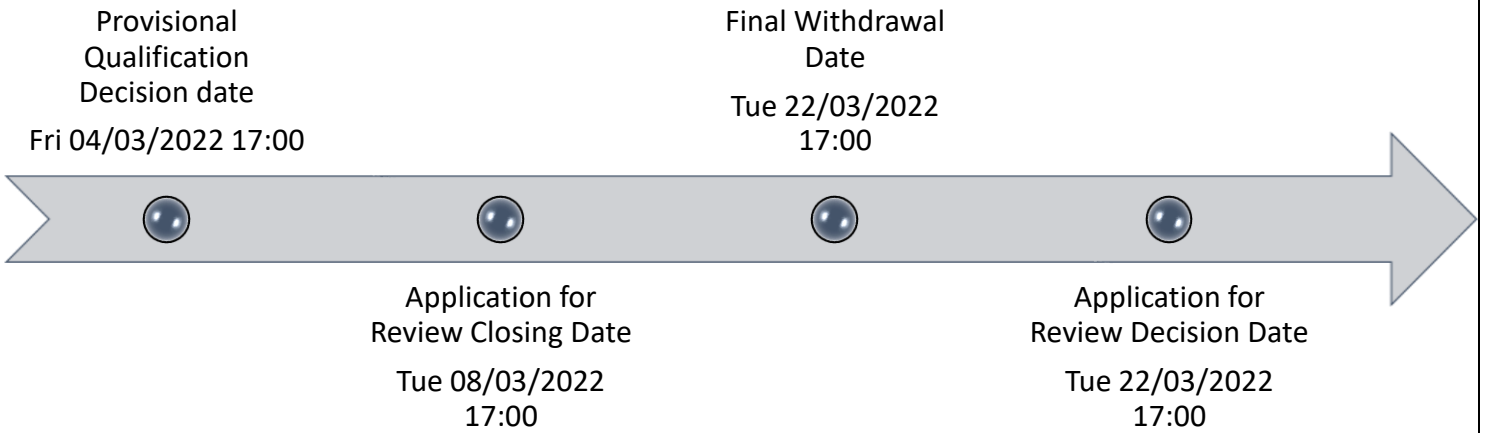
DECC have published a series of timelines to which the TSO and RESS Applicants are obliged to adhere. The Key Qualification Dates are:



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"> Means the date by which the Qualification Information Pack is published by the TSO. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Means the opening date for submission of Applications for Qualification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Means the last date an Applicant can submit an Application for Qualification in respect of the RESS 2 Auction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Means the last day on which a Bid Bond may be lodged by the Applicant in the TSO RESS Account, and accepted by the TSO.

Key Qualification dates cont.



Review & Withdrawal

Provisional Qualification Decision date

- Means the indicative 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 Withdrawal Date

- Means the last date an Applicant can withdraw their Application for Qualification in respect of the RESS 2 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.

Key Qualification dates cont.

Qualification Decisions
Submission Date

Tue 29/03/2022 17:00

Final Qualification
Decisions Date

Thu 14/04/2022 17:00



Notice of Dissatisfaction
by Participants Date

Tue 29/03/2022 17:00

Qualification Decisions

Qualification Decisions Submission

- Means the indicative date for submission of Final Qualification Decisions to the Minister.

Notice of Dissatisfaction by Participants Date

- The final Date by which a Notice of Dissatisfaction can be submitted to the Minister.

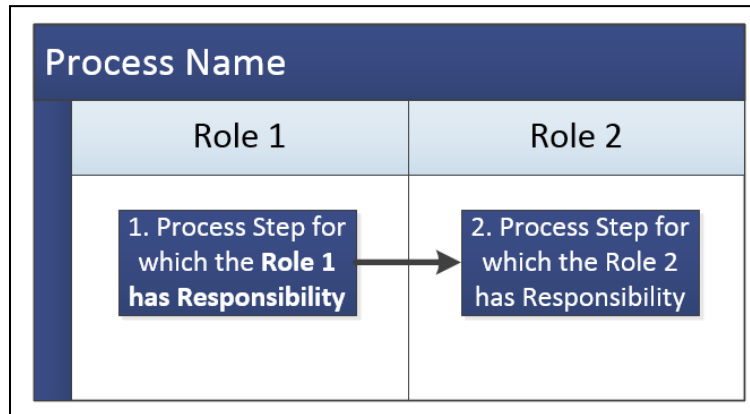
Final Qualification Decisions Date

- Means the indicative date for issuance of Final Qualification Decisions to Applicants.

