

## Submitter User Guide for the National Storage Mechanism (NSM)

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## **Overview**

The National Storage Mechanism (NSM) is an online storage facility for regulated information required to be disclosed under our Listing Rules (LR), Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rule (DTRs) and Prospectus Regulation Rules. Listed issuers should upload documents such as annual reports and circulars ('regulated information') in order for that information to be displayed on the NSM.

All submitters to the NSM are required to register for an Electronic Submission System (ESS) account and provide evidence they are authorised to file regulated information on behalf of the issuers they represent.

This user guide aims to provide submitters with a step-by-step guide to uploading information to the NSM.

For step-by-step guide for searching on the NSM for regulated information, please refer to  $\underline{\text{NSM User Guide}}$ 

V11.0 updates:

• Fixed broken links

## 1. Accessing the ESS system

To submit documents to the NSM, first register with the **Electronic Submission System (ESS)** for access.

#### **Registering for system access**

Your registration is subject to approval. You can only send documents to the NSM via this system once you have been accepted as an approved user.



To register for system access, follow these 3 steps.

**Step 1:** Go to the ESS login page and click on **Register for System Access**.

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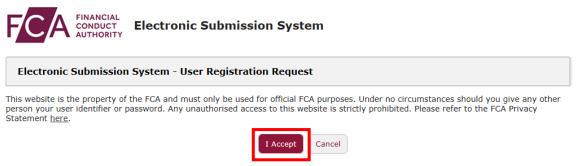
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Mailing Street *		
Mailing City *		
Mailing State/Province		
Mailing Zip/Postal Code *		
Mailing Country *		
Contact Number *		
	This must be your direct line to	elephone number, not a switchboard number

**Step 2:** Enter your registration details, then **Submit**.

When providing your registration details, please note:

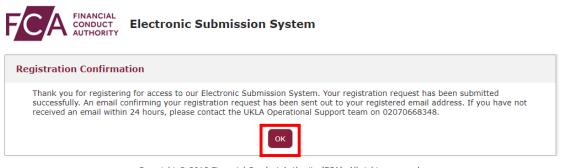
- Your email address must be your **work email address**. We do not accept registrations from public domains such as Gmail.
- Your email address will be used as your ESS username.
- Your contact telephone number must be your direct line, not a switchboard number.
- Your company information (company address, contact number and fax) will be used on all cases where you are the named as the Primary Contact.

**Step 3:** Click on **I Accept** to accept the terms and conditions.



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When you click **I Accept**, you will see the **Registration confirmation** message and an email will be sent to your registered email address. At this point, your request is now with us for approval. Click on **OK** to complete the registration process.



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You will be sent an email once a decision is made.

If you choose **Cancel** in Step 3, the registration request you have created will be void and no further action will be taken.

#### **Activating your ESS registration**

Once we have approved your registration, an email will be sent to your registered email address. This email will confirm your username and provide a link to activate your account.

Click on the link in the email and you will be prompted to set a password when you first log in.

Change Your Password

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Enter a	new password for
david@	bigcompanyplc.com . Your password must
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0	8 characters
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Your password must be at least 8 characters long, with a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numerical and special characters !!#%-\_=+<>.

#### If your ESS registration request is rejected

If your registration has been rejected, an email will be sent to your registered email address. If you have any queries you can call our **General administrative help desk** on the number provided in the email.

#### Logging in

Users will now need to register for multi-factor authentication ("MFA") to be able to log into Electronic Submission System. **PLEASE NOTE** that you do **NOT** need to create a new ESS registration when registering for MFA. Further guidance on MFA registration can be found at <u>https://www.fca.org.uk/firms/multi-factor-authentication-fca-systems</u>.

To log into Electronic Submission System, you will need to enter your username, password, and 6-digit one time passcode from either your authenticator app, SMS text or voice call to authenticate (MFA). Note: enter the username in lowercase.

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Electronic Submission System Login	
Important Notices	
Login	Data Protection:
Login to Electronic Submission System. <u>Need help?</u> Username Password <u>Password</u> <u>Password</u> <u>I Register for System Access</u> Login	When completing a form in ESS you may be asked to provide personal information about yourself or others. With that in mind, before you login to ESS, please read our <u>privacy notice</u> which tells you what to expect when the FCA collects personal information, including how and why we use personal information and who to contact if you have any queries or wish to exercise your rights.

After 3 unsuccessful login attempts, your account will be locked for 20 minutes. If a further unsuccessful login attempt is made, your account will be locked, and you will need to contact the support team to unlock your account.

