



GREENStart

Certification Support Service and Resource Efficiency Health Check

These **GREENStart** packages are designed to provide support for our certification programme and, if requested, as an initial Resource Efficiency assessment of your business. We recommend at least one of these services for all new businesses wishing to achieve the Green Hospitality Eco-label or Award and commence implementing resource efficiency within their business.

There are 2 main GREENStart Services available;

- Certification Support Service
- Combined Certification and Resource Efficiency Support Service

Certification Support Service

The service includes a site visit where the programme and the criteria and requirements for the business will be explained. During the site visit an initial completion of some of the tools and templates and verification sheets and general documentation will be applied so that the business understands the process.

A general walk through of the site will be undertaken and some broad opportunities identified.

The GHP GREENStart includes:

- One year's membership of the GreenHospitality.ie programme
- Initial Eco-label application desk audit
- Site visit
- General opportunity identification
- Benchmarking – Demonstration of Workbooks and how to complete them
- Online support

Cost

A GHP **GREENStart Certification** Support Service costs €995 plus VAT

What Actions do you need to do?



Prior to Site Visit

- Gather previous 12 months utility bills (Energy, Waste, Water)
- Complete, where possible, our pre-visit information schedule

During Site Visit

- Provide access to all parts of the building and plant – front and back of house
- Provide any information requested to be available
- Ensure your Green Champion is on hand for the site visit

A site visit generally takes approximately a half day and for a hotel, includes an overnight stay to enable a holistic overview to be undertaken.

Combined Certification Support Service and Resource Efficiency Health Check

This service is recommended for businesses who wish to implement our Certification Programme and as an initial Resource Efficiency assessment of your business. This service takes a full day.

The **Standard Package** is recommended for any business that has utility bills (Energy, Water, Waste) **less than €200,000 per annum**. The **Enhanced Package** is recommended for businesses that have utility bills in **excess of €200,000 per annum**.

The GREENStart Combined Standard Service includes:

- Certification Support Service
- Benchmarking – Energy, Water, and Waste
- Electricity Analysis – where a MCC10/Quarter Hour meter is in place
- Carbon Footprint Analysis – Scope 1 & 2
- Site Visit and operational review
- Overall report and cost saving recommendations
- Grant Aid and Financial Support Review
- 6 months email/phone support from GTC

The GREENStart Enhanced Service includes;

- The Standard Service
- Return visit to present/review the report and develop an action plan and review certification implementation status



Cost

A **GREENStart Combined Standard** Service costs €1,250 plus VAT (*Plus overnight accommodation and subsistence if required*)

A **GREENStart Combined Enhanced** Service costs €1,500 plus VAT (*Plus overnight accommodation and subsistence if required*)

What areas will we assess during the Resource Efficiency part of the service?

The key areas we will look at include;

Energy

- Energy Consumption – Electricity and Thermal
- Lighting Upgrade Assessment
- Major Equipment Assessment
- Grant Aid & Financial support opportunities

Waste

- Current Waste Management activities
- Food Waste minimisation opportunities

Water

- Current Water Management activities
- Departmental opportunities

A key focus during the site visit is to identify immediate no cost savings opportunities for the business.



What Actions do you need to do?

Prior to Site Visit

- Provide property information to support benchmarking
- Provide prior years utility invoices (Energy, Waste, Water)
- Provide copies of most recent utility bills
- List all Energy, Water, Waste development/project activities implemented and planned

During Site Visit

- Provide access to all parts of the building and plant – front and back of house
- Provide any information requested to be available

A site visit generally takes approximately a half day, and, for a hotel, includes an overnight stay to enable a holistic overview.

GREENStart Output

- Overall review with recommendations and 6 months support
- Benchmark review and performance assessment
- Energy consumption review with specific electricity analysis
- Property Carbon Footprint
- Ongoing support proposal

- Enhanced - Follow on site visit and meeting to develop an action plan and review certification progress.