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This circular is	Request for information	By	20 July 2009
This circular is	Relevant to the National Framework		
Status	This circular informs FRAs that the online AES templates are now live and ready for completion. The deadline for submitting backward look 2008/9 Annual Efficiency Statements (AESs) and forward look AESs for 2009/10 is 20 July.		

Backward Look Annual Efficiency Statements (AESs) for 2008/9 and Forward Look AESs for 2009/10 – to be submitted by 20 July 2009

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Addressed to:

**The Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority
The Chief Executive of the County Council
The Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority
The Clerk to the Combined Fire and Rescue Authority
The Commissioner of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority
The Chief Fire Officer**

Please forward to:

**Treasurers
Finance Directors
Regional Management Board Chairs**

Summary

This circular is to inform Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) that the online Annual Efficiency Statement (AES) templates hosted by ESD-toolkit are now live and ready for completion. The deadline for the submission of both backward look 2008/9 Annual Efficiency Statements (AESs) and forward look AESs for 2009/10 is 20 July 2009.

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1.0 Annual Efficiency Statements

- 1.1** Guidance for completion of the AES templates and the Regional Management Board (RMB) template issued under Circular 15/2009 and can be found on the Department's website at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/fsc152009>
- 1.2** The online AES templates went live on 13 May 2009 at <http://www.esd.org.uk/esdtoolkit>. FRAs will now be able to access and complete the forward look 2009/10 and the backward look 2008/09 AESs. The deadline for submission of both AESs is **20 July 2009**.
- 1.3** The 2008/11 FRS National Framework requires RMBs to report collaborative efficiency savings achieved collectively through the RMB. RMBs are asked to complete the template which was issued under Circular 15/2009 and return to talía.watson@communities.gsi.gov.uk by 20 July 2009.
- 1.4** Contact support@esd.org.uk for any queries relating to the toolkit. For any queries regarding the AES guidance please contact Talia Watson at talía.watson@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

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