

Carbon Trust Certification

Airport Carbon Accreditation



The Carbon Trust offers independent third-party verification against the requirements of the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) programme, which provides airport operators with a framework and toolset for active carbon management that delivers measurable results.



As the visible face of air transport on the ground, airports need to work hard to improve the aviation industry's reputation in relation to environmental efficiency & carbon reduction.

Following years of working individually to address their local environmental impact, airports are now working in a collective way. The Airport Carbon Accreditation scheme is empowering airport operators to take action to measure, manage, reduce and, ultimately, offset their carbon footprint.

The ACA programme focuses on managing airport operational activities that contribute most to carbon emissions. It is site specific and can be used at any airport as part of its daily environmental management activity. It also contributes to long-term strategy as it helps to guide and support airport environmental management through a process of continual improvement and partnership with its airport stakeholders. For airport seeking to demonstrate leadership, the Carbon Trust can combine ACA verification with assessment against the Carbon Trust Standard in an efficient and streamlined process.



ACA Verification & Certification

To apply for certification at one of the 4 levels of the programme, airports must have their carbon footprints independently verified in accordance with ISO14064 (Greenhouse Gas Accounting) standard.

As part of the ACA application process, each airport's carbon footprint and, according to the accreditation level chosen, the airport's carbon management and stakeholder plans, must be independently verified by a third party.

Such verification can only be undertaken by verifiers who meet the programme's strict accreditation requirements.

The Carbon Trust has successfully met these requirements and has already verified the footprints of a number of international airports.

Independent and Trusted

The Carbon Trust is acknowledged as a leading provider of independent verification and certification services that recognise real achievements in sustainability.

Having developed the world's first certification for organisational GHG emissions, we offer an authoritative verification and certification that both meets the needs of the ACA scheme and also provides assurance and confidence to stakeholders, employees and customer

For those airports seeking to demonstrate leadership to their stakeholders, uniquely, the Carbon Trust can combine an ACA verification with an assessment against the best practice Carbon Trust Standard at the same time, resulting in an efficient and streamlined process.

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Sustainability leaders

Carbon Trust Certification has worked with leading airports, including:

- Heathrow
- Gatwick
- Manchester Airport Group
 - Birmingham
 - Bristol
 - East Midlands
 - Manchester



“Achieving the Carbon Trust’s tough standards recognises the hard work that Heathrow’s team is putting into being environmentally responsible, and being a better business and a better neighbour. We are very proud to be one of the only companies in the world- and the first airport- to attain four Carbon Trust Standards simultaneously. This confirms Heathrow’s position as a global leader in sustainability”

**John Holland-Kaye, CEO
Heathrow Airport**

“We’re delighted to have been re-certified with the Carbon Trust Standard. Cutting carbon and ensuring a sustainable future for our business is a priority for us and we have invested heavily in green projects since we made the commitment to be carbon neutral.... recertifying under the Carbon Trust Standard has enabled us to identify new areas to increase carbon efficiency; bringing tangible and significant cost savings to our operations.”

**Neil Robinson Corporate Social Responsibility Director
Manchester Airports Group (MAG)**

“We are delighted to be one of only a handful of UK companies to achieve the Carbon Trust Standard across three categories of environmental sustainability, but for Gatwick this is just the start. Gatwick is already working up a road map detailing how we will become the UK’s leading low carbon airport by 2025. We are also examining all other aspects of our footprint – from water through to waste - and will soon announce more exciting plans to reduce our total environmental impact even further. These awards are deserved recognition for the whole Gatwick team for their hard work to deliver our ambitious sustainability goals. I would like to congratulate them for their efforts and have full confidence that together we will keep going to become one of the greenest airports in the world.”

**Stewart Wingate, CEO
Gatwick Airport**