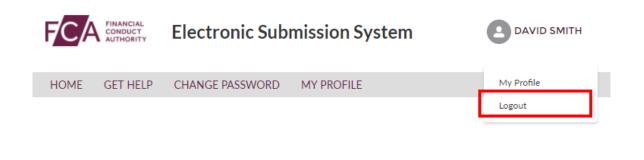
Whenever you log in, you will be asked to accept the **FCA Terms and Conditions** for system usage. Tick the box marked **I Accept** and click **Next** to continue.

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Please refe	to the FCA Privacy	Statement here.	
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You can view the FCA Privacy Statement using the on-screen link, or at <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/privacy.">https://www.fca.org.uk/privacy.</a>

#### **Logging out**

You can log out of the system at any time by clicking on your username in the top right corner of the page and selecting **Logout** from the dropdown.



Please ensure you have saved all information you have entered before you log out.

## 2. Managing your ESS profile and password

#### If you forget your password

If you forget your password, click on the **Forgot Your Password?** link on the login page.

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Login to Electronic Submission System. <u>Need help?</u> Username Password <u>Password</u> <u>Password</u> <u>Register for System Access</u> Login	When completing a form in ESS you may be asked to provide personal information about yourself or others. With that in mind, before you login to ESS, please read our <u>privacy notice</u> which tells you what to expect when the FCA collects personal information, including how and why we use personal information and who to contact if you have any queries or wish to exercise your rights.

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You'll be asked to provide your email address. This is your registered email address which is also your ESS username.

An email will be sent to your registered email address. The email will contain a link which can be used only once – if you forget your password again, you will have to request a new link.

When you click on the link within the email, you'll be asked to provide a new password. When choosing a new password, remember:

- Passwords must be at least 8 characters, a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numerical and special characters:!#\$%-\_=+<>.
- The new password you choose cannot be one of the last 12 passwords you have used before.

#### **Changing your ESS password**

Once you have registered and successfully logged in, you can change your password anytime by choosing **Change Password** on the home page.

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HOME CREATE NEW	CASE MY ORGANISATIONS	CHANGE PASSWORD	GET HELP MY PROFILE		
C My Cases			Search  Case Number O Organisation Name	Go	I
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You'll then be asked to enter your current password and your new password. When choosing a new password, remember:

- Passwords must be at least 8 characters, a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numerical and special characters: !#\$%-\_=+<>.
- The new password you choose cannot be one of the last 12 passwords you have used before.

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2.Er	ter New Password	ł							
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When done, click on the **Save** button.

#### **Updating your ESS profile**

Once your registration is approved and you have logged in, you can view and update your profile details at any time by clicking on the **MY PROFILE** link on the home page.

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HOME	CREATE NEW CASE	MY ORGANISATIONS	CHANGE PASSWORD	GET HELP MY PROF	ILE	
	Лу Cases			Search  Case Number	Organisation Name	Go
	Drafts (8	3)	Sub	mitted (1)	Clo	osed (0)

You will now be able to view and update your profile details.

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This page allows you to update any of your personal information.			Mandatory fields are denoted by a
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Email		* Last Name	
eno.ndukwe@fca.org.uk		Ndukwe	
* Phone		Company Name	
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For security reasons, you cannot change your email address and company name. These fields are displayed but cannot be edited.

Should your email address change while you are working with the same organisation, you must contact our general administrative help desk who will update your profile with your new email address.



Once you made all the changes required, you can choose to update the contact details on all the cases where you are the named Primary Contact. This can be done by selecting the option to **Apply changes to Open Cases where I am the Primary Contact** in the **Additional Options** section.

Your address on closed (Approved, Withdrawn or Lapsed) cases will not be updated.

## 3. Understanding the user interface

#### **Important notices**

On the login page, you will see a section for **Important Notices**. We update this section regularly to keep you informed about news such as system unavailability or recent changes.

Electronic Submission System Login           Important Notices           Any important notices will be displayed here.           Short Selling Regime           If you are already a user of the Short Selling Regime and you have been submitting notifications by emailing the FCA, then you will have to register to use the Electronic Submission System (ESS) by clicking on this link.           If you are an existing ESS user or if you have already completed registration, please login to ESS by providing your credentials below.	Electronic Submission System					
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others. With that in mind, before you login to ESS, please read our privacy notice which tells you w		em. <u>Need help?</u>	When completing a form in ESS you may be asked to provide personal information about yourself or others. With that in mind, before you login to ESS, please read our <u>privacy notice</u> which tells you what to expect when the FCA collects personal information, including how and why we use personal information and who to contact if you have any queries or wish to exercise your rights.			
Username EU Withdrawal		0	EU Withdrawal			
Forgot Your Password?   Register for System Access Login Lo	orgot Your Password?   Register fo	Login	"The UK has left the EU, but EU law continues to apply until the end of the implementation period agreed under the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU. The FCA's <u>Interpretative Guide</u> <u>on completing our forms after the UK's withdrawal from the EU</u> Interpretative Guide on completing our forms after the UK's withdrawal from the EU does not apply during the implementation period and we have not amended our forms. Please complete forms as previously until further notice."			

