

TaxiCharge New Zealand Limited

TaxiCharge New Zealand Ltd meets the requirements of carboNZero^{Cert™} certification having measured its greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with ISO 14064-1, committed to managing and reducing its emissions and neutralised the remaining unavoidable emissions in respect of the operational activities of its organisation.



Introduction¹ – TaxiCharge New Zealand Ltd offers a complete billing and expense management solution for taxi spend. TaxiCharge has 23 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 29,000 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 88,000 active card holders. In addition, many passengers, who do not have TaxiCharge cards, use TaxiCharge vouchers. TaxiCharge is committed to achieving carboNZero Small Enterprise Certification. TaxiCharge has recognised the need for change and is encouraging all its partners to provide a sustainable solution to taxi users. TaxiCharge will support its partners by embracing the carboNZero Small Enterprise Certification program.

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.

Base year – 01/07/2007 to 30/06/2008

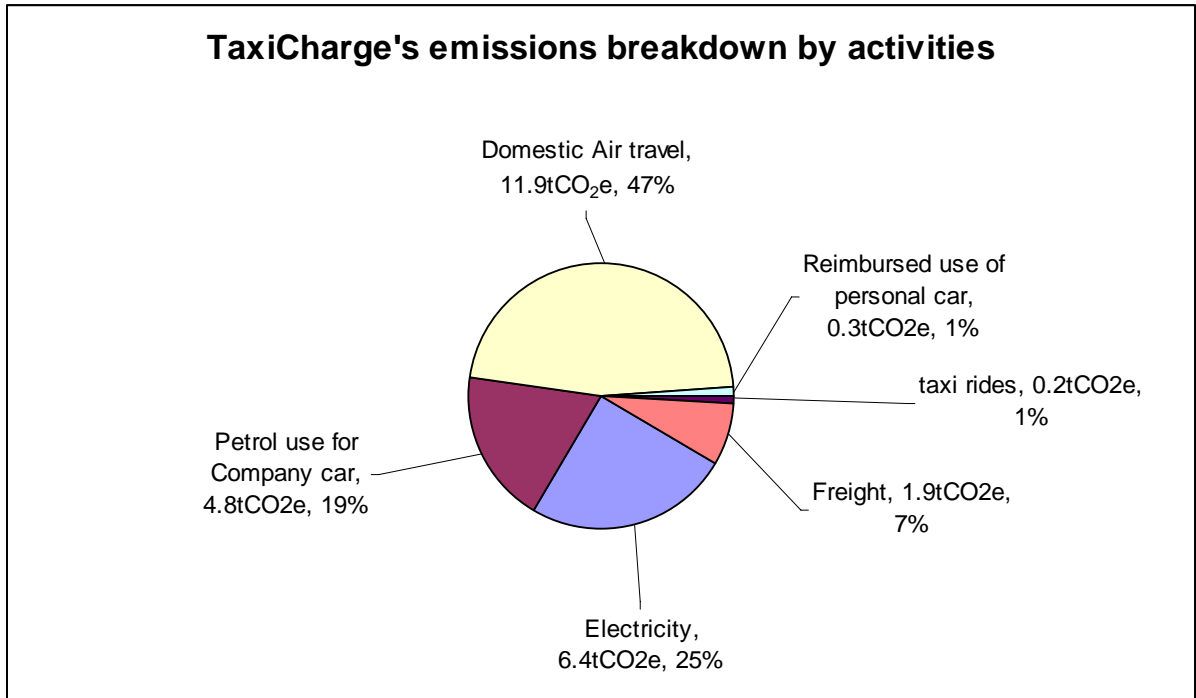
Measurement period – 01/07/2008 to 30/06/2009

GHG emissions source inclusions – The diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for TaxiCharge New Zealand Ltd by emissions source. Total emissions for this period were 25.6 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e).

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GHG emissions source exclusions – Deliveries of freight under 2 kg were excluded from the inventory. These emissions were estimated to be minimal and account for less than 1% of the total emissions profile.



GHG emissions reduction commitments – TaxiCharge has been able to reduce Scope 1 (direct) emissions by 5.1 tCO₂e, this has been achieved by reducing the number of company vehicles from three to two and using hybrid taxis in the Auckland region. TaxiCharge is still on track to replace one petrol company vehicle this financial year with a hybrid vehicle which will further reduce emissions.

There has been an increase in scope 2 emissions; TaxiCharge has used more electricity over the 08/09 measurement period. This is due to substantial growth in business. Two new taxi companies have joined the TaxiCharge partnership, resulting in three additional staff joining TaxiCharge. Average usage last period was 2,293 kWh per person. This period usage is 2,037kwh per person, a saving of 11% per person.

Scope 3 emissions have increased due to the introduction new partners and the control of voucher book delivery now being managed by TaxiCharge.

The migration of ledgers from our new partners has meant more air travel than planned for the year, but a consolidated approach has resulted in a saving of 1.16 tCO₂e due to air travel over last year.

Taxi usage is up, but hybrid Taxis vehicles have been used wherever possible over the use of company vehicles when traveling in the Auckland region.

Overall TaxiCharge has shown reductions in emissions of 6.1tCO₂e (19%) over last year.

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TaxiCharge New Zealand Ltd has developed new GHG emissions management goals:

- Reduce by an average of 10% the amount of fuel used per company vehicle
- Reduce Air travel per person 10%
- 25 % of all Taxi travel to be taken in Hybrid Taxis
- 10% reduction in Freight

Offset – 26 tonnes CO₂e. VERs² from TrustPower Tararua II PRE windpower³ project. Serial numbers 334981-335006 cancelled in the carboNZero programme register.

Verified by – Prescott Horn Ltd.

Level of assurance – Reasonable assurance.

Threshold of materiality – Excluded emissions do not exceed 5% of the total footprint for the small enterprise boundary stated.

Certification status – carboNZero certified small enterprise covering all operational emissions at one site.

Certificate number – 2009062J

Certification valid until – 30 September 2010.

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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.