

## ESO Forward Plan 2018/19: Forecasting Points definition

In 2018/19, the ESO will continue to publish daily national demand forecasts at three different forecasting horizons: day ahead (DA), 2 days ahead (2DA) and 7 days ahead (7DA). **The DA national demand forecast accuracy will be incentivised.**

At each time horizon the ESO will continue to publish Cardinal Points forecasts. In addition, four **Forecasting Points** will be also published: overnight demand minimum (Om), daytime demand maximum (DM), daytime demand minimum (Dm) and evening demand maximum (EM).

These forecasting points are defined as:

- *Forecasting Point 1: Overnight minimum.* Minimum national demand between half hour ending 00:30 and 07:30.
- *Forecasting Point 2: Daytime peak.* Maximum national demand between half hour ending 08:00 and 13:00.
- *Forecasting point 3: Daytime minimum.* Minimum national demand between half hour ending 13:30 and 16:30.
- *Forecasting point 4: Evening peak.* Maximum national demand between half hour ending 17:00 and 24:00.

Evening peak performance over the Triad period (from November to February in a financial year) will be based on the Triad avoidance calculation methodology (please refer to the Appendix 2 in the [ESO Forward Plan Performance Metrics Definition](#)).

The DA demand forecast will be **published daily by 09:15**, except under exceptional circumstances outside our control. 2DA and 7DA demand forecasts will be published daily by 17:00.

To continuously improve forecasting accuracy, the ESO reviews forecasting point definitions. If ESO decide to change forecasting point definitions (the time period within which forecasting points happen) this information will be promptly communicated to the market through subscription email, distribution list and on our website.