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#### My Cases page

On successful login, you will be directed to the My Cases home page.

This page displays a list of all cases you have created or where you are a member of the case team. You will see all **Draft** cases by default, however if you want to see a list of all **Submitted** or **Closed** cases, click on the **Submitted** or **Closed** tab respectively.

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📋 My Cases			Search © Case	Number 🔿 Organisation	Name
Draf	its (9)		Submitted (1)		Closed (1)
					Show 10 + Search in 9 records
CASE NUMBER	TEAM	CASE TYPE		ORGANISATION	CREATED DATE
00221077	NSM	NSM Authorisation			13/02/2020 08:05
00220957	NSM	NSM Authorisation			10/02/2020 14:37
00220956	NSM	NSM Authorisation			10/02/2020 14:36
00220774	NSM	NSM Authorisation			06/02/2020 14:19
00220662	NSM	NSM Authorisation			04/02/2020 13:09
00220660	NSM	NSM File Upload			04/02/2020 13:07
00220581	NSM	NSM Authorisation			03/02/2020 16:25
00219942	PMU	Registration for Existing Position Holder			20/01/2020 10:57
00219125	PMU	Registration for Existing Position Holder			17/12/2019 15:13
					Prev 1 Next

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The **Get Help** option in the top navigation bar takes you to the relevant FCA website where you will find more help on information on documents you need to submit and how to use the system.

The **Home** option will return you to the **My Cases** home page.

#### **Mandatory fields**

Mandatory fields are marked with a red asterisk (\*). You must enter a value in these fields before you proceed to Save or Submit.

My Profile Information		
This page allows you to update any of your per	sonal information.	Mandatory fields are denoted by an *
My Profile Information		
* Title	* First Name	
Mr.	David	
Email	* Last Name	
david@bigcompanyplc.com	Smith	

#### **Error messages**

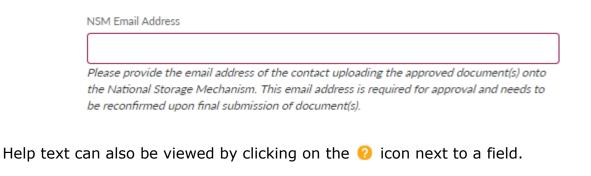
When you click Save or Submit, an error message will be displayed if you have not entered mandatory values or if the data you have entered is invalid.

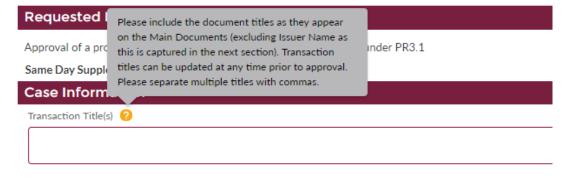
Error messages are displayed at the top of the screen. They will disappear automatically after a few seconds, or you can close them manually by clicking on the cross.

Ay Profile Information – Please en	ter phone number 🛛 🗙
This page allows you to update any of your personal info	rmation. Mandatory fields are denoted by an *
My Profile Information	
* Title	* First Name
Mr.	David
Email	*Last Name
david@bigcompanyplc.com	Smith
* Phone	Company Name
	Big Issuer PLC

#### **Help text**

Help text is provided for all important fields on all pages. Help text may be displayed on the screen.





#### **Case pagination**

By default, the system will display 10 cases at a time, but you can increase the number of cases shown using the dropdown list next to the **Show** button.

To see more cases, use the **Next** or **Previous** buttons. These will only become active when there are more cases than will fit on one page.

My Cases			Search  Case Number O Organisation N	Go
Dra	ifts (9)		Submitted (1)	Closed (1)
				Show 10 * Search in 9 records
CASE NUMBER	TEAM	CASE TYPE	ORGANISATION	CREATED DATE
00221077	NSM	NSM Authorisation		13/02/2020 08:05
00219125	PMU	Registration for Existing Position Holder		17/12/2019 15:13

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### Search

You can search for cases by entering a case number or issuer name in the search box and clicking **Go**.

HOME	GET HELP	CHANGE PASSWORD	MY PROFILE	
	My Cases		Search  Case Number O Issuer Name	Go

You can enter a part of the Issuer Name or the Case Number. The search results will only list relevant cases you have access to.

