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“The future is purchased
by the present”
Samuel Johnson

Advice

A Guide to

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Business and Sustainability

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WHETHER YOUR BUSINESS IS LARGE OR SMALL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS ARE MAKING AN IMPACT.

- Waste Water
- Packaging
- Disposal of Waste

are just a few. Add to this the governments pressure to tackle environmental issues such as energy consumption and transport, the increasing cost of energy and water and any business manager/owner will be wondering where to turn for advice and wondering about the cost of compliance.

In many instances there is a plethora of agencies available to give advice – most for free. There are often grants and interest free loans on offer, it is just a matter of finding them. This leaflet provides a list of the main sources of advice covering Resource Management. Applying good resource management often results in saving money and increasing profits.

In addition this leaflet provides information relating to Environmental Standards and Schemes. Business clients are becoming much more environmentally aware and are asking for information relating to environmental reporting, environmental management systems and green or ethical purchasing. Having an award or complying to ISO 14001 can often benefit your business.

It makes sense for businesses to become more **environmentally aware!**



NAME	ELIGIBILITY	AREA	TYPE OF HELP	CONTACT
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT				
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).	Any.	Responsible for environmental protection; water waste, air quality, radioactive substances and monitoring of waste management strategies.	Advisors; website offering a range of information and publications including waste minimisation and resource efficiency support to businesses.	www.sepa.org.uk Glasgow Office Tel: 0141 945 6350 Ayr Office Tel: 01292 294000
Scottish Water.	Customers.	Advice on water conservation.	Business Advisors & website.	www.scottishwater.co.uk Business Service Tel: 0845 602 8855
Envirowise.	Any.	Advice on waste minimisation and energy efficiency aiming to improve profitability, competitiveness and environmental performance.	Range of advice – Free site visit for SMEs; Free publications & software, from general information to that which is specific to an industry; website & helpline.	www.envirowise.gov.uk Helpline: 0800 585794
Waste Resource Action Programme (WRAP).	Any.	Range of business development service provisions for companies in the material re-use and recovery sector.	Advice: R&D funds available for waste sector.	www.wrap.org.uk Tel: 08081002040
Waste Connect.	Any.	Advice.	UK recycling database-identifies opportunities for recycling by postal code.	www.wastepoint.co.uk
Resource Efficiency Environment Forum.	Any.	REEF is a web-based business forum for companies in the west of Scotland.	Advice & information on legislative requirement & other environmental issues.	www.reefonline.org
Remade Scotland.	Any.	REMADE Scotland is a major initiative, which seeks to stimulate, develop and strengthen recycle material markets in Scotland.	Advice & Information.	www.remade.org.uk
Action Energy.	Any.	Energy efficiency advice; R&D funding.	Funds for R&D on energy efficiency; free site visit, survey, advice. Free publications, helpline, website and software.	www.actionenergy.org.uk Helpline: 0800 585794
Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA) Scheme.	Any.	Funding/Tax Savings.	Businesses will be able to claim 100% first year capital allowances on investments in energy savings equipment. Business will be able to write off the whole cost of their investment against their taxable profits of the period in which they make the investment.	www.eca.gov.uk Helpline: 020 7170 7000 or 020 7170 7033
Energy Agency – South West Scotland.	Business & Domestic Customers.	Local advice to businesses relating to energy and environmental efficiency and renewable programmes.	The Energy Agency provides free, impartial, expert advice to householders & business in south west Scotland.	www.energyagency.org.uk Local Contact Tel: 01292 280109
Scottish Energy Efficiency Office (SEEO).	Any.	Energy and environmental help & advice.	Free energy and environmental audits, energy training. Interest free loans for investments that reduce energy costs; best practice publications and case studies.	www.energy-efficiency.org Glasgow Office Tel: 0141 242 5835 Local Contact Tel: 01292 280109
Loan Action Scotland (LAS).	Any.	Energy Funding.	Interest free loans, from £5000 to £50,000 for energy efficiency measures to reduce energy bills. Energy audits are a prerequisite of receiving a loan.	Via SEEO website – www.energy-efficiency.org/howto/help/loan/index.html Tel: 0800 092 9002
Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Technologies (ETSU).	Any.	General advice.	Case studies, audits and weblinks.	www.etsu.com
Energy & Environment Helpline.	Any.	Specific business advice.	Point of contact for many Energy Saving Trust programmes, incl. Funding & individual specific business advice.	Helpline 0800 585794
The Carbon Trust.	Business & Public Sector.	Carbon Management advice; R&D Funding.	Independent information and impartial advice for energy users, encouraging investment in the development of low carbon technologies.	www.thecarbontrust.co.uk Tel: 0141 242 5582
Autogas & PowerShift initiative in Scotland.	Any.	Installer Advice & Funding.	PowerShift can offer grants of 30%-75% of the additional cost of buying a clean fuel vehicle. Grants are available to help with the purchase of approved vehicles running on liquid petroleum gas (LPG), natural gas and electricity (incl. Hybrids).	www.est-powershift.org.uk Autogas & Transport Energy Hotline Tel: 0870 240 6296
Ayrshire Environment Management Group (AEMG).	Ayrshire Businesses.	Focus for waste minimisation activities, networking.	One-to-one support for companies on specific technical or legislative environmental advice on waste minimisation from an Envirowise consultant. Events and workshops on various themes relating to waste minimisation (raising staff awareness, reducing water and energy consumption, reducing the amount of effluent and solid waste, minimising raw material use, recycling wastes and developing environmental management systems).	http://www.sepa.org.uk/was/temin/initiatives/west/aemg.htm
Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire.	Ayrshire Businesses.	Advice & Funding.	Offers guidance on environmental issues and funding assistance to local companies.	www.scottish-enterprise.com Helpline: 0845 607 8787 Local Office Tel: 01563 526623
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS				
Net Regs.	SME's.	Advice.	Help businesses to understand the complex regulations affecting their environmental obligations. Contains both mandatory measures required by the law, and good practice measures to help look after your environment.	www.netregs.gov.uk
ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AND SCHEMES				
Eco Management & Audit Scheme.	Business.	A voluntary initiative designed to improve companies' environmental performance. Environmental management has become a core business issue, minimising the amount of waste that is produced and energy consumed. EMAS is strongly backed by Government EMAS could be the competitive edge you are seeking!		www.emas.org.uk
ISO 14001.	Business & Public Sector.	The ISO 14000 family is primarily concerned with "environmental management". This means what the organization has to:- minimize harmful effects on the environment caused by its activities; and to achieve continual improvement of its environmental performance.		http://www.iso.ch/iso/en/iso9000-14000/index.html
Green Tourism Business Award.		One of the worlds largest National Tourism Eco labels.		www.green-business.co.uk Tel: 01738 632162
OTHER				
Federation of Small Businesses in Scotland (FSB).	Small to Medium sized enterprises (SMEs).	Energy & Environment SME toolkit.	Publications covering energy, waste, water, transport and environmental legislation for small businesses.	www.fsb.org.uk/scotland Tel: 0141 221 0775
West of Scotland Loan Fund.	Businesses.	Gap funding to assist the development of small and medium sized businesses in South Ayrshire.	Maximum loan £50,000. Interest rate is 2% over Royal Bank Base Rate. Capital repayment holiday can be negotiated.	Enquiries tel: 01292 612967