

RESS 6 Qualification Process (R6QP)

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2 Introduction

2.1 Background and Purpose

In accordance with provisions set forth in the Terms and Conditions for the sixth onshore competition under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme published in July 2026 and pursuant to Public Service Obligations imposed under Section 39 of the Act, the Auction Administrator is responsible for administering RESS 6. The following sections describe the:

- Qualification process steps for Sections 8.2 and 8.3 of the Terms and Conditions, and
- The roles, responsibilities and obligations of each entity.

In accordance with Section 6 of the RESS 6 Terms and Conditions, Applicants must confirm in their Application for Qualification and RESS 6 Qualification Declaration (R6QD) that they meet the applicable qualification eligibility requirements. The Auction Administrator must be satisfied that these requirements have been met before determining that an Applicant is eligible to participate in the RESS 6 Auction. The RESS 6 Qualification Process consists of the following high-level steps:



Qualification Submission

- Submission of all relevant RESS 6 Qualification Information to be provided by Applicants to the Auction Administrator



Qualification Assessment

- The Auction Administrator evaluates the RESS 6 Application submissions and determines if a project is eligible to progress to the RESS 6 Auction stage.

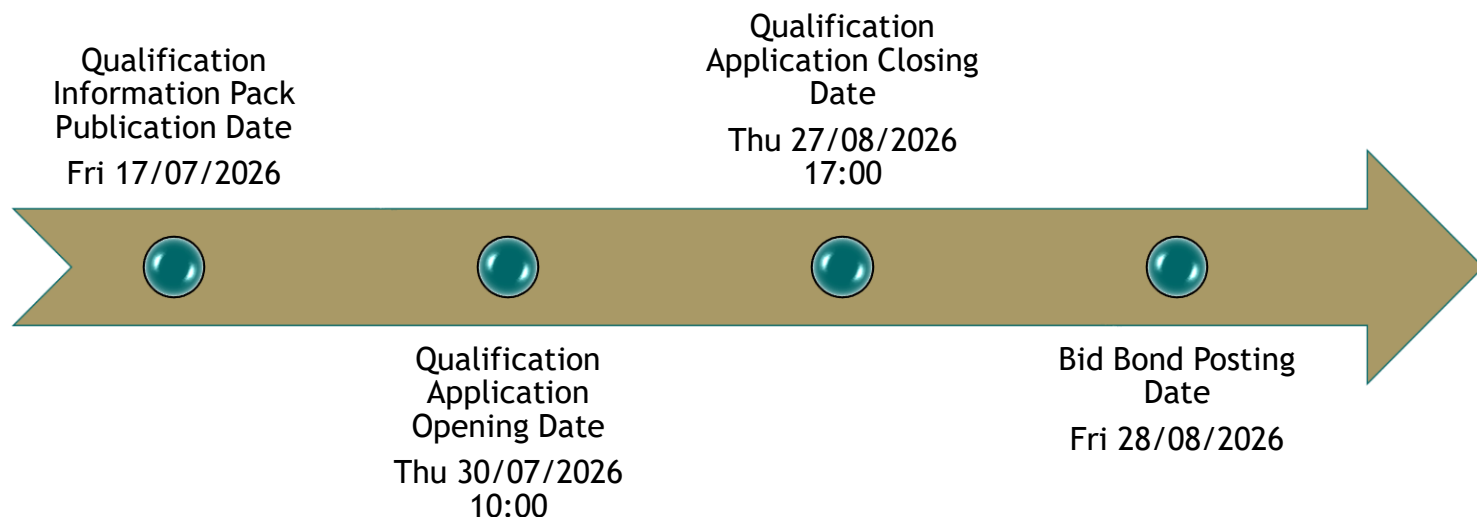


Qualification Results

- The RESS 6 Qualification results are compiled and submitted to the Minister for a final review and decision.