				140438		Go
				Case Number O Issue	er Name	
Search Results						
						Show 10 +
CASE NUMBER	STATUS	ISSUERS	CREATED DATE	LAST SUBMITTED DATE	CLOSED DATE	VIEW COMMENTS
00140438	Open	Big Issuer PLC	24/04/2018 09:49	29/04/2018 11:25		View Comments
					(	Prev 1 Next

## 4. Issuer authorisation

As part of the NSM registration process, all submitters must provide evidence they are authorised to file regulated information on behalf of the issuers they represent.

#### **Authorisation letter template**

Submitters to the NSM need an authorisation letter from each issuer they represent and must apply for authorisation by uploading the authorisation letter into the ESS. We have provided a <u>template for the letter</u>.

#### **Completion notes**

- An authorisation letter is required for all issuers, even if you are an employee of that issuer.
- All fields in square brackets must be completed.
- Two signatories are required. Signatories need to be a Partner, President, Treasurer, Corporate Secretary, or Director of the issuer.
- The authorisation letter should be presented on letterheaded paper from the issuer.
- The authorisation letter must be dated within 1 month of the date of submitting the authorisation request.

#### **Authorisation letter submission**

#### Step 1: Log into ESS

Once you have your authorisation letter ready, <u>log into ESS</u>. You will need to enter your username and password and click on **Login**. Enter the username in lowercase.

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or issues relating to registering for an ESS user account please c	ontact our general administrative line on 020 7066 8348 or email itaadmin@fca.org.uk Ionitoring Unit pmu@fca.org.uk. ——
for issues relating to registering for an ESS user account please c for issues relating to SSR submissions please email the Position N Login	ontact cur general administrative line on 020 7066 8348 or email itaadmin@fca.org.uk Ionitoring Unit pmu@fca.org.uk. Data Protection: When completing a form in ESS you may be asked to provide personal information about yourself or others. With that mind, before you login to ESS, please read our <u>privacy notice</u> which tells you what to expect when the FCA collects person information, including how and why we use personal information and who to contact if you have any queries or wish

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After 5 unsuccessful login attempts, your account will be locked for 30 minutes.

Whenever you log in, you will be asked to accept the **FCA Terms and Conditions** for system usage. Tick the box marked **I Accept** and click **Next** to continue.

	david@bigcompanyplc.com Log Out
Electronic Submis	ssion System Login
FCA purposes. Under no circumstar	CA and must only be used for official nces should you give any other person y unauthorised access to this website is
Please refer to the FCA Privacy Stat	ement here.
I Accept	
	Next

You can view the FCA Privacy Statement using the on-screen link, or at <u>https://www.fca.org.uk/privacy.</u>

#### Step 2: Create a new case

Select the **CREATE NEW CASE** tab from the bar at the top of the page

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My Cases			Search  Case Number O Organisat	ion Name	Go
Dra	afts (6)		Submitted (0)	Closed	(0)
				Show 10 🛟 Search	n in 6 records
CASE NUMBER	TEAM	CASE TYPE	ORGANISATION	STATUS	-
00220774	NSM	NSM Authorisation		Draft	
00220662	NSM	NSM Authorisation		Draft	
00220660	NSM	NSM File Upload		Draft	Draft
00220581	NSM	NSM Authorisation		Draft	
00219942	PMU	Registration for Existin Position Holder		Draft	
00219125	PMU	Registration for Existin Position Holder		Draft	

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#### Step 3: Select the NSM AUTHORISATION tab and click Create Case.

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HOME	CREATE NEW CASE	MY ORGANISATIONS	CHANGE PASSWORD	GET HELP	MY PROFILE		
Case	Categories						
Q SI	earch Case Category or	Case Type here to crea	te a new case				
Sele	ect Case Category						
D	OCUMENT VETTING	, GUIDANCE AND E	LIGIBILITY				>
15	SSUER MANAGEMEN	NT - ADMISSIONS (E	EXCLUDING FINAL T	ERMS)			>
15	SSUER MANAGEMEN	NT - CHANGES TO TI	HE OFFICIAL LIST				>
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N	SM AUTHORISATIO	N					~
	Authorisation for NSI Use this option if you w	M ant to get autorised for ar	Issuer to make filings on	their behalf to t	the FCA	Help	ate Case

Step 4: Continue to the page below and click Start

#### Electronic Submission System

HOME	CREATE NEW CASE	MY ORGANISATIONS	CHANGE PASSWORD	GET HELP MY PROFILE	
Author	isation for NSM				
					? Help 🗸 Checklist
Case R	eference Number	00220957		Date/Time Opened	Monday, 10 Feb 20 14:37
Case S	tatus	Draft		Opened By	Eno Ndukwe
Closed	On			Last Submitted By	
Closed	Ву			Last Submitted On	
FORM	I.		STATUS	REQUIRED	
Autho	risation Details		Not Started	(Yes)	Start

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Terms & conditions: (Terms and Conditions messsage goes here. Terms and Conditions message goes here. Terms and Conditions

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**Step 5:** You will be presented with the screen below. Enter the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) number of the issuer you have been authorised to submit on behalf of and click **Search**.



