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GREEN ACCORD



Accreditation for sustainable businesses – helping your business on your sustainability journey

What is the Green Accord?

The Green Accord is an environmental accreditation scheme to recognise and reward businesses that have taken steps to reduce their environmental impact, and provide guidance for businesses starting on their sustainability journey.

It is:

- **A simple self-assessment** of your business practises.
- **A supply chain tool** - organisations can use the Green Accord to ensure all businesses in their supply chain meet a desired environmental standard by achieving accreditation.



Who can apply?

The Green Accord is suitable for every size and type of business.

The Green Accord supports SMEs and businesses at the start of their sustainability journey, with clear actions, guidance, and links to resources to help reduce the environmental impact of your company.

The questions cover a range of categories to encompass all business types.

How does it work?

The self-assessment is made up of 8 core questions and 16 operational questions, across a number of categories.

The core questions are applicable to all businesses, and the operational questions cover a range of aspects. Select the operational questions that are relevant to your business practises.



CORE QUESTIONS




- Policy
- Staff Training & Awareness
- Reduction Targets

OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

- Waste
- Energy & Water Use
- Transport
- Procurement & Equipment

How does it work?

The number of core and operational questions answered in the self-assessment determines the level achieved.

Level	Core Questions	Operational Questions
 GREEN ACCORD BRONZE	Questions 1 & 2	5 or more questions from 9 to 24
 GREEN ACCORD SILVER	Questions 1-6	6 or more questions from 9 to 24
 GREEN ACCORD GOLD	Questions 1-8	11 or more questions from 9 to 24

Accreditation

All suppliers achieving the Green Accord must meet the following criteria:



Agree to comply with environmental legislation and confirm you have had no pollution incidents or prosecutions under environmental legislation within the last 3 years.

Commit to reducing carbon emissions and have made your commitment publicly visible.

In addition to 5 operational questions.

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To achieve Silver level, the business must meet the following criteria:



Have adopted a formal, written Environmental Policy

Maintain knowledge and inform staff of environmental sustainability and carbon impact through training, regular communication and provision of information

Assign responsibility for environmental management to a specific member of staff

Measure your organisation's carbon footprint for fuel and energy consumption

In addition to the Bronze core criteria and 6 operational questions.

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To achieve Gold level, your business must meet the following criteria:



Have a Net Zero target in place and accompanying Net Zero Strategy/Carbon Reduction Plan

Operate an Environmental Management System (EMS)

In addition to the Bronze and Silver core criteria and 11 operational questions.

Pricing

Pricing is determined by company size based on number of employees, to be an affordable option for all businesses.

1-5 EMPLOYEES	6-250 EMPLOYEES	>250 EMPLOYEES
€200 + VAT	€400 + VAT	€600 + VAT

The fee covers a full and robust audit, plus a free second attempt if required.

Accreditation is valid for 2 years.

Benefits

- ✓ Achievable and credible pathway to reducing carbon emissions
- ✓ Reduce your resource consumption and business costs
- ✓ Reassures customers and supply chains that you are acting on your corporate social responsibility
- ✓ Inclusive for all sizes and types of business
- ✓ Expert support provided by a team of auditors
- ✓ User-friendly online self-assessment form



These companies have the Green Accord – Will you join them?

**Lincoln
Polythene Ltd**

Cannings
Serving the south west since 1969

Alarmtec¹⁹⁷⁴
commercial protection systems

BHC
HEATING & RENEWABLES

**SX SIGNS
EXPRESS**

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CONSTRUCTION

NIA XO
innovation to insight

MD BUILDING SERVICES


devon trees services

 Kendall Kingscott

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REDUCE YOUR CARBON & COSTS AND DEMONSTRATE IT

An affordable route to improving environmental performance, reducing carbon emissions and business costs. We are suitable for all sizes and types of organisations.

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