



UKCCC Net Zero Journey Certification V1.0 28/04/23

## **UK Carbon Code of Conduct, certification of a Net Zero journey procedure.**

The UK was one of the first nations to enshrine in law a national Net Zero goal by 2050. To achieve this will require a massive shift in the way the entire economy operates. Any company that adopts a Net Zero strategy needs to do so with conviction, there needs to be a plan adopted that shows a continual reduction in emissions. Most companies will need to undertake some form of offsetting, if so they must comply with the UKCCC Guidance on Corporate Action.

This document sets out the protocol to enable the UKCCC to certify a company's journey towards Net Zero.

Steps to certifying a company's Net Zero journey:

1. Instruct a UKCCC approved Project Developer;
2. Develop the scope of the plan, considering Scope 1,2 and 3 emissions;
3. Undertake a detailed carbon emissions' assessment, this needs to be carried out by a third-party contractor (not by the company itself) who will work alongside the senior management team of the company;
4. Once the current net position is understood, set a pragmatic target date to reach Net Zero by no later than 2050. It is encouraged by the UKCCC to attempt to reach Net Zero by 2035;
5. Develop an Emissions Reduction Plan. If the company owns land, include a Carbon Sequestration Plan;
6. If required develop a plan to offset any hard to abate residual emissions, always following the UKCCC Guidance on Corporate Action. Any carbon credits that are bought and retired as part of the Net Zero journey must be UKCCC compliant;
7. Once all plans are formulated this is to be combined into a GANNT chart to show emissions' reductions over time, any offsetting planned and the points at which the carbon audit shall be updated;
8. Once the plans and GANNT chart are complete, they are to be submitted to the UKCCC for review and approval;
9. Once submitted the UKCCC has 28 days to review and either approve or send back for further information;
10. Once approved a certificate will be issued displaying the company name and journey mark. The certificate is valid for the year it is issued;
11. An Annual Report is to be submitted to the UKCCC for approval, the report shall be submitted by the Project Developer and must report progress made to date against the original plan. Any significant slippage must be reported as should any acceleration of the plan; and the annual UKCCC certificate is issued upon the report being submitted and approved.