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# CSO demonstration Local Authority controlled entities survey

Government Accounts Classifications Division

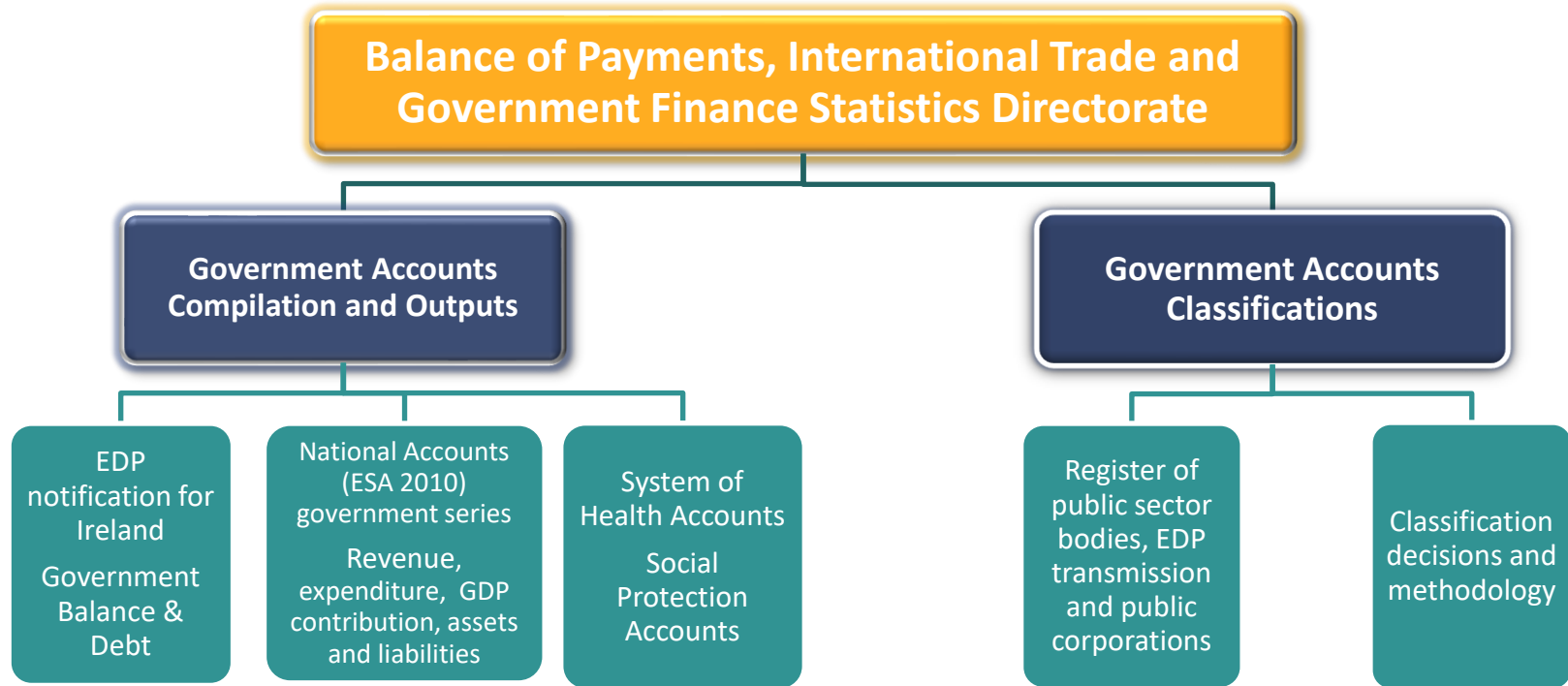
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# Government accounts in the CSO

