

Summary of carboNZero certification: TaxiCharge New Zealand Limited



Introduction¹ –

TaxiCharge offers a complete billing and expense management solution for taxi spend. TaxiCharge has 21 partners, all of which are members of the New Zealand Taxi Federation. This allows TaxiCharge to offer a nationwide taxi billing service,

TaxiCharge provides billing and reporting services to more than 16,300 account holders in New Zealand. TaxiCharge offers personalised TaxiCharge cards and vouchers to customers. On receipt of card and voucher transactions, TaxiCharge processes the information and provides reporting and billing information to customers and payment to drivers.

TaxiCharge services in excess of 64,000 active card holders. In addition, many passengers, who do not have TaxiCharge cards, use TaxiCharge vouchers.

TaxiCharge has recognised the need for change and is encouraging its 21 partners to provide a sustainable solution to taxi users. TaxiCharge will support its partners by embracing the carboNZero Small Enterprise Certification programme.

Boundary – The boundary for the preparation of TaxiCharge New Zealand Ltd's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is for one site. All business activities have been included.

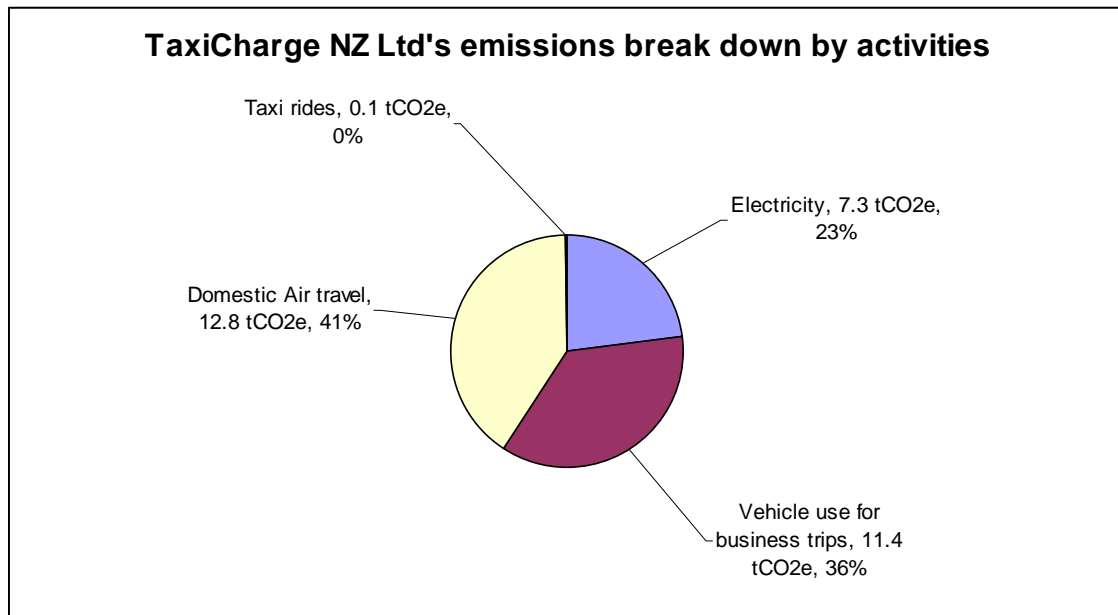
Consolidation approach – Operational control.

GHG emissions source inclusions – The diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for TaxiCharge New Zealand Ltd's by emissions source. Total emissions for this period were 31.7 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e).

GHG emissions source exclusions – Waste to landfill was excluded in the inventory. Waste was found to be minimal and accounts for less than 1% of the total emissions profile given that the only waste comes from office kitchen.

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GHG emissions reduction commitments – TaxiCharge New Zealand Ltd has developed a GHG emissions management plan. Some projects in this plan include:

- Reduce the amount of fuel used per company vehicle by an average of 10% through a replacement program for company cars - replace with hybrids.
- Reduce air travel per person by 10%
- 10% reduction in GHG emissions created in association with taxi travel

Offset – 32 tonnes CO₂e VERs² from TrustPower Tararua II PRE windpower³ project.

Verified by – Prescott Horn Ltd, Christchurch.

Level of assurance – Reasonable assurance.

Threshold of materiality – excluded emissions do not exceed 5% of the total footprint for organisation and product boundary stated.

Base year – 01/07/2007 to 30/06/2008

Measurement period – 01/07/2007 to 30/06/2008

Certification status – carbonZero certified small enterprise covering all operational emissions for the head office.

Certificate number – 2009007

Certification valid until – 30 September 2009.

² VERs are created by eligible projects for emissions reductions achieved up to the end of 2007.

³ PRE - Projects to Reduce Emissions is a New Zealand government scheme for projects that are eligible under the Joint Implementation initiative of the Kyoto Protocol – see www.mfe.govt.nz.