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Climate Change Duties

The climate change duties come from the Climate Change Act 2021. They are legal obligations for public bodies to

Reduce emissions

and to support the following principles, which together are known as

Fair Change

Just Transition

Climate Justice

Sustainable Development

Protect and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems

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Public body categories

Public bodies are divided into three categories with proportional reporting requirements based on their size.

Category A

150+ fte stationed employees

Category B

More than 15 but fewer than 150 fte stationed employees

Category C

Inactive/dormant
OR
Up to 15 fte stations employees

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Reporting

Emissions

Consumption data from receipts and bills:

- Petrol & diesel
- Heating oil & gas
- Electricity
- Other fossil fuels

Types and areas of land owned

Governance & Behaviour

How you have made the duties part of decision making processes

Actions taken/planned to reduce emissions and support Fair Change

Category A

need information listed under EMISSIONS for their BASELINE YEAR and the REPORTING PERIOD - but ONLY IF their baseline is a different year to the first reporting period.

Category B

only need consumption data for the REPORTING PERIOD. They are not required to set a baseline.

Category C

will only be asked to report any actions they have taken.

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Action Timelines

Year 1

1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

- Ensure someone in your public body has responsibility for reporting and coordinating compliance with the duties.
- Implement 'quick win' / 'no regret' actions, such as low- or no-cost energy efficiency measures.
- Collect/share data for the reporting period.
- Identify data gaps and plan how to obtain missing data/improve estimated data (if possible).
- Incorporate the duties into decision making processes, so that new decisions align with the duties.

Year 2

1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

- Begin review of existing policies, strategies etc. update or schedule to update where not aligned with duties.
- Continue to enhance reporting data. If data remains unavailable or incomplete, track progress toward obtaining.
- Relevant officers/staff to undertake training provided by LEAD/CCTT.
- Enhance understanding and implementation of Fair Change through focussed training and information to be provided by LEAD/CCTT.
- Create an action plan.

Year 3

1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

- Complete review/updates of existing policies, strategies etc.
- Fair Change principles to be well understood by decision makers and staff involved in policy development.
- Continue to report, improving data where possible.
- Monitor action plan progress

5 Support & Guidance

• Online training & resources

• Statutory guidance, regularly updated

• Ad-hoc support

• Dedicated public bodies area on netzero.im website with guidance and resources

• Simple reporting form automatically calculates emissions from consumption data

• Reporting requirements have been simplified, by changes to regulations and guidance

• Climate Impact Assessment Tool to support low emissions, sustainable decision making and alignment with the duties.

Category A public bodies:

Choose a baseline year and collect reporting data for that year. (Can be the same as first reporting period)



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