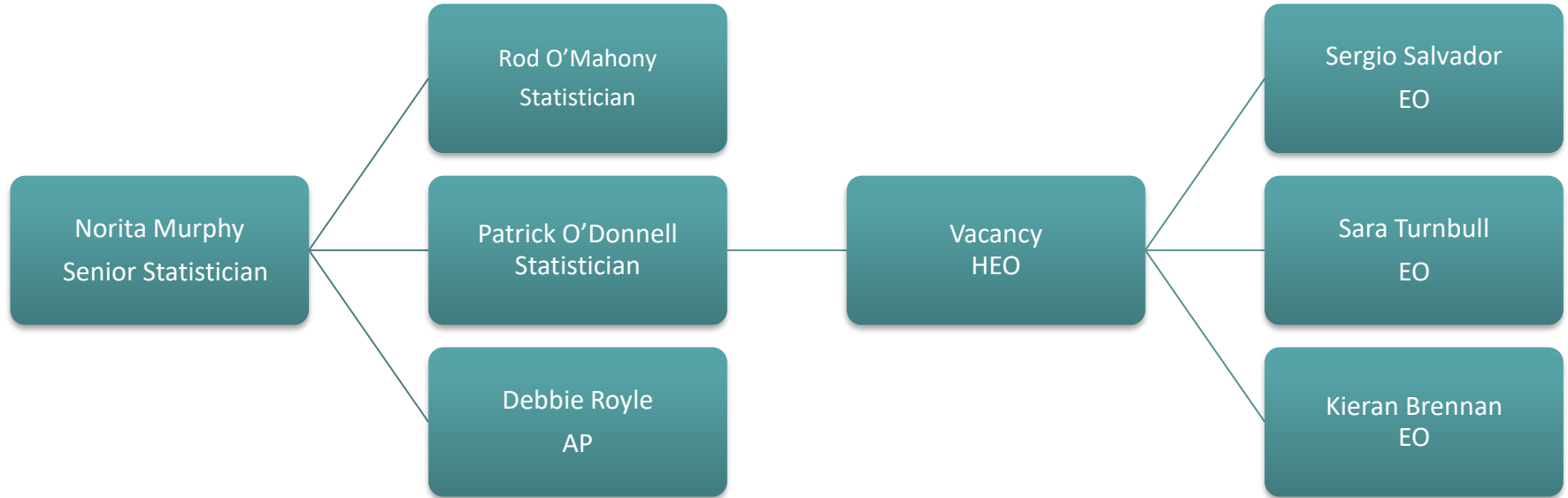
- 2 Divisions
  - Government Accounts Classifications
    - What is “in” government?
    - Monitors developments in public sector bodies and reviews key government contracts including Public Private Partnerships for their classification
  - Government Accounts Compilation and Outputs
    - Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP) and Government Finance Statistics (GFS)



# Structure of Division - functions



# Classifications Division



# Statistical data and legislative requirements

The **CSO** is Ireland's National Statistical Institute (NSI)

- an independent office [Statistics Act, 1993](#)
- sole contact point for the Commission (Eurostat) on statistical matters

**Eurostat** is the “Community statistical authority” ([Regulation \(EC\) No 223/2009](#) (as amended 2015))

- ensuring the production of consistent, high quality, European statistics including government accounts, using detailed accounting rules and guidelines
- significant audit powers –
  - data is scrutinised on a quarterly and biannual basis
  - Dialogue (audit) Visits to the CSO offices every two years (next one end May 2024)
- Local authority data always an area for scrutiny
- Action points arising from dialogue visits resulting in improvements in both LA returns via “B9 template” and continuing improvements in the LA entity data
- DHLGH Assistant secretary communicated the importance of ensuring that the high-quality LA data is transmitted to the CSO and Eurostat

