

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR)



As we move towards Net Zero, there have been a number of policy, legislation and guidance documents put in place to support companies in making this journey. However, it can be difficult to keep up to date with all of these mandatory requirements. This information is intended to help companies better understand and maintain compliance for Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR).

What is SECR?

SECR is a UK regulatory requirement that mandates qualifying organisations to publicly disclose their energy use and carbon emissions in their annual report. SECR aims to bring the benefits of carbon and energy reporting to more businesses and is intended to encourage the implementation of energy efficiency measures. It builds on, but does not replace, other requirements such as ESOS.

SECR requires all quoted companies, large unquoted companies and large limited liability partnerships incorporated in the UK to disclose specified energy, emissions, and energy efficiency action taken in their annual Directors' Report.

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Who needs to comply with SECR?

Companies are liable for SECR if their qualifying energy consumption is more than 40 MWh per year and they are either:

- > A quoted company of any size,
- > An unquoted company or limited liability partnership (LLP) meeting two of the following criteria:
 - 250+ persons employed
 - Turnover of £36M+
 - Balance sheet of £18M+

Qualifying unquoted companies, incorporated in the UK, which are required to prepare a Directors' Report under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 need to include information in line with the SECR framework in their Director's Report or an equivalent Energy and Carbon Report for LLPs. This will need to cover financial years beginning on or after 1 April 2019. Alternatively, the disclosure may be made in the Strategic Report, with a statement in the Director's Report to explain why this has been done.

What are the SECR deadlines?

The reports are expected to be filed annually with Companies House.

Key aspects for completing a SECR report

Energy consumption collation: verification and reporting of the annual quantity of energy consumed in the UK from purchased energy including electricity, fuels and purchased utilities as applicable.



Transport analysis: formatting and validation of provided transport data in relation to the annual quantity of energy consumed from activities for which the company is responsible (for unquoted companies and LLPs).

Greenhouse gas emissions: detailed breakdown and carbon footprint of annual quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e resulting from the total UK energy use from electricity, gas and transport and also abroad use for quoted companies).



Energy efficiency action: production of a narrative description of the measures taken for the purpose of improving the organisation's energy efficiency in the relevant financial year. We will work with the relevant stakeholders to report on a list of associated measures, including those activated by any ongoing energy strategies.

Intensity ratio: we will work you to identify and select a suitable metric which expresses the organisation's annual emissions in relation to a quantifiable factor, e.g. tonnes of CO₂e per total square metres of the property sector.



Methodology: disclosure of detailed methodology used to calculate and report on all required information. To secure effective emissions management and transparency in reporting, we will use a robust and accepted independent standard: GHG Reporting Protocol – Corporate Standard.

How can we help?

We can support you through all of the stages of SECR:





Why us?

As leading sustainability consultants we have supported a large volume of clients on their Net Zero journeys, including producing their SECR reports.

We have a team of experienced Lead Assessors and Energy Assessment Auditors who will be flexible to client needs. Our team can guide you through the compliance process from the very early stage to the final submission.


We have conducted carbon baselining assessments for companies across many different sectors and identified many £millions of energy and carbon reduction opportunities.

Our engineers are qualified Low Carbon Consultants in Energy Management Systems to ISO 50001 with CIBSE Certification Ltd. With this qualification they can plan and implement energy management systems to BS EN ISO 50001 and help Improve energy performance in a systematic way.

Engineering Change

Where clients want to go beyond the compliance level of SECR, we can offer our deeper dive service where we provided a more detailed Carbon Management Plan that will roadmap your journey to Net Zero and then help progress and implement the best solutions for your business through our colleagues in the wider RSK Group. We can also assist with the implementation of energy management systems.

As part of the PD&MS Group, we have access to additional engineering resources, project management and site construction support that allow us to support larger turnkey opportunities across the cleantech sector.



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