

SGEG have developed a **new free national recognition scheme**, to enable your club to reach a high standard of environmental excellence and gain recognition and a certificate in one or more of these areas of environmental management:



This is **not a competition** between clubs, but a standard of excellence that all golf facilities can aspire to achieve no matter what size, ownership or location. It includes the golf course, clubhouse and maintenance facility.

### The benefits to your club:

- Demonstrates to members, visitors and local community that a **high standard** of environmental management best practice is embedded in the club's policies and activities.
- Demonstrates that while protecting and enhancing the golf course, the club is addressing **resource efficiency** and **cutting financial costs** where possible.
- It will raise **member awareness** of what goes into good golf course management, raising the self esteem of staff and member respect for the natural assets of the club and the role it plays in the wider environment.
- The certificates indicate a pioneering, forward-looking club endeavouring to continually improve, **recognised by outside golfing and environmental organisations**.
- **Publicity** of the certificates by the club, SGEG or other parties will be useful PR for the recipient club, even encouraging more **visitor** numbers and helping to **retain and increase member numbers**.
- It may also be beneficial for environmental competitions or in seeking **grant aid** for future projects and initiatives as the certificates are recognised by many funding bodies.

## How to apply:

- Download full details and criteria from [www.sgeg.org.uk](http://www.sgeg.org.uk)
- You can apply for **one or more** of the Scottish Golf Environment Certificates at **any time** during the year by filling in a simple application form.
- If you meet all the criteria a SGEG team member will **visit your club** to verify your application.
- If successful, application will be passed onto the **SGEG Panel** for final assessment.
- The Certificates will be dated and last for **3 years** at which point the club can renew by resubmitting a further application form.



## Full international certification:

- The Scottish Golf Environment Certificate criteria match those of the full International Certification Scheme recently launched by Golf Environment Organisation (GEO).
- This ensures clubs can progress to full International certification without substantial further work.
- Contact us for further information on how to register or look at the GEO website [www.golfenvironment.org/certification](http://www.golfenvironment.org/certification)

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