



Green Dragon Environmental Standard

The Green Dragon Environmental Standard offers an environmental management system relevant to the specific needs of companies and organisations and rewards actions taken to achieve environmental improvements. Companies and organisations who have reached Level Five may be successful in obtaining ISO14001 or EMAS. ISO14001 is a framework to assist organisations to develop their own environment management system. It is voluntary and helps companies continually improve their environmental performance. EMAS is a European Union voluntary scheme whereby organisations are encouraged to assess their approach to environmental matters against a given set of criteria.



Within the Green Dragon Environmental Standard there are five levels. Each level contributes towards achievement of the International and European Environmental Standards ISO 14001 and EMAS. During the appraisal and audit process, costs are evaluated as well as environmental performance.

- All levels of the Green Dragon Environmental Standard receive a certificate demonstrating the level of the company's achievements and commitment to environmental management.
- When companies have achieved levels Three, Four and Five they can display the Green Dragon logo on their marketing materials. This demonstrates a company's commitment to environmental management.
- Companies that achieve level Five may also obtain ISO14001 or EMAS accreditation.

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Benefits of the Green Dragon Environmental Standard

- It helps businesses minimise their environmental impact
- It is available to every company or organisation in Wales
- It involves elements of assessing, planning, taking action, checking progress and reviewing.

For what sectors of horticulture is the Green Dragon Environmental Standard suitable?

- All businesses and companies in Wales including horticultural businesses

What assurance categories does the Green Dragon Environmental Standard cover?

- Creative conservation and biodiversity
- Business, sustainable resource management
- Managing hazardous substances.

Costs of participation

- The costs vary according to the size and complexity of the business
- The cost for a small business on one site applying for level 2 would be approximately £250 per year
- Larger businesses are given bespoke quotes.

Prices stated are correct at time of going to press – please check for current prices in case of changes

How to join the Green Dragon Environmental Standard

Any company or organisation wanting to apply for the Green Dragon Environmental Standard, should contact the scheme directly.

Further information

Website: www.greendragonems.com

Each company achieving the Standard will feature on the Green Dragon Website. The website contains a [register of certified companies](#) which can be used by customers (and potential customers) wishing to verify the environmental credentials of their suppliers and also by participating companies to network with other companies and share knowledge and experiences.

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