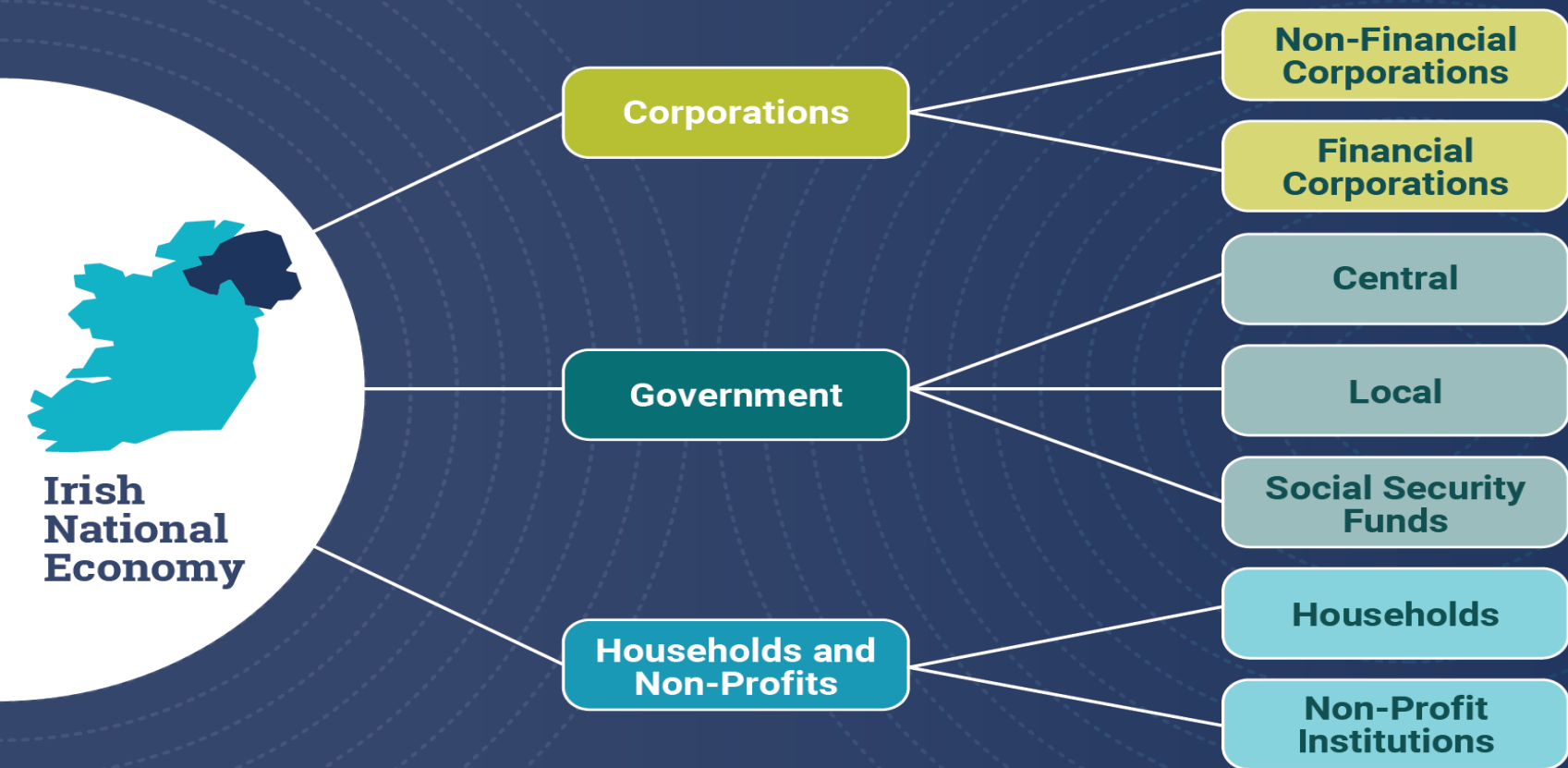




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# Domestic Institutional Sectors



# Breakdown of Public Sector

## 878 Public Sector Bodies 508 General Government Bodies



# Classification of entities

Government Accounts Classifications Division determines the statistical classification of the entities by assessing factors such as:

- is it an institutional unit?
- does it receive government funding?
- the level of control the local authority has over the entity

Establishes the statistical classification for all entities under the aegis of local authorities

- Non-commercial agency under the aegis of Local Government (S.1313)
- Commercial non-financial corporation (S.11001)
- Commercial financial corporation (S.12001)

The classification criteria comply with detailed European rules and guidelines





# Aims of local authority online survey (eQ)

- To collect information of all entities under the aegis of local authorities
- Record any births and deaths within the financial year
- Assess local authority control using voting power (%)
- Analyse financial data for each entity
- Improve the timeliness of data from the current t+24 months to t+12 months
- All information legally required for national and European statistics



