



Overview of EcoMerit Environmental Certification

EcoMerit Environmental Certification is a third-party certification scheme for the Environmental Management Systems (EMS) operated by the certificate holders.

Award and subsequent maintenance of an EcoMerit certificate requires a site review and ongoing surveillance to ensure all certification requirements are in place and operating effectively. The core requirements are the same as those of other recognised EMS certifications such as ISO 14001 and EMAS.

All certificate holders:

- Have an Environmental Policy which includes commitments to performance measurement, ongoing environmental performance improvement, pollution prevention and compliance with environmental law.
- Measure their environmental performance, including energy use, water use, waste produced and waste recycling performance. They also measure their carbon footprint under Scope 1 and Scope 2 with additional Scope 3 items optional.
- Have in place an active Environmental Improvement Plan
- Have identified their main pollution risks and the arrangements they have in place to mitigate these risks.

EcoMerit differs from traditional EMS certification schemes in that it focuses on performance improvement rather than simple compliance.

Full details of the certification requirements can be found on page 2 of the application form available from the EcoMerit website [here](#).

The combined environmental performance of certificate holders is published on the EcoMerit website [here](#).

Interested parties can view all certificate holders and check the status of any certificate on the website [here](#).



Instead of external accreditation, EcoMerit certification is overseen by an independent [Oversight Board](#), an elected body of public servants, academics and certificate holders.

All EcoMerit certificate holders are members of the EcoMerit Community which is governed by its [Constitution](#). The EcoMerit Community is a Sustainable Energy Community registered by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI). Certificate holders enjoy enhanced access to SEAI grants.