

Public Bodies Climate Change

Duties Reporting (PBCCD)



Changes to Reporting in 2015

With developments to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 all public sector bodies will now report to Scottish Government.

The proposed changes are intended to help improve the quality of climate change data by standardising reporting methodology between all large public bodies in Scotland, and encouraging transparency. This change will guide future Scottish Government strategic reports, support and policy-making while improving engagement with leadership.

EAUC-Scotland has been actively working throughout development of the new processes to ensure the views of the tertiary education sector are properly represented through the Climate Leaders' Offer Group (CLOG). The reporting tool produced provides an effective alternative to our old UCCCS Reporting Template, which will allow us, as well as the Scottish Government, to better support the sector. The more information you are able to provide the better we will be able to support you, so please complete as much of the report as possible.

Timeline and Key Information

25th November 2014 – Mandatory Reporting announced

Mandatory reporting for public bodies was announced by the Scottish Government at the Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN) Conference. Nearly 150 public bodies in Scotland will be required to report, including universities and colleges who are listed as major players. These are organisations, such as local authorities, education, the NHS and other Non-departmental Public Bodies and SEPA, are outlined as having a large impact on Scottish carbon reduction targets through substantial estates, large number of staff or expenditure or provide an audit or regulatory function.

The template includes **Required** questions on:

- Governance, Monitoring and Strategy
- Corporate Emissions, Targets and Project Data
- Adaptation
- Procurement

The **Recommended** section of the template outlines wider influences, including:

- Policies and Actions to Reduce Emissions
- Partnership Working, Communications and Capacity Building
- Other notable activity, including Food and Drink, Biodiversity, Water, Procurement and Resource Use

20th February 2015 – Consultation Opened

The Scottish Government officially opened a consultation on public sector reporting under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act of 2009 on. The consultation 'The Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015' was open for comment until 29th May 2015. More information on the consultation can be found [here](#).

29th May 2015 – Consultation Closed

The consultation period was closed. EAUC Scotland submitted a sector response for universities and colleges, available [here](#), after collating feedback from meetings, forums and personal feedback from institutions. Those that have agreed to have their responses published are also available to [view](#).

29th July 2015 – Scottish Government Engagement with Leadership

Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Aileen McLeod wrote to all Chairs and Chief Executives of public sector major players, including all University and Colleges, outlining the background to the changes, progress, requirements, and available support. This letter can be found [here](#).

30th November 2015 – First Submission Date

Major players have been requested to trial the "Required" Reporting form using the new format to produce a 2014/15 report. **Reporting templates can be downloaded from the SSN website [here](#)** and should be published through your own procedures, then submitted to SSN by 30th November 2015.

30th November 2016 – First Mandatory Submission Date