

# Paperless Licensing for Petroleum Service Stations

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## Key highlights

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched paperless licensing process **through Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO)** for petroleum service stations (retail outlets storing and dispensing petrol/diesel for motor conveyances) **under the Petroleum Rules, 2002.**
- Paperless application and grant of license process for road tankers for transportation of petroleum under the Petroleum Rules have been launched in January 2020.
- This initiative for petroleum pump licensing is directly going to benefit more than 70,000 petroleum pump owners and oil marketing companies under the Petroleum Rules, 2002.
- An added advantage of this move is that the authenticity of the license may be verified on PESO's website. This automation will greatly benefit the petroleum and gas industry.
- The paperless license process will include filing the applications online, online payment of fees which will go directly to the concerned officer's ID without any manual interface
- **The entire process will not require any printing and physical dispatch of licenses. The license will be dispatched electronically.**

## Current status of licenses for petroleum service stations

The licenses for petroleum service stations and road tankers

for transportation of petroleum accounts for more than 85% of total licenses under the Petroleum Rules, 2002.

### **About PESO**

The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) formerly Department of Explosives, with its Head Office at Nagpur had completed its hundred years on 9th September 1998. This Organisation **comes under, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.**