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New Legislation



The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2017

This Order specifies the standard rate and lower rate for Scottish landfill tax for disposals on or after 1st April 2017. The standard rate is £86.10 and the lower rate is £2.70. Tax is to be calculated by reference to the weight and types of material disposed of.

This Order comes into force on 01 April 2017.

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[The Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2017](#)

Consultations



Consultation on a Scottish Energy Strategy: The future of energy in Scotland

The Scottish Government is seeking your views on the draft Energy Strategy for Scotland. The Strategy sets out the Scottish Government's vision for the future energy system in Scotland, for the use and the supply of energy for heat, power and transport.

Responses should be submitted to the Scottish Government by 30 May 2017

You can find further information on the consultation, here:

[Consultation on a Scottish Energy Strategy: The future of energy in Scotland](#)

Other Scottish Government consultations:

[Consultation on a Draft Onshore Wind Policy Statement](#)

[Consultation on Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies, and Regulation of District Heating](#)

[Consultation on Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme](#)

[Talking "Fracking": A Consultation on Unconventional Oil and Gas](#)

SEPA Consultation: Guidance on the recovery and disposal of waste in quarries

SEPA believes that there is scope for restoration projects in quarries utilising waste to be licensed as recovery operations. This consultation seeks views on the proposed factors that would be used to help make a determination on whether an operation would be seen as recovery or disposal.

Responses should be submitted to SEPA by 31 March 2017.

You can find further information on the consultation, here:

[Guidance on the recovery and disposal of waste in quarries](#)

SEPA Consultation: Controlled Activities Regulations level of authorisation at constructions sites

Poorly managed construction sites may lead to pollution of the water environment, with larger sites posing the greatest risk. SEPA is seeking responses on the proposal that water run-off from high risk sites will be authorised by a CAR licence.

Responses should be submitted to SEPA by 31 March 2017.

For further information on the Controlled Activities Regulations level of authorisation at construction sites visit [SEPA's consultation hub](#).

Updates

New SEPA guidance on food waste management in Scotland

SEPA has published new guidance on [Food Waste Management in Scotland](#) which sets out obligations along the chain of food waste management in order to achieve high quality recycling. This chain of management includes the waste producer, collection service provider, food waste treatment facility and final user of the food waste derived compost and/or anaerobic digestate.



Read more here: [Food Waste Management in Scotland](#)

SEPA Revised Position for the Regulation of Outputs from Composting and Anaerobic Digestion Processes

SEPA has revised its position on the Regulation of Outputs from Composting and Anaerobic Digestion Processes. These revisions set out limits (by weight) of physical contaminants (including plastic) to 50% of those specified in PAS 100 and 8% of those specified in PAS110 standards (for compost and anaerobic digestate respectively) by 1 Dec 2019.

More information can be found in the position statements below:

[Regulation of Outputs from Composting](#)

[Regulation of Outputs from Anaerobic Digestion Processes](#)



SEPA publishes plans to deliver flood warning service over next 5 years

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has launched its Flood Warning Development Framework for 2017 – 2021.

The **Flood Warning Development Framework** sets out a number of actions which SEPA, as Scotland’s flood warning authority, plans to take in partnerships with others to maintain and develop this service over the coming years

Read more here: [Flood Warning Development Framework](#)



Scottish Government Draft Climate Change Plan - the draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032

This document is a draft of the Climate Change Plan, the third report on proposals and policies (RPP3) for meeting Scotland’s annual greenhouse gas emissions targets that the



Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament in accordance with the requirements in section 35 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

You can view the draft plan here:

[Draft Climate Change Plan - the draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032](#)

New online resource for the forestry sector

A new website that provides up to date advice to businesses operating in the forestry sector has recently been launched.

The Forestry and Water Scotland initiative aims to reduce diffuse pollution risk by improving good forestry practice. Their new website provides guidance on best practice, case studies, online tools and much more.

For more details visit the [Forestry and Water Scotland website](#).



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Green Network for Businesses

The Green Network for Businesses is a powerful database to help connect you to local businesses. Case studies, site visits, member meet and greets and more. This tool allows you to search by postcode for green businesses in your area. All these businesses have installed renewable technologies and other high tech or low cost systems and processes such as;

- Energy efficiency improvements from insulation and draught proofing to low cost lighting
- Heat generating technologies from heat pumps and biomass to solar water heating
- Renewable electricity generating technologies from solar panels and wind turbines to hydro

For more information visit [Green Network for Businesses](#)



FINAL CALL FOR ENTRIES - SCOS National Health, Safety and Environment Performance Improvement Awards 2016

Can your business demonstrate improvements in health, safety and environmental performance? If so, why not enter the [Scottish Chamber of Safety \(SCOS\)](#) Award Scheme. The scheme is FREE to enter and you have until the 03 March to submit your entry.

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Events / Workshops



FREE advice and support for Construction firms

Resource Efficient Scotland (RES) has set up a FREE advice and support programme aimed at helping small and medium sized construction businesses reduce the amount of waste they generate.

For more details visit the RES website: <http://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/Construction> or attend one of the breakfast briefings (details below):

FREE breakfast briefings: Waste prevention support for Scottish Construction Businesses

These live events will provide an overview of the free support available to Scottish construction sector SMEs through Resource Efficient Scotland

Edinburgh breakfast briefing

When: 28 February 2017, 09:00 – 11:00

Where: Radisson Blu, 80 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1TH

[Register here>](#)

Inverness breakfast briefing

When: 14 March 2017, 09:00 – 11:00

Where: The Royal Highland Hotel, 18 Academy Street, Inverness. IV1 1LG

[Register here>](#)

SME breakfast briefing: How to access available finance to cut costs and grow your business

There are lots of no-cost ways to reduce your business's resource use and cut your bills. However, the projects that deliver the really big savings - like installing renewables, upgrading boilers or improving lighting – always require investment. This is why many good resource efficiency projects stall, and why some businesses miss out on reduced energy, water and waste bills. It doesn't have to be that way.

Join one of our Resource Efficient Scotland's upcoming breakfast briefings, in association with Scotland's 2020 Climate Group, to find out about the loans and grants that are available to your business right now.

[Glasgow, Radisson Blu, Tuesday 21 March, 08:30-10:30](#)

[Edinburgh, Centre for Carbon Innovation, Wednesday 22 March, 08:45 - 10:45](#)

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