

Energy Footprint Tool – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the EFT?

The EFT is an online tool that enables SEC Charges to upload their energy consumption information to understand more about their emissions and measure their contribution to climate change. Measuring your carbon footprint is the cornerstone of our collective goal to reduce emissions across all the Dioceses.

Why do we have to complete the EFT?

In 2023 the General Synod received and affirmed the direction of the Net Zero Action Plan (2023-2030) which sets the SEC on the path to reducing its contribution to climate change by actively reducing the emissions footprint of its operations. To better understand what those emissions are, we need to understand what the emissions are from each Charge.

What information do you want to collect?

The EFT is only used for capturing energy usage for heating and lighting for each calendar year. For electricity and gas that will be kWh found on your utility bills. For oil heating, please enter the litres purchased in the calendar year into the EFT.

What buildings should be included?

Data should only be recorded for Churches, Church halls, and Church offices, but **not** Rectories or properties that are rented out privately. If you have any other buildings, please get in touch with the Net Zero team.

We are asked to provide data for calendar years. Our utility bills cover some of December from the previous year / January of the following year.

Utility company's bills rarely fit the calendar year. Ignore any minor overlap, it will be captured in the following year's submission.

We have several meters; how do we count these?

Just add up the total kWh from all the utility bills for all the meters you have in the relevant year and enter it into the EFT.

We have changed utility suppliers during the calendar year.

Just add up the kWh from the utility bills from both suppliers. For the question as to who is your energy provider on the EFT, select the one who provided the energy for the majority of the year.

We don't have all the utility bills for the last calendar year, what should we do?

Provide all the information that you have, but don't try and estimate usage for which you do not have the bills. If you find them later, we can update your figures.

Some of my utility bills are estimated, what should I do?

Over time these bills will be re-adjusted by the utility provider when you take meter readings, so if usage is estimated, just enter that.

Our Church/hall has recently been renovated/is seeing a lot more use since Covid and our utility bills are very different from previous years.

We are only interested in collecting data from the calendar year 2023 to form a baseline of energy usage across the Province.

It has been difficult obtaining this information because of refunds from our energy suppliers.

We are only interested in energy usage, ie kWh, whether actual or estimated, and not how much money has been spent.

We have a green energy supplier, should we be submitting data?

Yes, because there is still a residual carbon footprint in the transmission networks. Providing details on who your green energy supplier is will help us understand who the most popular suppliers are. All Charges must use a green energy tariff by 2026.

Gas consumption is measured in cubic meters rather than in kWh

The EFT allows for gas data to be entered as cubic meters.

The Church is part of a building combined with a flat/office on one meter

Please submit the total figure.

Our Church is very large/busy/cold and we know we have large energy consumption. Will the EFT reflect badly upon us?

The EFT is useful to the Net Zero team as it helps target our time and resources to those who would benefit the most when it comes to reducing both emissions and energy bills. The EFT is **not** a 'name and shame' exercise.