The search feature will only match the beginning of a word and does not allow for multiple word searches. For example, entering 'Lasa', 'Lasaco', 'Assu', 'Assura', 'Assurance', 'Pl', 'Plc' will return 'Lasaco Assurance Plc' but entering 'Assurance Plc' will not.

Next, in the **Authorisation Form** section, upload the authorisation letter and click **Save**.

You will need to submit a separate authorisation case for each issuer you want to be able to upload for.

Current Status	In-Progress		Last Modified By	Eno Ndukwe	
Back to Case				Save	
Firm/Issuer Deta	ails				0
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* LEI					
* Firm Name					
- rim Name					
Authorisation Fo	rm				0
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Please select at least one A file name cannot conta	Document to add to your in any of the following cha	racters > : " / \   ? *		struction in this link	0
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**Step 6:** On the next screen, you will be presented with a case reference number and confirmation that your authorisation letter was successfully uploaded.

Use the '**Edit**' button to make changes to any information that you have entered or uploaded. Once you are happy with your entries, tick the button to agree to the terms and conditions and click **Submit Case**.

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**Step 7:** Confirm the submission by clicking **Submit**.

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You will also receive an email confirming your request has been submitted for processing.

After assessing the authorisation form, we will email you to either confirm your authorisation, or to explain why your request has been rejected and instructions on what to do next.

## 5. Submitting information to the NSM

Please note if you are submitting Annual Financial Reports in a structured electronic format such as ESEF you must follow the steps listed below in <u>Submitting annual financial reports in a structured electronic format</u> section of this guide.

You can only submit to the NSM after we have approved your ESS registration and separately authorised you for each company you want to submit for.

**Step 1**: <u>Log into ESS</u> following steps 1 - 3 for the Issuer Authorisation process if you haven't done so already.

#### Step 2: Navigate to the NSM file upload tab and click create case

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Use this option to request authorisation to upload documents to the NSM on behalf of an issuer	Help Create Case
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**Step 3:** Click through to the file upload screen. Clicking within the box titled **Search or select category** will present you with a drop-down list of information categories. Select the category of information you wish to upload to the NSM.

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**Step 5:** Click the **upload files** button to upload documents and you will receive confirmation when your file has been uploaded successfully. Click **Done.** 

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**Step 6:** In the **case document section**, select one or more classifications relevant to the uploaded document category and use the right-facing arrow to select them. Use the left-facing arrow to remove any classifications that may have been incorrectly selected.



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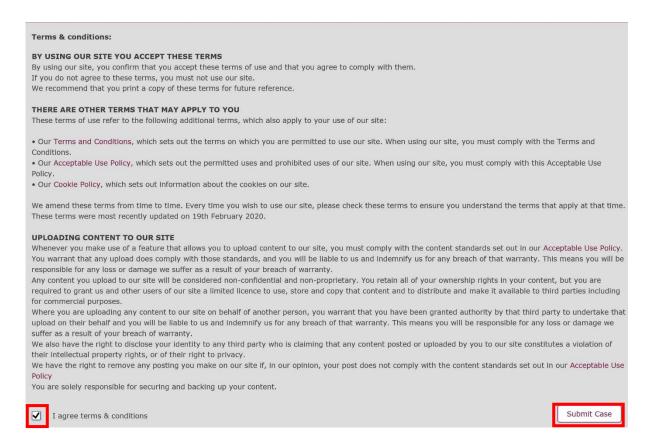
**Step 7:** The **select issuers section** will automatically list all issuers that you have been authorised to submit regulated information on behalf of. You may select multiple issuers if relevant to the document you are uploading. **When you select the issuer(s) you will need to click next to the issuer and <u>then also click the arrow in the middle to confirm the selection</u>. Then <b>click save**.

You will receive confirmation that the record has been saved successfully.



**Step 8:** Read the Terms & Conditions. Ticking the box to agree the Terms & Conditions will allow you to **Submit case**.

The record has been saved successfully.



**Step 9:** The confirmation screen will have your reference number which should be quoted in any communication to us. You can also view your submission by clicking on **view**.

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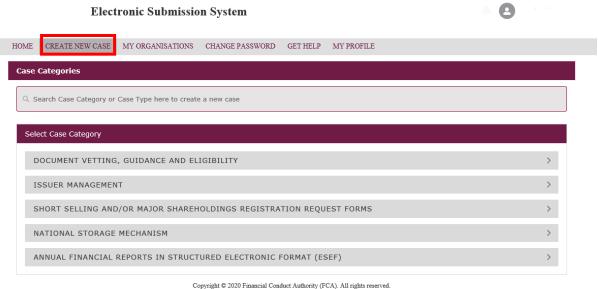
## 6. Submitting annual financial reports in a structured electronic format



Please note if you are submitting an Annual Financial Report in an unstructured format such as PDF you must follow the steps listed above in <u>Submitting information to the NSM</u> section of this guide.

