

The Carbon Trust Standard

The Carbon Trust Standard makes it possible for your organisation to demonstrate its commitment to and achievement of carbon emissions reduction. The Standard focuses on the direct action your organisation is taking.

Assessment against the Standard is undertaken by independent third-party assessors, based on the evidence you provide. Re assessment must be carried out every two years

Organisation's annual energy expenditure	Certification only (£)*	Assisted Certification (£)*
Less than £50k	£1,000	£1,700
£50k-£500k	£2,500	£4,000
£500k-£5m	£5,000	£8,000
More than £5m	£8,000	£12,000

To achieve certification against the Standard your organisation must meet the requirements in three areas:

Measurement

Your organisation will need to measure its key greenhouse gas emissions. Initially this means measurement of the electricity and fuel you use onsite, and the fuel you use in your vehicles.

Management

Your organisation needs to show good carbon management performance. This means providing evidence of activity such as investment in new equipment, maintenance programmes and staff training.

Reduction

Your organisation must be able to show emissions reduction over the last year – either on a total emissions basis, or on a relative basis (e.g. emissions/£m turnover).