

ISF Readiness Go-live Criteria Phase 1/Release 1

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Improving Security Frameworks

AEMO published a final High-Level Implementation Assessment in April 2025, inclusive of the readiness go-live criteria for 2 Dec 2025 rule commencement.

In June, AEMO communicated revised internal scope and delivery timeframes to mitigate the risks of compressed delivery timeframes, prioritising the delivery of scheduling system components for 2 December that Participants and TNSPs interface with, and ensuring business processes will be in place (within AEMO) to manage a post-December delivery of remaining solution components.

Revised delivery approach splits Phase 1 into two releases:-

- **2 December 2025 (Phase 1/Release 1)** – system-initiated manual enablement, automated back-end processing and reporting.
- **30 June 2026 (Phase 1/Release 1.1)** – automated payments and scheduling of security services.

AEMO has amended the go-live criteria to align with the new implementation approach and provide further clarity.

For more information about the ISF initiative, please visit the [Improving Security Frameworks](#) webpage.

Context: NEM Reform program industry strategy

NEM REFORM READINESS STRATEGY (ALL INITIATIVES)

ISF READINESS APPROACH

ISF readiness approach adopts the standard NEM Reform program framework

Initiative Readiness Criteria

AEMO readiness criteria ✓

Individual participant readiness approach ✗

Initiative Testing & Market Trial

Industry test strategy ✓

Test plans and coordination ✓

Participant Development Support

Technical Specification & Procedures ✓

Environment Availability ✓

Transition & Go-Live

Transition Plan ✓

Deployment Go-live Plan/s ✓

Registration / Accreditation Plan ✗

Engagement Support

Support through forums & focus groups ✓

Educational material ✓

Mailbox & newsletter ✓

- AEMO solution needs to be updated and tested
- AEMO business needs to be ready to operate
- AEMO IT support needs to be in place

Individual participant (or participant category) readiness is NOT a dependency for go-live

RISK & CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT ✓

INITIATIVE READINESS REPORTING ✓ & GO-LIVE CRITERIA MANAGEMENT ✓

ISF Phase 1/Release 1 Go-live criteria update

INITIATIVE:	ISF 02 Dec 2024 Release Improving Security Frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> System-initiated manual enablement, manual payments
	GO-LIVE CRITERIA
AEMO READINESS	AEMO technology and systems tested in-line with requirements for participant ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access the Security Service Management (SSM) User Interface View/submit/maintain unit availability and other operational information via the User Interface and/or API View and respond to enablement instructions and amendments via the User Interface and consume enablement instructions via the Participant Data Replication Tool or API TNSP ability to receive information required to enable contract settlement and visibility of daily reporting
	AEMO business operations and processes in place to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support ISF operations and Service Provider transition
	AEMO digital teams ready to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support ISF operations
PARTICIPANT READINESS	Provider and TNSP readiness is not a dependency for go-live. However, AEMO encourages impacted participants to make timely system/process changes in readiness for 2 Dec 2025. AEMO is seeking the following be submitted in the required timeframes to facilitate security enablement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract approval forms for Security Service Contracts to AEMO from 1 Sept 2025 to assess for contract approval prior to Market Trial and extended period of support. Noting, AEMO will not commence enablement of a contract until participant has demonstrated system preparedness and AEMO has registered the contract in its systems. Operational or limits advice on contribution to system security requirements by 2 June 2025 (substantive updates) and 31 August 2025 (incremental updates to existing limits advice)
CONTINGENCY	Contingency approaches developed during implementation