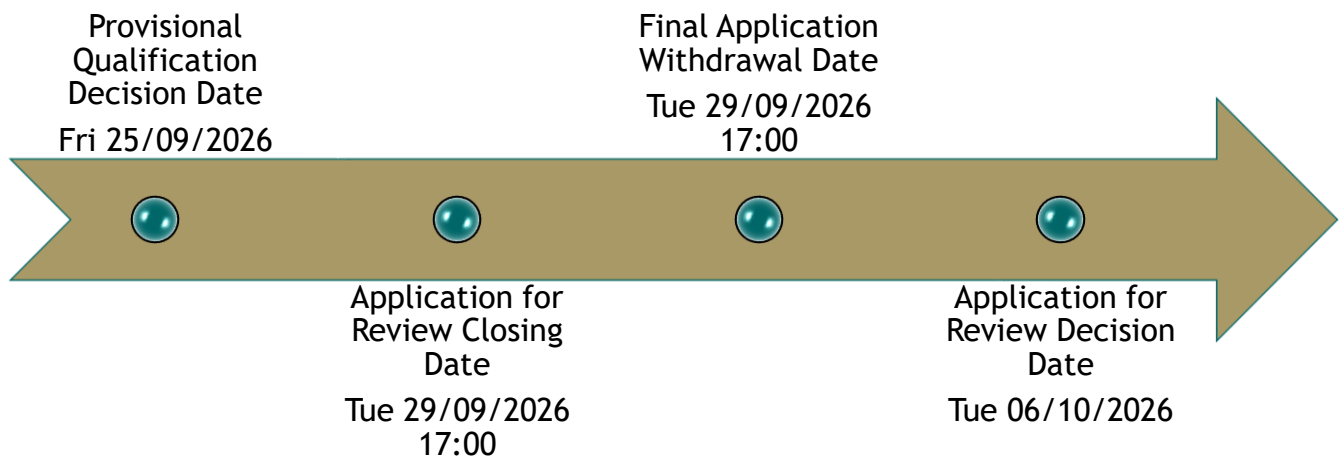
3 Qualification Dates and Times

The RESS 6 Auction Timetable sets out a series of key dates and milestones to which the Auction Administrator and RESS 6 Applicants are required to adhere. The key qualification dates are as follows:



Qualification Dates

Qualification Information Pack Publication Date	Qualification Application Opening Date	Qualification Application Closing Date	Bid Bond Posting Date
The date on which the Qualification Information Pack is published by the Auction Administrator.	The opening date for submission of Applications for Qualification.	The last date an Applicant can submit an Application for Qualification in respect of the RESS 6 Auction.	The final day by which a Bid Bond may be paid by the Applicant in the Auction Administrator RESS Account.



Review & Withdrawal

Provisional Qualification Decision Date

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

Application for Review Closing Date

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

Final Application Withdrawal Date

- The last date an Applicant can withdraw their Application for Qualification in respect of the RESS 6 Auction.

Application for Review Decision

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

Qualification Decisions
Submission Date
Thu 08/10/2026

Final Qualification
Decisions Date
Wed 21/10/2026

Notice of
Dissatisfaction by
Participants Date
Thu 08/10/2026

Qualification Decisions

Qualification Decisions Submission Date

- The indicative date for submission of Provisional 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

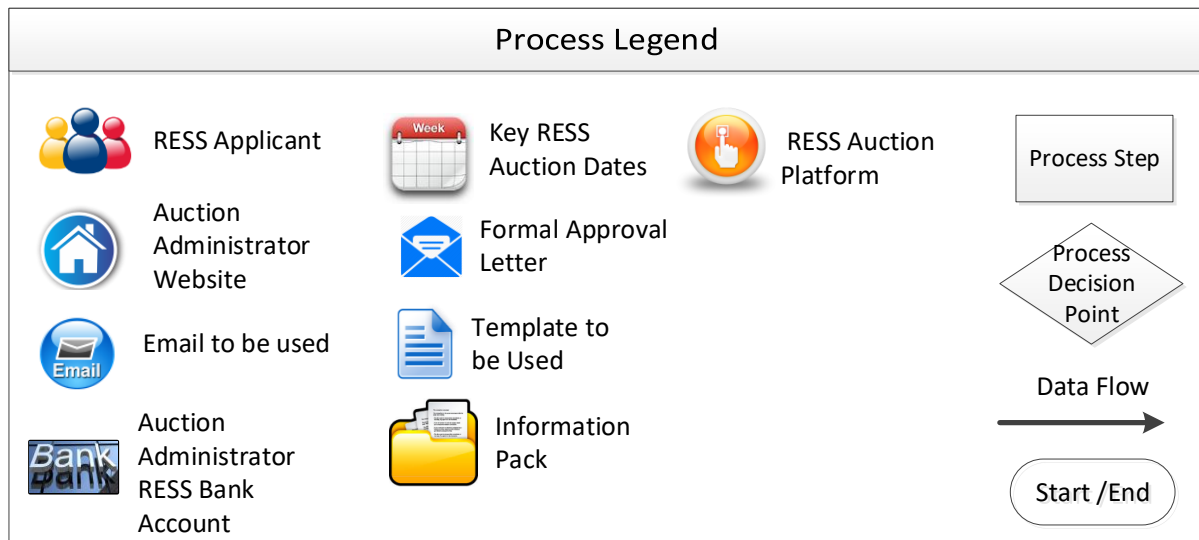
- The indicative date for issuance of Final Qualification Decisions to Applicants.

