

FACTSHEET

CLIMATE ACTION PLEDGE | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This factsheet of frequently asked questions will help your organisation to sign up to the [Climate Action Pledge](#), use the Climate Action Pledge Reporting Platform, and meet the requirements of the commitment.

Is the Climate Action Pledge Reporting Platform free-of-charge, and for how long do I have access?

Business in the Community (BITC) is delighted to provide the Pledge Platform free of charge to Climate Action Pledge signatories.

Does my organisation need to report each year via the Platform?

Yes - please enter your organisation's most recent full 12 months of data to the Platform each year. This allows BITC to gather the aggregated data for its annual published Climate Action Pledge Report. BITC has a submission window between April and June each year, so signatories must submit their data during this timeframe.

How do I register my company on the Platform?

Please [follow this link](#) to access our How to Guide which contains a link to register your company, submit its emissions data, and commit to the Climate Action Pledge on the pledge platform.

How do I make my Climate Action Pledge commitment?

The Pledge signing process is integrated with the Pledge Reporting Platform, to make the process as simple as possible. Once you have registered for the platform (see point above), and entered your emissions data, you will see an option to sign the Climate Action Pledge using a button at the bottom of the window. You will be taken to the next page, which will ask you to select your commitment level and upload your MD/CEO signature. You can follow the step by step process in our [How to Guide](#).

What is the level of commitment for the Pledge?

Signatory organisations commit to reduce their absolute scope 1 and scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions by either 30% or 50% by 2030; and to work towards measuring and reporting their scope 3 GHG emissions. The chosen base year must be 2015 or thereafter. We would encourage your organisation to strive towards the 50% target, in line with NI carbon reduction targets.

What are the benefits of signing the Climate Action Pledge?

Signing the [Climate Action Pledge](#) showcases your organisation as a climate-action leader to your stakeholders. By signing the Pledge and setting and striving to achieve ambitious GHG reduction targets, your organisation can demonstrate its commitment and willingness to collaborate to address this critical issue, as part of the race to net zero.

Can my Pledge commitment change with a change in production/growth?

It is recommended that, when submitting your data, you compare a normalised figure of your emissions with the previous year as a benchmark. This would be done by dividing your tonnes CO2e figure by production or output and comparing the figure with previous years. While the figure should stay relatively consistent, if there is a substantial increase, please contact BITC to discuss and recalculate your baseline where possible. You can access our useful [Recalculating your base year emissions resource](#) for more information.

Do I need to report on scope 3 emissions?

Currently we do not ask Pledge signatories to report on their scope 3 emissions however we do ask that your organisation works towards measuring and recording its scope 3 inventory.

What are the next steps after signing the Pledge?

The team at BITC will be in touch to provide you with a Climate Action Pledge certificate and comms pack so that you can share your positive news! Signatories will be asked to submit data each year using the Climate Action Pledge Reporting Platform and will receive a reminder email. You can also access our [range of helpful resources](#) that will guide your organisation on how to implement a Climate Action Strategy as you work towards your Pledge targets.

Can I download the data I enter into the Pledge Reporting Platform?

The Pledge Reporting Platform provides users with a useful PDF summary report to download, and csv file of data submitted.

How will my emissions data be shared & reported?

Your organisation's individual data will not be shared publicly. All data is reported on in aggregated form where individual organisations cannot be identified. You can access all Annual Pledge Reports published to date on our [Climate Action Pledge website](#).

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