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:

- RESS Applicant
- TSO and
- DECC



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.



RESS Process Flow legends used

Qualification Process Steps

Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
1	Publish Key RESS Auction Dates to TSO Website.	Fri 29/10/2021 17:00	EirGrid Website	TSO	Applicants
2	Publish Qualification Information Pack. The TSO publishes the Qualification Information Pack containing all the material that Participants require to submit their RESS 2 Applications for Qualification.	Tue 23/11/2021 10:00	EirGrid Website	TSO	Applicants
3	Register on RESS Auction Platform. This involves two factor authentication using a nominated Mobile Telephone number and Email. The Applicant submits the required information and waits for account to be authorised by TSO.	From Thu 02/12/2021	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
4	TSO reviews submitted registration information and authorises RESS Auction Platform account. Applicants Test RESS Auction Platform Access by logging on with their Username and Password. Note each person filling in the application will require their own unique Username and Password for auditing and monitoring purposes.	From Thu 02/12/2021	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
5	Start date of Qualification Process. This is the date and time from which RESS 2 Applicants can start completing their RESS 2 Applications for Qualification and supporting documentation.	Tue 07/12/2021 2021 10:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
6	Applicants submit all RESS qualification data in the format requested through the RESS Auction Platform. Section 6.4 Eligibility Requirements of the RESS Terms and Conditions describes all the data and information that participants must provide in order to qualify for the RESS 2 Auction. Note the RESS Auction Platform will not allow the submission of incomplete RESS 2 Applications for Qualification.	By Thu 13/01/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO

Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
7	RESS 2 Applicants Post Bid Bond 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 lodged to the TSO bank using the Application Reference number (RESS2-4 digits) generated by the RESS Auction Platform. The Bid Bond value in RESS 2 is €6 per MWh, where the MWh value is the Deemed Energy Quantity for one year for the RESS 2 Project calculated pursuant to Section 6.6.4 and multiplied by 1,000 to convert from GWh to MWh (the "Bid Bond Required Amount"). For example, the Bid Bond for a 10 MW Solar project would be €6/MWh x 10 MW x 8760 hours x 0.11 Renewable Capacity Factor = €57,816.	By Thu 13/01/2022 17:00	TSO Bank Account with appropriate project reference	Applicants	TSO Bank
8	End date of Qualification Process. This is the last date an Applicant can submit an Application for Qualification in respect of the RESS 2 Auction.	Thu 13/01/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
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 6.4 Eligibility Requirements of the RESS Terms and Conditions.	From: Thu 13/01/2022 17:00	Internal Process and Work Procedures	TSO	
10	The TSO may request clarifications from the Applicant.	From: Thu 13/01/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform and Email	TSO	Applicants
11	The Applicant submits clarifications within the format and timeframe specified in the clarification request.		RESS Auction Platform and Email	Applicants	TSO
12	A Provisional Qualification Decision is made by the TSO and issued individually to Applicants.	Fri 04/03/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
13	Applicant considers Provisional Qualification Decision.	Fri 04/03/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	

