

Low Carbon Doctors Initiative



How to get started:

There are **three** simple steps to becoming a part of the Low Carbon Doctors Initiative:

1. Fill out the application form and fax, email or post it back to:

FAX: 02 9439 5550
EMAIL: info@noco2.com.au
POST: Suite 13, 38-46 Albany St, St Leonards NSW 2065

2. A member of the Carbon Reduction Institute team will be in contact to set up a time for your practice to undergo a simple audit to assess your carbon footprint. The consultant will walk you &/or your staff through the audit so that it can be conducted over the phone (with support) so there is little impact to your practice and patients.

3. Once you have undergone the audit, you will receive a report outlining your carbon footprint and the areas where you can reduce your emissions, as well as your options to offset the unavoidable ones. You will also receive all the materials and resources along with recognition and benefits described.

What does it cost to become a low carbon or no carbon practice?

Low Co2:

Audit \$595 (plus GST)*
Annual certification; \$250 (plus GST)
Carbon credits \$17 / ton (current as of 08/10/2008)

No CO2:

Audit: \$995 (plus GST)*
Annual certification: \$250 (plus GST)
Carbon credits \$17 / ton (current as of 08/10/2008)

See explanation overleaf of these different categories

The costs represent more than a 50% discount off the normal costs of undergoing this process.

* These costs apply to practices with up to 15 full-time equivalent doctors. Larger practices will be quoted separately.

What are the benefits of being involved?

Action:

- Know your carbon footprint
- Practical tips and useful tools to reduce energy use
- Credible advice on how your practice can reduce environmental impact
- Staff involvement and enthusiasm
- Save money on your energy bills

Recognition & Education:

- Promote your credentials to patients, staff and suppliers
- Local community engagement
- Medical Observer Magazine and the Carbon Reduction Institute recognition
- Wider medical community recognition
- Media opportunities

CARBON EMISSIONS AUDIT

A comprehensive emissions audit is fundamental to any claim of neutrality or carbon reduction. For LowCO2 audits, the audit quantifies the greenhouse gas emissions from scope 1 and scope 2 emissions sources, as well as emissions from waste and work related employee travel (see diagram below). The total emissions impact from these sources and form a baseline which allows your practice to choose its desired percentage reduction level. For example, if the audit revealed a carbon footprint of 100 Tonnes of greenhouse gas, then meeting a limit of 80 tonnes would make the company 20% LowCO2. Similarly, if they met a limit of 50 tonnes, then the company would be 50% LowCO2.

For NoCO2 audits, the lifecycle emissions from all inputs (labour, products and services) are quantified.

The audit is written in strict accordance with the **GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard** which is the world's most widely used and recognised greenhouse gas accounting tool. The chart below is adapted from the GHG Protocol and displays these emissions sources.

NoCO2 Certification Standard

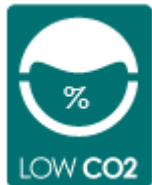


Achieving NoCO2 Certification means that your company is carbon neutral and that it has completely removed its climate change impacts.

NoCO2 certified companies can display the NoCO2 logo to market and communicate the climate change actions they have taken.

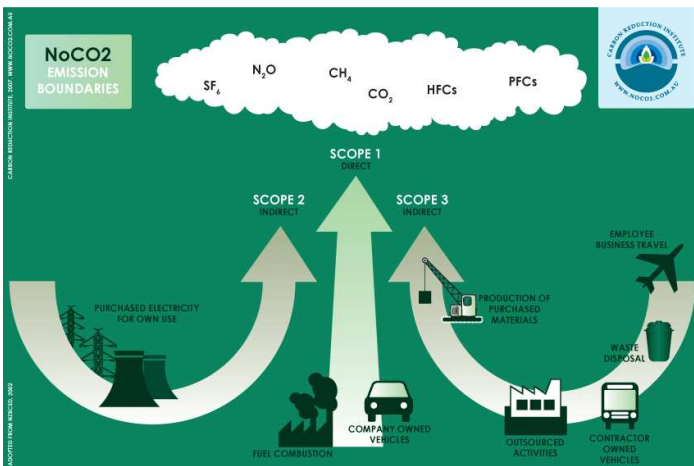
NoCO2 certification is metered through an engineering audit that determines the emissions that your company is responsible for in its operations and an emissions monitoring process that ensures that your company continues to leave a zero carbon footprint.

LowCO2 Certification Standard



The LowCO2 certification standard is designed for companies who wish to communicate a percentage reduction in their carbon footprint. The LowCO2 logo displays the percentage reduction so that consumers have clarity regarding the emission reductions achieved by the company. LowCO2 certification is metered through an engineering audit and emissions monitoring plan.

NoCO2 Emissions Sources



LowCO2 Emissions Sources