Please note that we offer a "test" facility for submitting TAGGED annual financial reports. This functionality is only available to registered ESS users authorised to submit on the NSM by an issuer. If you select "test submission only" (see below for more details) then your AFR not be made publicly available on the NSM but you will receive feedback if there are any errors or warnings.<sup>1</sup>

Step 1: Select the CREATE NEW CASE tab from the bar at the top of the page



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#### Step 2: Select Annual Financial Report in Structured Electronic Format tab

<sup>1</sup> This option is voluntary and provides feedback on any validation issues. Submissions using this test facility will not be published on the NSM. To enable a submission to be published, you will need to create a new case on ESS.

You must not submit any information which may be considered inside information.

We recommend you remove any personal data, but if submitted it will be processed under the GDPR 'public task' basis. Please see <u>https://www.fca.org.uk/privacy</u> for how we use personal data.

We also recommend you remove information that is confidential for the purposes of section 348 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA).

Please note that to process your submission, we send the information (including any personal data or confidential information) to a third party for validation purposes. By selecting a test submission, you give permission for us to do this.

Information uploaded for test submissions will be deleted after two weeks.

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Step 3: Navigate to the Annual Financial Report in Structured Electronic Format tab and click create case

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NATIONAL STORAGE MECHANISM	>
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS IN STRUCTURED ELECTRONIC FORMAT (ESEF)	~
Authorisation for NSM Use this option to request authorisation to upload documents to the NSM on behalf of an issuer	Help Create Case
Annual Financial Reports in Structured Electronic Format Use this option to upload Annual Financial Reports in a structured or tagged format (e.g. ESEF) to the National Storage Mechanism	Help Create Case

BHAVISHA GOKAN Electronic Submission System HOME CREATE NEW CASE MY ORGANISATIONS CHANGE PASSWORD GET HELP MY PROFILE Before you start Please note the file MUST be saved using the following naming convention: "[Firm LEI]-[Accounting Reference Date]". The LEI should be exactly 20 characters long and the Accounting Reference Date should be in the following format: YTYY-MM-DD. - Eq. For a ZP file, if the lawer LEI is AB123456789012345678 and the Accounting Reference Date is 31-03-2020, then the file should be named as "AB123456789012345678-2020-03-31.ZIP" Before you start please have the Annual Financial Report at hand along with the following details: - Accounting Reference Date - the year end date or the balance sheet date. - Publication Date - the date it was first published (which may be prior to the date you are filing it with the SHORT SELLING AND/O NSM) - Format of the document - Please ensure the file is in one of the accepted file formats - \*.HTML or \*.ZIP. NATIONAL STORAGE ME - Issuer Details - For whom the Annual Financial Report is being submitted Please ensure your submission complies with the submission guidelines and, if tagged, the relevant taxonomy. Failure to do so may result in your submission not being accepted or published. Continue ESEF-structured Annual Use this option to upload A Create Case Help

Step 4: Read the 'Before you start' pop-up box carefully and click Continue

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Step 5: Continue to the page below and click Start

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**Step 6:** Click on **Annual Financial Report Format** drop down box and select the format of the Annual Financial Report you wish submit (tagged or untagged).

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**Step 7: FOR TAGGED REPORTING PACKAGE SUBMISSIONS ONLY** Select whether this is a submission for **filing** or a **test submission only.** If you select **test**, the AFR will not be made publicly available but you will receive feedback on any errors or warnings. If you do not select **test** and your package passes all the validations, it

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will be made publicly available on the NSM.

#### Step 8: FOR TAGGED REPORTING PACKAGE SUBMISSIONS ONLY Select the

region where the issuer is incorporated (i.e. UK, EEA or another region).

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Other (Neither UK nor EEA)						

**Step 9:** Click the **upload files** button to upload the Annual Financial Report. Please ensure the file you upload follows the naming convention stated in the <u>Technical</u> <u>Guidelines for the Preparation and Submission of Structured Annual Financial Reports</u> to the FCA

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#### **Important - Naming convention for Structured Annual Financial Reports**

The FCA requires issuers to adopt a specific naming convention for the uploaded file or package. It needs to be in the format {LEI}-{date}.zip or .html or .xhtml or .xbri, whereby:

- The {LEI} component of the filename should be the 20-character LEI of the issuer
- The {date} component of the filename should indicate the accounting reference date / balance sheet year-end date. The {date} component should follow the YYYY-MM-DD format.

