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As part of the UK government's efforts to increase corporate transparency and combat economic crime, the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act now requires all company Directors, Persons with Significant Control (PSCs), and certain other individuals to complete identity verification through an Authorised Corporate Service Provider (ACSP) or directly with Companies House.

We want to inform you that Sumer Northern Ireland is a registered ACSP and is fully equipped to support you with this new compliance obligation.

To remain compliant with the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act:

- New Directors will need to verify their identity to incorporate a company or be appointed to an existing company.
- Existing Directors will need to confirm they have verified their identity at the same time as they file their next annual confirmation statement, during a 12-month transition period from 18th November 2025.
- Existing PSCs will need to verify their identity in line with an appointed day within 12 months of the commencement of mandatory identity verification on 18th November 2025.

Failing to complete identity verification could result in serious consequences such as committing a criminal offence, financial penalties, being unable to act as a director or register a new company and potentially being removed from the register.

We recommend completing this process well in advance of any planned filings or annual confirmation statement due dates.

Why Act Now?

Once identity verification becomes mandatory from 18 November 2025 Companies House is expected to receive a high volume of requests. This could lead to delays and backlog.

By completing the process now, you can:

- Avoid last-minute stress and potential delays in filing or making changes to your company.
- Ensure your business remains compliant and reduce the risk of penalties.
- Have peace of mind knowing everything is taken care of well in advance.
- Rely on Sumer NI to manage the process for you, saving you valuable tome.

Sumer NI offers end-to-end management of the identification process, with associated fees applicable per verification.

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