4 Process Structure and Legends

The following process flow diagrams use columns to identify the party responsible for each activity. Typical roles include:

- RESS Applicant
- Auction Administrator
- DCEE

The diagrams also use a number of standard process symbols. The legends below explain the symbols used throughout this document.



RESS Process Flow legends Used

5 Qualification Process Steps

Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
1	Final RESS 6 Terms and Conditions and Timetable Published	Thu 16/07/2026	EirGrid Website	Auction Administrator	Applicants
2	Qualification Information Pack Publication Date. The Auction Administrator publishes the Qualification Information Pack containing all the material that Participants need to submit their Application for Qualification.	Fri 17/07/2026	EirGrid Website	Auction Administrator	Applicants
3	Register on RESS Auction Platform. The Applicant submits the required information and waits for account to be authorised by the Auction Administrator.	From Fri 17/07/2026	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	Auction Administrator
4	The Auction Administrator reviews submitted registration information and authorises a prospective user's access to the RESS Auction Platform account.	From Fri 17/07/2026	RESS Auction Platform	Auction Administrator	Applicants

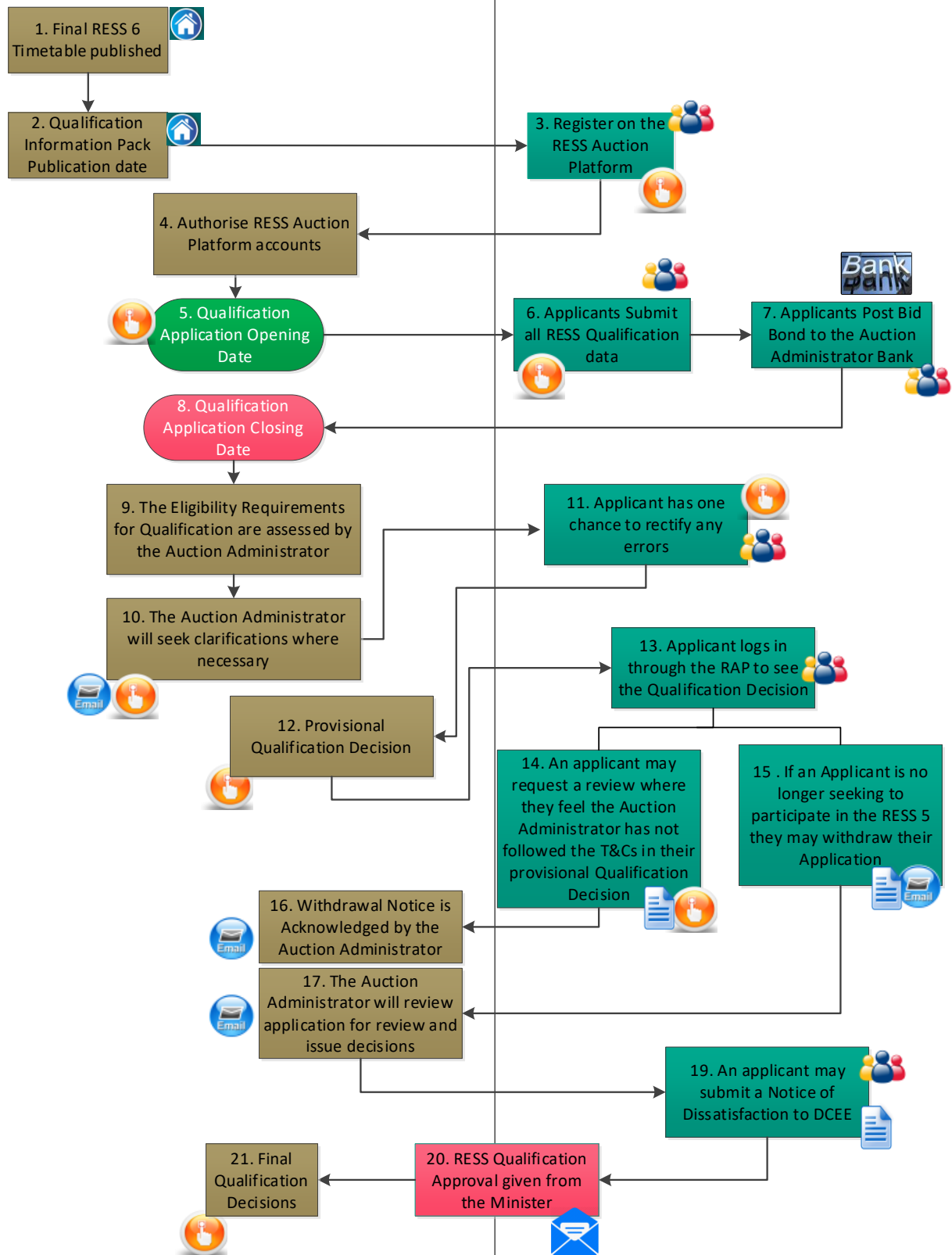
Step	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
5	Qualification Application Opening Date. This is the date and time from which RESS 6 Applicants can start completing their RESS 6 Applications for Qualification	Thu 30/07/2026 10:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	Auction Administrator
6	Section 6 of the RESS 6 Terms and Conditions sets out the Eligibility Requirements and describes all data and information that Applicants must provide in order to qualify for the RESS 6 Auction. Note: The RESS Auction Platform will not allow the submission of incomplete RESS 6 Applications for Qualification.	By Thu 27/08/2026 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	Auction Administrator
7	Qualification Application Closing Date. This is the last date an Applicant can submit an Application for Qualification in respect of the RESS 6 Auction. It will not be possible to submit an application after 17:00.	Thu 27/08/2026 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	Auction Administrator
8	RESS 6 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 Auction Administrator RESS bank account using the Application Reference number (RESS 6-4 digits) generated by the RESS Auction Platform. For further information on Bid Bonds, please refer to Section 6 of this document.	By Fri 28/08/2026	Auction Administrator RESS Bank Account	Applicants	Auction Administrator RESS Bank Account
9	The Auction Administrator assesses the qualification data submitted through the RESS Auction Platform to assess compliance with the qualification eligibility requirements set out in Section 6 of the RESS 6 Terms and Conditions.	From: Fri 28/08/2026	Internal Process and Work Procedures	Auction Administrator	N/A
10	The Auction Administrator may, at its discretion, seek further information from the Applicant.	From: The week of 14/09/2026	RESS Auction Platform and Email	Auction Administrator	Applicants