For example -

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depending on the whether the submission is tagged or untagged.

Please consult our <u>Technical Guidelines for the Preparation and Submission of</u> <u>Structured Annual Financial Reports to the FCA</u>

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**Step 10:** In the case document section, please complete the following mandatory fields: **Description**, **Accounting Reference Date** and **Publication Date**. Please note that the publication date is when the structured AFR was published (rather than the date when a PDF version was published). If this is the first time the structured AFR has been published, or it is a test case, please enter the current date/time.

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* Classification of regulated information (DTR 6) Annual financial and audit reports	
* Description	
* Accounting Reference Date	ä
* Publication Date	

Hover your mouse over the help text icon to get helpful descriptions for each field.

**Step 11:** The select issuers section will automatically list all issuers that you have been authorised to submit regulated information on behalf of. Please select **one** issuer.

When you select the issuer, you will need to click next to the issuer and then also click the arrow in the middle to confirm the selection.

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## **Step 12:** Read the Terms & Conditions. Ticking the box to agree the Terms & Conditions will allow you to **Submit case.**

#### Terms & conditions:

#### BY USING OUR SITE YOU ACCEPT THESE TERMS

By using our site, you confirm that you accept these terms of use and that you agree to comply with them.

If you do not agree to these terms, you must not use our site. We recommend that you print a copy of these terms for future reference.

#### THERE ARE OTHER TERMS THAT MAY APPLY TO YOU

These terms of use refer to the following additional terms, which also apply to your use of our site:

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• Our Acceptable Use Policy, which sets out the permitted uses and prohibited uses of our site. When using our site, you must comply with this Acceptable Use Policy.

• Our Cookie Policy, which sets out information about the cookies on our site.

We amend these terms from time to time. Every time you wish to use our site, please check these terms to ensure you understand the terms that apply at that time. These terms were most recently updated on 19th February 2020.

#### UPLOADING CONTENT TO OUR SITE

Whenever you make use of a feature that allows you to upload content to our site, you must comply with the content standards set out in our Acceptable Use Policy. You warrant that any upload does comply with those standards, and you will be liable to us and indemnify us for any breach of that warranty. This means you will be responsible for any loss or damage we suffer as a result of your breach of warranty.

Any content you upload to our site will be considered non-confidential and non-proprietary. You retain all of your ownership rights in your content, but you are required to grant us and other users of our site a limited licence to use, store and copy that content and to distribute and make it available to third parties including for commercial purposes.

Where you are uploading any content to our site on behalf of another person, you warrant that you have been granted authority by that third party to undertake that upload on their behalf and you will be liable to us and indemnify us for any breach of that warranty. This means you will be responsible for any loss or damage we suffer as a result of your breach of warranty.

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You are solely responsible for securing and backing up your content.

I agree terms & conditions



#### Step 13: Confirm that you are ready to submit the case and click on submit

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EY USING OUR SITE YOU ACCEPT THESE TERMS By using our site, you confirm that you accept these terms of use and that you agree to comply with them. If you do not agree to these terms, you must not use our site. We recommend that you print a copy of these terms for future reference.								
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☑ I agree terms & conditions				Submit Case				

On submission, the date/time is recorded to create an NSM filing date, which will be displayed publicly.

After clicking 'submit', you may receive an error saying that the name of the uploaded file is incorrect. If so, verify that the LEI and date in the filename are correct and that you have correctly completed the accounting reference date (step 10) and selected an issuer (step 11 – including clicking the blue arrow button in the middle).

**Step 14:** The confirmation screen will have your reference number which should be quoted in any communication to us. You can also view your submission by clicking on **view.** 

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Annual financial reports in electronic format submitted to the NSM will be subject to additional validation checks after submission. If validation is passed, the submission will be accepted and made publicly available.

If there are only minor issues, the submission will be accepted and filed. However, these issues (referred to as "warnings"), should be investigated by issuers and their advisors. If you have investigated a warning and concluded there is no underlying issue to address, no further action is required.

If errors are identified, the submission will be rejected and will not be filed on the NSM. Once the errors are corrected, the submitter will need to resubmit a new case by following **steps 1 to 14**.

Please note that if you select Test submission and the submission passes the validations, you will still need to create another ESS AFR case to submit the package to the NSM. It is not possible to use the test case again for publication.

# 7. Accessing warnings and errors related to the submission of structured annual financial reports

If your submission has errors and/or warnings, the submitter will be notified via email with a link to these errors and/or warnings. This link is also accessible via the ESS portal.

In addition to errors and/or warnings, you may also receive "information" messages. These messages are just to inform you of any validation checks which have not been performed by our system. No action is required on these.