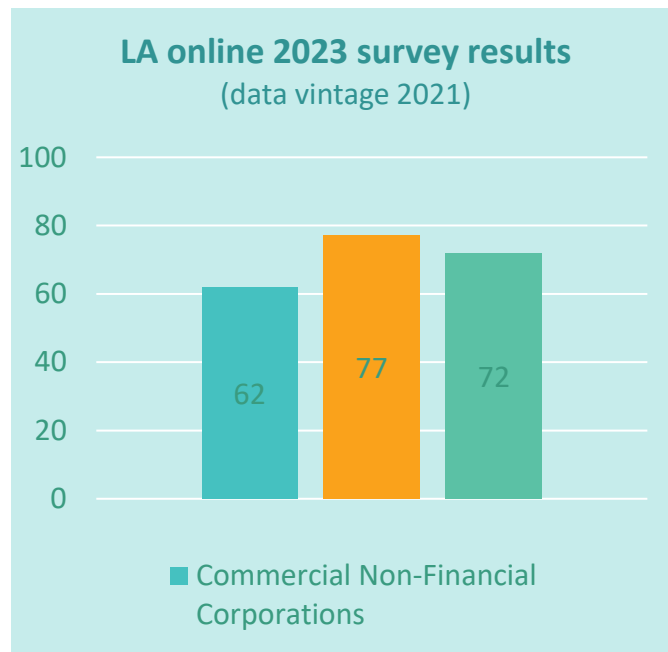
# Benefits of eQ

- Individual eQ for each local authority
- Prefilled data, where possible
- Improve the timeliness of data
  - Central government eQ improved timeliness by 6 months
  - Aim to further improve the LA eQ
- Online eQ enables:
  - direct contact with relevant respondents
  - better breakdown of entities within the local authorities
- Positive feedback from users, quicker to complete, standardised terms



# 2023 survey

- 2023 was the first iteration of the LA online survey (eQ) covering 2021 financial data
- 100% response rate and significant improvement in data quality
- Some concern over the quality of aspects of the data
  - Consolidation status of the accounts of each entity
  - Income/expenditure/turnover figures for each entity
- These figures are necessary to complete a market (commercial) test and to accurately classify each entity as public/private
- Where data is not provided, entities will be classified in the local government sector
- Local Government chapter in [Register of Public Sector Bodies 2023 - Provisional](#)
  - Tables 4.1 – 4.3





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# Survey Information





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**Survey Released**

**30 April 2024**

**Drop-in Clinics**

**Date and Time tbc**

**Survey Deadline**

**17 May 2024**



## Survey link & booklet

URL Link to open survey - <https://launch.survey.cso.ie/>

Link to survey booklet - [Local Authority - Survey Booklet](#)

Survey booklet contains detailed instructions on how to complete survey

Please read survey booklet before completing survey

Survey booklet opens in a separate tab



## Completing the survey

Individual login and pin issued to relevant contacts within local authorities

Local authorities with more than 15 entities listed issued with an A and B survey

Information collected from previous surveys is pre-filled where possible

All questions are mandatory, please select '999' if question not applicable to move forward

Please add any additional or new entities under the aegis of your local authority that are not being captured



# Submitting the survey

Deadline to submit – 17 May 2024

**14 days** to complete and submit – or data lost

Review and edit before submitting

Save and print after submitting within 5 minutes

Once the survey is submitted it cannot be changed

Please contact [gfs\\_classifications@csso.ie](mailto:gfs_classifications@csso.ie) with any queries or revisions

We may contact you to verify data







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# Demo of eQ



# Saving the survey

- Save and complete allows you to exit the survey and save any answers already entered
- Please note this data can only be saved for up to 14 days
- Save and continue brings you to the next page of questions

**Local Authority Controlled Entities 2024** [Save and complete later](#)

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**Q1. Company Information**  
Please provide details for the following entity:

Local Authority: CSO test 1  
Entity Name: Test Entity 1a  
Local Authority Control: 100.00%  
Local Authority Classification: Subsidiary  
Business Enterprise Number:  
Description of Main Economic Activity (NACE activity):  
CRO Number:

If a detail is not applicable to the entity please enter 999.  
Please supply 2021 data if 2022 is not available.

**Q1.1 Date of Annual Financial Statement:**  
Day Month Year  
31 12 2022

**Q1.2 Is the data consolidated in the Local Authority Annual Financial Statements**  
☒ Yes  
☐ No

**Q1.3 Number of employees**  
100

**Q1.4 Has there been a change to the Local Authority control data?**  
☒ No  
☐ Yes

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[Choose another section and return to this later](#)



# Pre-filled values

- Pre-filled values are displayed at the start of the survey
- These values have been updated based on last years survey returns

## Control

- If there has been a change to the Local Authority Control. Please provide the updated level of control

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☒ Yes  
☐ No

**Q1.3 Number of employees**  
100

**Q1.4 Has there been a change to the Local Authority control data?**  
☐ No  
☒ Yes  
Please provide % of control/voting power the Local Authority has over entity above  
95