11	The Applicant submits clarifications within the format and timeframe specified in the individual clarification request.	From: The week of the 14/09/2026	RESS Auction Platform and Email	Applicants	Auction Administrator
12	A Provisional Qualification Decision is made by the Auction Administrator and issued individually to Applicants.	Fri 25/09/2026	RESS Auction Platform	Auction Administrator	Applicants
13	Applicant views Provisional Qualification Decision.	From: Fri 25/09/2026	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 if they consider that the Auction Administrator has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in making the Provisional Qualification Decision. The Applicant fills out the RESS 6 Application for Review Form (R6AR) template (published in the Qualification Information Pack) which can be found on the EirGrid website and submits this form via the RESS Auction Platform.	By: Tue 29/09/2026 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	Auction Administrator
15	Where an Applicant is no longer seeking to participate in the RESS 6 Auction in respect of a RESS 6 Project, it shall submit a Notice of Application Withdrawal RESS 6 Notice of Application Withdrawal Form (R6NW) to the Auction Administrator prior to the Final Application Withdrawal Date using the required documentation set out in the Qualification Information Pack.	By: Tue 29/09/2026 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	Auction Administrator
16	Receipt of the Notice of Withdrawal is acknowledged by the Auction Administrator.	Week of: 28/09/2026	RESS Auction Platform	Auction Administrator	Applicants
17	Auction Administrator reviews Application for Review and issues its decision to the relevant Applicant within one week of receipt.	Tue 06/10/2026	RESS Auction Platform	Auction Administrator	Applicants
18	The Auction Administrator prepares Final Qualification Decisions and submits a RESS 6 Final Qualification Decisions Report to the Minister for approval.	From: Thu 08/10/2026	Email	Auction Administrator	DCEE
19	Following receipt of the Auction Administrator Review decision the Applicant may submit a Notice of Dissatisfaction form (R6ND) to the Minister by the Notice of Dissatisfaction by Participants Date. The Minister shall consider the Provisional Qualification Decisions submitted by the Auction Administrator, the Auction Monitor report (in accordance with the Information Paper) and any Notices of Dissatisfaction submitted by Applicants following receipt of the Auction Administrator decision on an Application for Review. The Notice of Dissatisfaction template can be found in the Qualification Information Pack on the EirGrid website. The completed Notice of Dissatisfaction form should then be emailed to the DCEE mailbox at RESS@dcee.gov.ie .	By: Thu 08/10/2026	Email	Applicants	DCEE
20	The Minister issues formal approval of the Final Qualification Decisions to the Auction Administrator.		Letter of Approval	DCEE	Auction Administrator
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.	Wed 21/10/2026	RESS Auction Platform	Auction Administrator	Applicants