#### Step 1: Click on HOME tab to take you to My Cases.

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#### Step 2: Click on Closed cases tab.

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**Step 3:** Select the **case number** for the Annual Financial Report you wish to check.

Note - If the NSM Annual Financial Report you have submitted is rejected you will see the word **`Rejected'** on the **SUB STATUS**.

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00369362	NSM	NSM Annual Financial Report		Closed	Published	16/12/2020 12:59
00369355	NSM	NSM Annual Financial Report		Closed	Published	16/12/2020 12:37
00369353	NSM	NSM Annual Financial Report		Closed	Published	16/12/2020 12:33
00369352	NSM	NSM Annual Financial Report		Closed	Rejected	16/12/2020 12:29
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Note If the report is published with warnings you will see the word **'Published'** on the **SUB STATUS**.

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NSM Annual Financial Report	t 🕜 Complete	d (Yes)	⊘ View
Note: If you are Ready to Su	bmit, please accept the Terms and Conditions and S	Submit the case.	

**Step 4:** Click on the **view** button to see your submission.

#### **Rejected Structured Annual Financial Reports**

If your submission is rejected you will get a description on the top right-hand side to explain why it's been rejected. This status could either be an 'Invalid Reporting Package' or 'Validation Failed'.

To access the errors, see underneath the Annual Financial Report submitted, click on **click here** to access the link explaining the warnings and errors.

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This will download a zip file containing the list of errors and warnings in xml format, which can be opened in Notepad or a similar tool.

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#### Published with warnings Structured Annual Financial Reports

If your submission is published with warnings please note the description on the topright hand side will show status as published.

To access the warnings, see underneath the Annual Financial Report submitted, click on **click here** to access the link explaining the warnings.

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For more information regarding the file submissions please see the submissions please note the file MUST be saved using the following naming conexactly 20 characters long and the Accounting Reference Date shou E.g. For a ZIP file, if the Issuer LEI is AB123456789012345678 and named as "AB123456789012345678-2020-03-31.ZIP"	ivention: "[Issuer LEI]-[Accou Id be in the following format:	unting Reference Date]". The LEI should be YYYY-MM-DD.
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Please note the information provided in the Warning/Error link is intended for technical audiences and assumes that the reader has working knowledge of relevant technical issues. Issuers may need to seek professional advice and support where necessary.

For further information regarding validation results please refer to <u>Technical</u> <u>Guidelines for the Preparation and Submission of Structured Annual Financial</u> <u>Reports to the FCA</u>

## 8. Raising a support ticket

You can raise a support ticket for issues you might encounter or administrative tasks you wish carried out on the NSM such as:

- A request to withdraw a person's authorisation to upload for an issuer.
- Resolution of a problem with a document on the NSM.
- Uploaded documents not appearing on the NSM website (although please wait 24 hours before contacting us as sometimes documents won't appear immediately).

**Step 1:** Log into ESS following steps 1 – 3 for the Issuer Authorisation process above.

Step 2: Navigate to the NSM support case tab and click create case

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Authorisation for NSM		
Use this option to request authorisation to upload documents to the NSM on behalf of an issuer	Help	Create Case
NSM File Upload		
Use this option to upload documents to the National Storage Mechanism		
	Help	Create Case
NSM Support Case		
Use this option if you have any queries regarding the NSM File Upload or Authorisation process including updates to your profile		
	Help	Create Case

**Step 3:** Click through to the support ticket form. Add a description of the issue you are experiencing or the administrative task you wish to be carried out.

**Upload files** such as screenshots to provide additional information to explain the problem and **click save.** 

*Select Category 🕕				
Please choose a category f	or the support request you	u want to submit.		
*Describe your request in a fe	w words			
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**Step 4:** The confirmation screen will have your reference number which should be quoted in any communication to us. You can also view your submission by clicking on **view**.

NSM Support Case			
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Case Reference Number	00222168	Date/Time Opened	Thursday, 02 Apr 20 17:35
Case Status	Draft	Opened By	Eno Ndukwe
Closed On		Last Submitted By	
Closed By		Last Submitted On	
FORM	STATUS	REQUIRED	
NSM Support Case	Ready to Submit	(Yes)	Edit

## Further help

- For further information on the NSM please refer to <u>NSM Webpage</u>.
- For information on structured reporting please refer to <u>Structured Reporting</u> <u>Webpage</u>.
- For information on filing Structured Annual Financial Reports please refer to our <u>Filing Webpage</u>
- For technical guidance please refer to <u>Technical Guidelines for preparation and</u> <u>submission of Structured Annual Financial Reports to the FCA</u>
- For more support and FAQs please refer to NSM: Support & FAQs
- For step by step guide to searching the NSM for regulated information, please refer to <u>NSM User Guide</u>