

Fact sheet

Climate Active carbon neutral certification

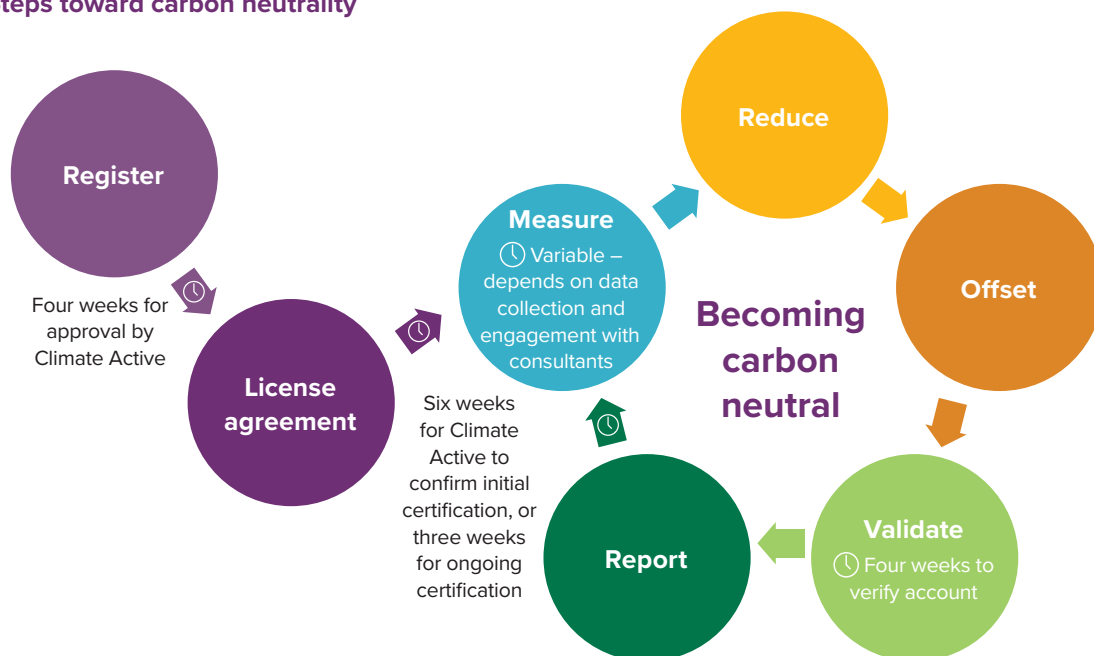
Certification process

The Australian Government manages the Climate Active program for carbon neutral certification in Australia. In addition there are programs available globally that allow participation in voluntary carbon trading markets. Climate Active certifies businesses that have credibly reached a state of carbon neutrality by measuring, reducing and offsetting their carbon emissions.

The first phase of certification as part of the Climate Active program involves the calculation of the carbon footprint, before attempting to reduce emissions.

The second phase involves offsetting emissions by purchasing approved carbon credits or retiring existing carbon credits owned by the entity.

Figure 1: Steps toward carbon neutrality



Seven steps to become carbon neutral

1. **Identify:** register the project (product or organisation).
2. Once registration is reviewed and approved by Climate Active, sign the **licencing agreement**. This ensures Climate Active is alongside your commitment to carbon neutrality and the obligations of achieving certification are fully realised.
3. **Measure:** prepare a carbon account (carbon footprint) for the baseline year. Climate Active provides all of the reporting templates, once a project has been approved in step two.
4. **Reduce:** develop and maintain an emissions reduction strategy. This includes nominating a timeline through to completion for the relevant activity.
5. **Offset:** purchase offset units to balance remaining emissions. Under the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard, offsets can be purchased for the baseline year (in arrears) or the first year of certification (forward purchasing).
6. **Validate:** independent validation and verification of the carbon account to ensure accuracy.
7. **Report:** develop a public disclosure statement (PDS). Climate Active provide a PDS template which once the certification process is completed, can be published.

More information

Read the *Moving towards carbon neutrality – Opportunities for the feedlot industry* technical manual.