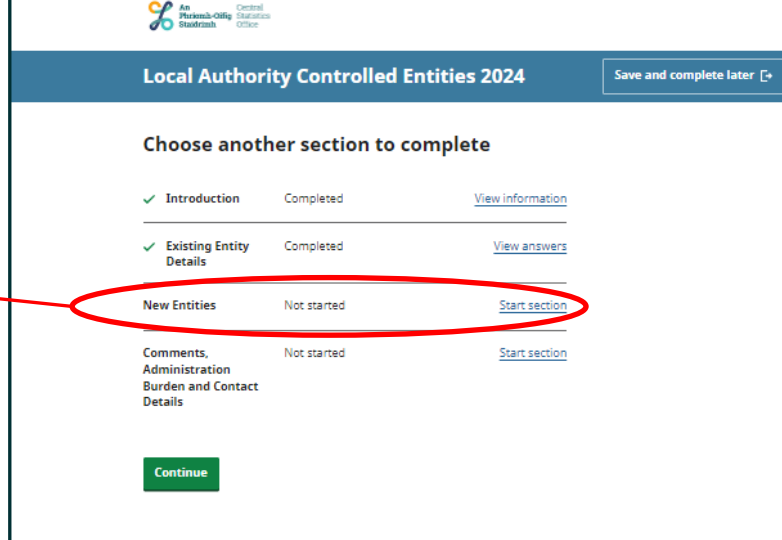
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# New Entities Section

- Once the existing entities section is completed, the new entities section will appear
- If there is any new or omitted entities, please select 'Yes'
- If this does not apply, please select 'No' to skip

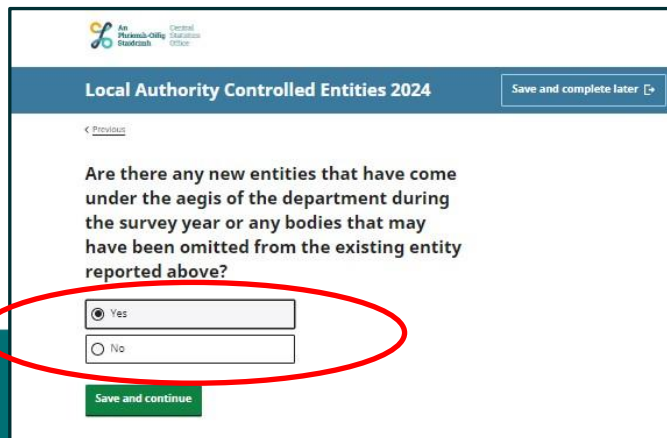


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**Choose another section to complete**

✓ Introduction	Completed	<a href="#">View information</a>
✓ Existing Entity Details	Completed	<a href="#">View answers</a>
New Entities	Not started	<a href="#">Start section</a>
Comments, Administration Burden and Contact Details	Not started	<a href="#">Start section</a>

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Are there any new entities that have come under the aegis of the department during the survey year or any bodies that may have been omitted from the existing entity reported above?

☒ Yes

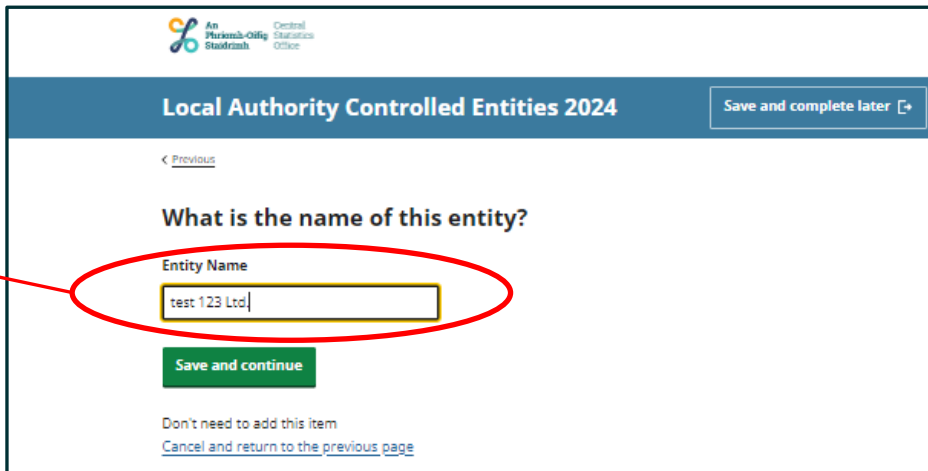
☐ No

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# New Entities Section

- Enter the name of the new entity
- The survey for the new entity is now available for completion



