Verification & Assurance Services

Carbon Trust verification services provide the assurance necessary for organisations to report environmental data with confidence, offering the credibility and accuracy necessary to satisfy stakeholder, employee and customer expectations.

Overview

A growing number of organisations are taking action to manage their environmental impacts by voluntarily measuring and reporting their emissions, waste streams and resource consumption. Verification and assurance of these helps organisations demonstrate they have complied with the appropriate reporting guidance and that the data is accurate, offering internal and external stakeholders the assurance that the figures have been checked and verified by a trusted, independent third party.

As a leader in certification, the Carbon Trust offers a range of verification and assurance services that provide credibility to any organisation looking to publically report their environmental impacts.

Benefits of verification and assurance

Confidence and credibility
› You have complete confidence in your environmental data, having been approved by the Carbon Trust as an independent, credible and trustworthy verifier

Data accuracy and reducing cost
› Accurate data ensures that your impacts can be managed effectively by ensuring you are making decisions based on correctly reported data
› Verifying and assuring your environmental data provides a clear lens for financial assessments and a means to identify potential cost reductions

Testing of Internal systems
› Verification effectively tests your internal mechanisms to ensure you are monitoring, quantifying and reporting your environmental data accurately

Avoiding being labelled as 'greenwash'
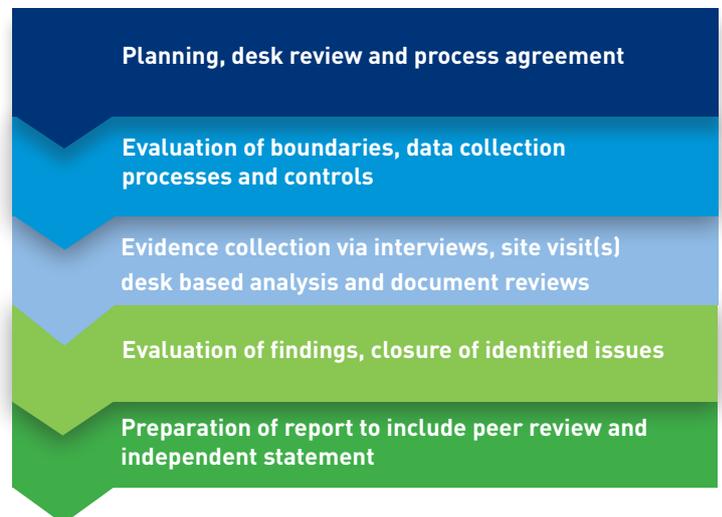› Independent verification avoids the risk of your data being seen as unreliable

Our approach

Our approach to verification and assurance is designed to add value to your environmental data and publically reported numbers by providing robust auditing with independent insight and constructive feedback.

We can undertake independent audits by applying an appropriate internationally recognised standard, such as ISO14064:3 or ISAE 3000, as well as our Carbon Trust Standard.

Our experts will help you understand the risks involved in your reporting process and in the management and disclosure of information via an iterative audit process with active engagement with internal stakeholders.

With a combination of desk based reviews, interviews with key personnel and site visits, we can provide an independent verification service that adds value and delivers a statement for public use and a confidential internal verification report for management.

Our verification process

Planning, desk review and process agreement

Evaluation of boundaries, data collection processes and controls

Evidence collection via interviews, site visit(s) desk based analysis and document reviews

Evaluation of findings, closure of identified issues

Preparation of report to include peer review and independent statement

Why the Carbon Trust?

A mission driven, not-for-profit organisation, the Carbon Trust is widely respected as an independent verifier with a trusted and well-recognised brand.

Our technical experts are first-class in their field and have extensive experience in the provision of verification, assurance and certification services.

We led the way in the development and implementation of organisational and product full-lifecycle footprinting.

Commercially astute, our account managers and technical consultants can help you leverage the power of verification, assurance and certification services to align with your sustainability strategy and meet your goals.