

News Update – June 2025

We would like to share a few items for your information –

EntrustOnline

We now have a set date for EntrustOnline launch. As you may know, EOL is being replaced by a cost effective, simpler system and is ready for launch.

The new system will be launched on the 16-18 June 2025

When this happens, **there will be no access** to EOL for a two to three day period, however, if you do have a transfer or a contribution that needs submitting, and you are concerned about meeting the seven day deadline, we will accept an email to helpline@entrust.org.uk as a submission, to ensure that during the downtime period, you are able to complete all statutory duties.

On the day, we will be on call to answer any queries, and to fix any issues should they arise. The most valuable action that we would request you undertake, is to check that all your activity is present and showing as you would expect it to be. Please note, Annual Returns may not appear exactly as they did on the previous system for historical records, as the new system does not operate in the same way. Please check that the 2024/2025 return is as you would expect. We do still have access to older records of what was submitted to us on request if that is needed for whatever reason.

There is an introductory video on the following link which will give an introduction to the site, and the Entrust website will have further videos with more insight into the different areas of the site in the coming few weeks:

<https://vimeo.com/1088713732/2195fed914?ts=0&share=copy>

Environmental Body Annual Statement of Compliance

As part of our continued strategy to align our compliance activity to key Regulatory requirements, we have revised our Compliance approach for 2025/2026 to focus more on completed projects (Project Reviews) rather than on EB Operations (EB Reviews).

EBs receiving direct contributions from Landfill Operators will now be reviewed on a cyclical basis: every 3 years for Distributing EBs (DEBs) and every 2 years for EBs receiving contributions primarily to fund their own projects.

To ensure continued compliance and provide assurances to HMRC, we are introducing an Annual Statement of Compliance (SoC) for all EBs receiving direct contributions from Landfill Operators. The SoC will be reviewed annually. For EBs not undergoing a compliance review, it will serve as assurance to HMRC that they have appropriate procedures in place to comply with the Regulations. For EBs which are scheduled for an EB Review, the SoC information will inform the inspection process.

We will continue to review a sample of completed projects delivered by all EBs each year, based on our risk-based approach.

The SoC will include a few key questions about regulatory obligations, asking EBs to detail the processes they have in place to ensure compliance. Links to the 2025/2026 SoC will be issued in June 2025, and subsequently each April, alongside the Annual Returns.

For further information or specific inquiries, please contact Mike Holland, Compliance and Assurance Manager, at mikeholland@entrust.org.uk, or reach out to a member of the Compliance Team.

Other News

We would also like to inform you that the 2025/2026 Corporate Plan has been published and is available on the website:

<https://www.entrust.org.uk/resources/entrust-corporate-plan-25-26/>

This includes an overview of the plans in the 2025/2026 financial year and some reflections from our chair and CEO, on recent developments in the fund.