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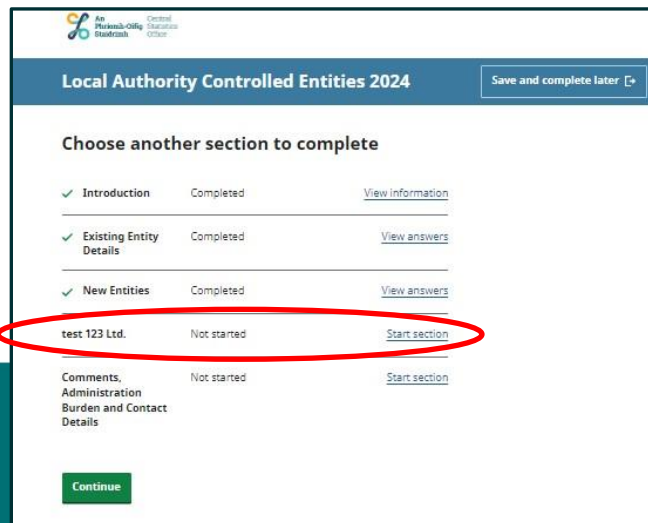
**What is the name of this entity?**

Entity Name

test 123 Ltd

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Don't need to add this item  
[Cancel and return to the previous page](#)



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**Choose another section to complete**

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# Reviewing your answers

- Once the survey is completed you will have the option to review and edit any values

**Local Authority Controlled Entities 2024** [Save and complete later](#)

**Submit your questionnaire**

! You must submit this survey to complete it

✓ Introduction	Completed	<a href="#">View information</a>
✓ Existing Entity Details	Completed	<a href="#">View answers</a>
✓ New Entities	Completed	<a href="#">View answers</a>
✓ test 123 Ltd.	Completed	<a href="#">View answers</a>
✓ Comments, Administration Burden and Contact Details	Completed	<a href="#">View answers</a>

You will have the opportunity to save or print a copy of your answers after submitting this survey.

[Submit](#)

- Select 'View answers' to review followed by 'Change' to edit

Once you are happy with your answers select 'Submit'

- Please note it is not possible to edit your answers after submitting

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**Existing Entity Details**

Q1. Company Information Please provide details for the following entity:

Q1.1 Date of Annual Financial Statement:	31 December 2022	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.2 Is the data consolidated in the Local Authority Annual Financial Statements	Yes	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.3 Number of employees	100	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.4 Has there been a change to the Local Authority control data?	No	<a href="#">Change</a>


Q1. Financial Data Please provide details for the following entity:

Q1.5 Current Revenue Income	€10,000.00	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.6 Turnover	€300.00	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.7 Current Grant Income received from Local Authorities	€560.00	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.8 Current Grant Income received from Central Government	€561.00	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.9 Interest earned on lending	€450.00	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.10 Dividends earned on shares or other investments	€25.00	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.11 EU grants	€0.00	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.12.1 Other Revenue	€999.00	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.12.2 Please provide details of other revenue	n/a	<a href="#">Change</a>
Q1.13 Total current expenditure	€3,000.00	<a href="#">Change</a>




# Submitting the survey

- Once you have submitted your answers there is an opportunity to view, download and print a pdf copy of your answers
- We highly recommend doing this
- Please note that this option is only available within 5 minutes of submitting your answers



## Local Authority Controlled Entities 2024


 **Submission successful**

Your answers were submitted for CSO (Central Statistics Office)

<b>Survey Title:</b>	Local Authority Controlled Entities 2024
<b>Submitted on:</b>	25 April 2024 at 15:56
<b>Your CSO Identifier:</b>	EN00000002
<b>Submission reference:</b>	A675 - 5968 - D3CA - 4105

Your answers will be processed in the next few weeks. We may contact you to query your answers via phone or secure message.

[View and print a copy of your answers.](#)

 **For security, your answers will only be available for another 4 minutes 49 seconds**

For more information on how we use this data.  
<https://www.cso.ie/en/aboutus/lqdp/csodatapolicies/statisticalconfidentiality/>





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# Live Demo





# Users of data include

- Eurostat
  - Transmission to Eurostat of all non-commercial agencies by NACE and by sub sector in March and October
  - Public corporation data on government-controlled units classified outside general government to Eurostat in December
- Published on [DPER](#) Open Data Portal
- Entities listed on the Department of Finance Statutory Instrument – General Government Secured Borrowings [Order](#)
- Central Bank - [AnaCredit in Ireland | Central Bank of Ireland](#) - Phase 1: Counterparty Data Reporting - [register-of-government-body-identifiers.xlsx \(live.com\)](#)



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