RESS 6 Qualification Process

Auction Administrator

RESS Applicant



6 RESS 6 Bid Bond Submission Steps

Step	Step Description	Dates	Method	By From	To
1	The Auction Administrator will advise in the Qualification Information Pack what, where and how the Bid Bond is to be lodged in the Auction Administrator RESS Bank Account. Note: It is important that Applicants use the Application Reference Number (RESS6-4 digits) when making the lodgement so we can clearly identify lodgements associated with a particular project. Application Reference Number will be assigned once the Application Submission window has opened, and the application has been saved in draft.	Fri 17/07/2026	EirGrid Website	Auction Administrator	Applicants
2	The Applicant fills in the RESS 6 Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form (R6BB1) and RESS 6 Bid Bond Applicant Return Form (R6BB2) and uploads both forms through the RESS Auction Platform.	By: Thu 27/08/2026 17:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	Auction Administrator
3	The Applicant pays the required Bid Bond amount in the RESS bank account in accordance with Auction Administrator guidelines on or before the Bid Bond Posting Date. - Bid bond in the form of a cash held deposit. - The Bid Bond Required Amount for a RESS 6 Project is calculated as €6 per MWh of the Deemed Energy Quantity for one year for the relevant RESS 6 Project, where the Deemed Energy Quantity is calculated pursuant to Section 7.6.7 of the RESS 6 Terms and Conditions. Examples are provided in Section 7.3 of the RESS 6 Qualification Information Pack (R6QIP).	By: Fri 28/08/2026	Bank Transfer	Applicants	Auction Administrator
4	The Auction Administrator will carry out two Bid Bond eligibility checks. - Is the Bid Bond amount sufficient for the RESS Project to qualify? - Has the Bid Bond amount been posted on or before the Bid Bond Posting Date? - 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: Fri 28/08/2026	Auction Administrator Internal Procedure	Auction Administrator	
5	The Auction Administrator confirms that the Bid Bond submission satisfies the Bid Bond eligibility criteria set out in the RESS 6 Terms and Conditions	By: Fri 25/09/2026	Auction Administrator Bank Check	Auction Administrator	

Step	Step Description	Dates	Method	By From	To
6	The RESS Qualification is rejected , and the Applicant is informed as part of the Provisional Qualification Decision.	Fri 25/09/2026	RESS Auction Platform	Auction Administrator	Applicants
7	Following receipt of a negative Provisional Qualification Decision, the Applicant may submit an Application for Review. Following receipt of the Auction Administrator's review decision, the Applicant may submit a Notice of Dissatisfaction to the Minister in accordance with the RESS 6 Terms and Conditions.	By: Tue 29/09/2026	Email	Applicant	Auction Administrator/ DCEE

RESS Bid Bond Process

Auction Administrator

RESS Applicant

Auction Administrator publishes Bid Bond lodgement instructions in the Qualification Information Pack. An Applicant will need to submit the below forms:

-  *RESS 6 Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form (R6BB1)*
-  *RESS 6 Bid Bond Applicant Return Form (R6BB2)*

4. Auction Administrator carries out two checks

Is the Bid Bond amount sufficient

YES

Posted by the Bid Bond Posting Date?

YES

5. Auction Administrator confirms Bid Bond conditions have been met

END

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


Applicant informed

2. The Applicant fills in the

- RESS 6 Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form (R6BB1)* and
- RESS 6 Bid Bond Applicant Return Form (R6BB2)* and uploads them through the RESS Auction Platform

3. The Applicant, where required to do so under the Terms and Conditions, shall pay a Bid Bond as a single payment to the Auction Administrator Bank Account by the Bid Bond Posting Date



Auction Administrator
RESS Bank Account

 Tue 18/08/2026

7. Applicant has two escalation options

- Request a review, and if not successful;
- Lodge a Notice of Dissatisfaction to DCEE

 *Application for Review Form R6AR*

 *Notice of Dissatisfaction Form R6ND*