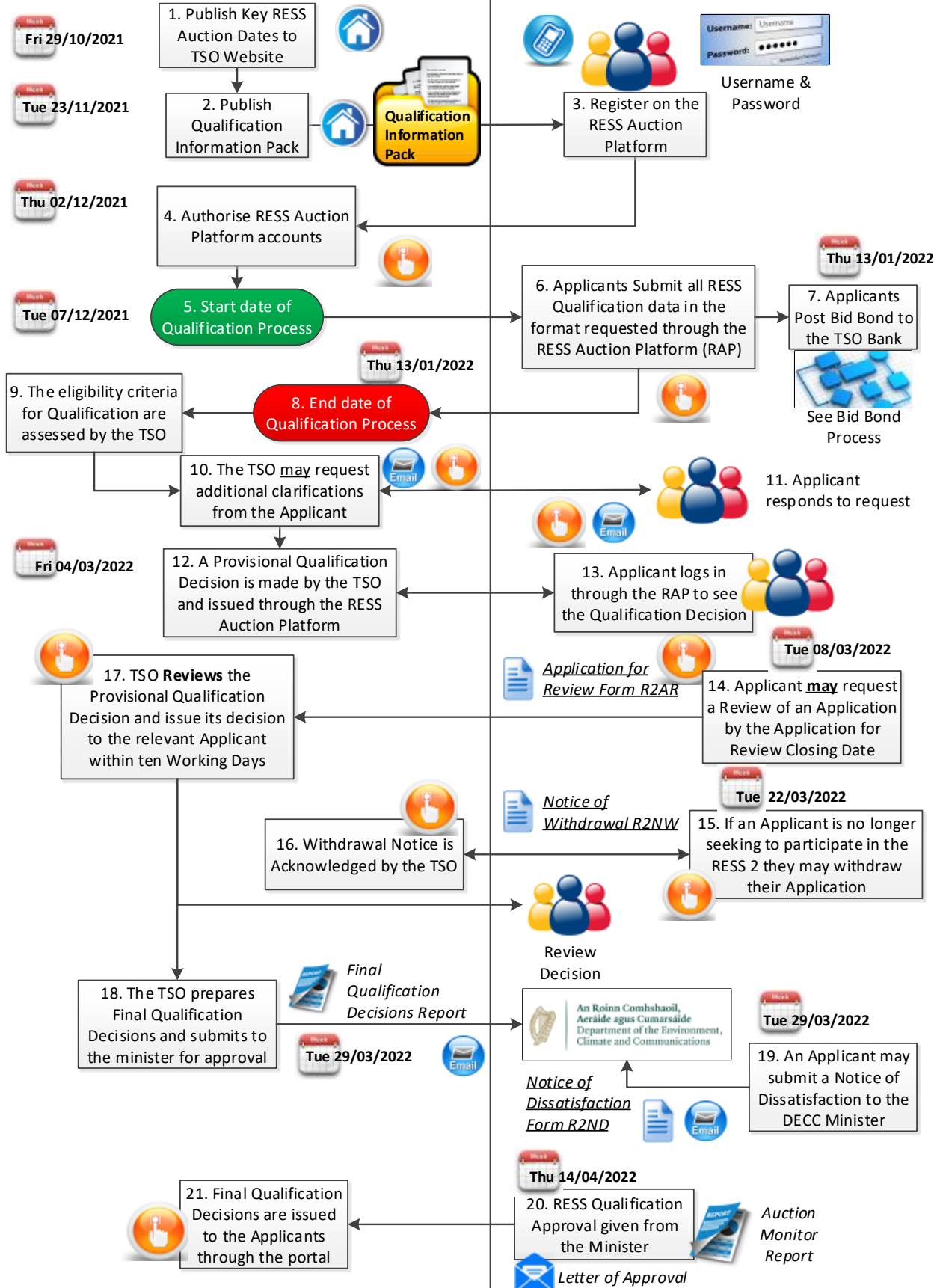
Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
14	The Applicant may request a Review of an Application for Qualification by the Application for Review Closing Date. The Applicant fills out the RESS 2 Application for Review Form (R2AR) Template (published in the Qualification Information Pack) which can be found on the EirGrid website and submits this form via the RESS Auction Platform.	Between Fri 04/03/2022 and Tue 08/03/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
15	Where an Applicant is no longer seeking to participate in the RESS 2 Auction in respect of a RESS 2 Project, it shall submit a Notice of Withdrawal (RESS 2 Notice of Withdrawal Form (R2NW)) to the TSO prior to the Final Withdrawal Date using the required documentation set out in the Qualification Information Pack.	By Tue 22/03/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
16	Receipt of the Notice of Withdrawal is acknowledged by the TSO.	Tue 29/03/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
17	TSO reviews Application for Review and issues its decision to the relevant Applicant within ten Working Days.	From: Tue 08/03/2022 17:00 to Tue 22/03/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
18	The TSO prepares Final Qualification Decisions and submits a RESS Final Qualification Decisions Report to the Minister for approval.	Tue 29/03/2022 17:00	Email	TSO	DECC

Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
19	If an Applicant considers that the TSO has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in assessing an Application for Qualification and an Application for Review, the Applicant may submit a Notice of Dissatisfaction form R2ND to the DECC Minister. The Notice of Dissatisfaction template can be found in the Qualification Information pack on the EirGrid website. The completed <i>Notice of Dissatisfaction form</i> should then be emailed to the DECC mailbox at RESS@decc.gov.ie	By Tue 29/03/2022 17:00	Email	Applicants	DECC
20	RESS Qualification Approval given by the DECC Minister in formal letter to the TSO.	Thu 14/04/2022	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.	Thu 14/04/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants

RESS Qualification Process

TSO

RESS Applicant



RESS Bid Bond Lodgement 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 RESS Bank Account. Note It is important that Applicants use the Application Reference number (RESS2-4 digits) when making the lodgement so we can clearly identify lodgements associated with a particular project.	Tue 23/11/2021 10:00	EirGrid Website	TSO	Applicants
2	The Applicant fills in the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESS 2 Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form (R2BB1) and • RESS 2 Bid Bond Applicant Return Form (R2BB2) and uploads both forms through the RESS Auction Platform.	By Thu 13/01/2022 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
3	The Applicant posts the required Bid Bond amount in the RESS bank account in accordance with TSO guidelines 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 RESS 2 is €6 per MWh, where the MWh value is the Deemed Energy Quantity for one year for the RESS 2 Project calculated pursuant to Section 6.6.4 and multiplied by 1,000 to convert from GWh to MWh (the “Bid Bond Required Amount”). For example, the Bid Bond for a 10 MW Solar project would be €6/MWh x 10 MW x 8760 hours x 0.11 Renewable Capacity Factor = €57,816. The Bid Bond shall continue to remain in place until the executed Implementation Agreement and Performance Bond is posted. 	By Thu 13/01/2022 17:00	Bank Transfer	Applicants	TSO Bank

Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
4	<p>The TSO will carry out 2 RESS 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 question is NO then go to step 6 	From Thu 13/01/2022 17:00	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 RESS Terms and Conditions.	Fri 04/03/2022 17:00	TSO Bank Check	TSO	
6	The RESS Qualification is rejected and the Applicant is informed as part of the Provisional Qualification Decision.	Fri 04/03/2022 17:00	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 RESS Qualification Process) 2. Lodge a Notice of Dissatisfaction with DECC (From step 19 of RESS Qualification Process). 				

RESS Bid Bond Process

RESS Applicant

2. The Applicant fills in the
- *RESS 2 Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form (R2BB1)* and
 - *RESS 2 Bid Bond Applicant Return Form (R2BB2)* and uploads them through the RESS Qualification Portal

3. The Applicant, where required to do so under these Terms and Conditions, shall post a Bid Bond as a single payment to the TSO RESS Account by the Bid Bond Posting Date



Bid Bond Assessment

- Bid Bond in the form of a cash held deposit.
- The Bid Bond value in RESS 2 is €6 per MWh, where the MWh value is the Deemed Energy Quantity for one year for the RESS 2 Project calculated pursuant to Section 6.6.4 and multiplied by 1,000 to convert from GWh to MWh (the "Bid Bond Required Amount"). For example, the Bid Bond for a 10 MW Solar project would be €6/MWh x 10MW x 8760 hours x 0.11 Renewable Capacity Factor = €57,816.
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Application for Review Form R2AR



Notice of Dissatisfaction Form R2ND

TSO

1. The TSO will advise in the Qualification Pack What, Where and How the Bid Bond is to be lodged in the TSO RESS Account



- *RESS 2 Bid Bond Applicant Return Form (R2BB2)*
- *RESS 2 Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form (R2BB1)*



4. TSO carries out 2 Checks

Is the Bid Bond of a Sufficient amount?

YES

5. TSO Confirm Bid Bond conditions have been met

← YES

END

Posted by the Bid Bond Posting Date?

NO

6. The RESS Qualification is rejected and the Applicant is informed as part of the Provisional Qualification Decision

"Bid Bond" means the cash security to be lodged by an Applicant in respect of an Application for Qualification in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
"Bid Bond Posting Date" means the last day on which a Bid Bond may be lodged by the Applicant in the TSO RESS Account, and accepted by the TSO, such date to be published in the Qualification Information Pack.