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A quick overview of;  
**WHY, WHAT,  
WHO, HOW  
and WHEN?**

## ***CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENTS (CCA)***

### **WHY?**

Climate Change Agreements (CCA's) were established to help the UK meet its obligations from the 1999 Kyoto Agreement (carbon emissions).

### **WHAT?**

CCA's are voluntary agreements made by UK businesses to reduce their energy use and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. Eligible businesses receive a % discount on the Climate Change Levy (CCL) which is a tax added to electricity and fuel bills in return for meeting energy efficiency or carbon-saving targets. The scheme is administered by the Environment Agency (EA).

Importantly, by having a CCA, your business could reduce its overall energy costs by **10%**.

### **WHO?**

CCA's are available for a wide range of industry sectors using major energy-intensive processes such as plastics, chemicals, paper, textiles and manufacturing to food and agricultural businesses such as pig and poultry farming. Even in one part of your business's portfolio you could benefit from being in the CCA scheme.

### **HOW?**

First, you will have to qualify for the CCA through your industry body. (There are 49 industry trade associations where CCA's are available, covering over 10,000 industries). This involves submitting a detailed qualification pack around your processes and energy use. Once you're in the scheme, you must work through your energy efficiency strategy to meet your targets which are in line with your industry bodies' guidance. Targets are measured through audits and presented in official reports. These are then approved via the trade associations before being cleared by the EA.

### **WHEN?**

You submit your CCA data on an annual or quarterly basis depending on the industry sector you are registered with. The current scheme was set to run from 2018-2023 and was closed to new applicants. However, the scheme has been extended to 2025 giving the opportunity for new applications. **NOW is the time to register!**

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