

CCL

Climate Change Levy

Did you know you could be exempt from some utility charges?

Find out more about how you could save money in our guide below. We answer your most common questions about CCL.

Who needs to pay?

If a business is in the Industrial, Commercial, Agricultural or Public service sector, they will need to pay the main rates of CCL.

Charities engaged in non-commercial activities will not need to pay the main rates of CCL, neither will a business with usage less than 33kWh of electricity or 145kWh of gas per day.

What is the Climate Change Levy?

Introduced in April 2001, CCL is an energy tax for businesses using 33kWh of electricity or 145kWh of gas a day. It aims to encourage business owners to become more energy efficient, energy conscious and to reduce their carbon emissions.

Office buildings, multi-residential buildings and hotels are highly likely to consume this much energy and it's likely **general stores, restaurants** and possibly **takeaways** would as well.

Are any businesses exempt from CCL?

By opting to **use energy from a low CO2 source** - such as wind, solar, geothermal, landfill gas or good quality CHP (Combined Heat and Power) - gives businesses exemption from the levy.

If they are a larger organisation and **part of a Climate Change Agreement** through a trade body, you can get CCL relief.

Finally, there are certain criteria for **manufacturing businesses** to qualify for an exemption and you could claim back as far as 2014.

If your manufacturing business qualifies for exemption from CCL, call us on 0800 007 4001.

How is CCL paid?

The main rates for CCL will be displayed on your energy bill. The energy supplier will collect the tax through your energy bill and pay this to HRMC on your behalf.

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