

PAS 402 Waste Resource Management—Specification for Performance Reporting

PAS 402:2013 provides a standardised way of reporting performance that can be adopted by the waste management sector and provides the framework for the demonstration of performance against key areas of delivery, including landfill diversion and materials recovery. The standard provides assurance to stakeholders, regulators and both new and existing customers. The Scheme is open to all waste management companies that handle waste themselves regardless of size, tonnages or materials.



PAS 402:2013

PAS 402 is a Publicly Available Specification, developed in conjunction with BSI. The PAS requires waste management organisations to demonstrate verified environmental, health, safety and quality practices that will assist clients in selecting sound contractors.

Organisations familiar with operating ISO 14001, 45001 and 9001, or EMAS are highly likely to meet the PAS 402 requirements. The noticeable difference being the obligation for an annual written performance review including key data on waste and recycling rates.

The PAS402 scheme in the UK is certified by Green Compass.

The Green Compass Scheme

The aim of the Green Compass Scheme is to support the waste industry to move towards a truly sustainable approach to managing waste whilst providing customers with validated waste performance data.

The Green Compass Scheme is based on UKAS accredited inspection to independently verify compliance with the PAS. The scheme is creating a network of quality assured waste management companies of varied sizes, upon whom industry can depend to provide an efficient, effective and measured solution for its waste problem.

Members of the Chartered Institute of Waste Management (CIWM)'s Special Interest Group for Construction are increasingly specifying that their contractors adopt PAS 402:2013, as are an increasing number of local authorities, waste brokers, government organisations, and other significant industry bodies.

The Green Compass Scheme enables waste management organisations to demonstrate their performance with a UKAS accredited inspection against PAS 402. The scheme provides the framework, guidance and process for PAS 402 inspection.

Key Aspects of PAS 402 include

- Scope of operations;
- Impacts and risks;
- Operational management;
- Legal and other requirements; and Performance.

Benefits

- Becoming part of the best practice elite of waste management businesses in the UK.
- Demonstrating 'credible' landfill diversion rates to your clients, helping them to achieve their own diversion from landfill rates;
- Increasing efficiency and securing additional work as PAS 402 increases customer confidence
- BRE have now included PAS 402 Accreditation in their new BREEAM 2018, manual. In section Waste 01 the requirement for a pre-demolition audit is now in as a separate credit, rather than hidden within Construction Resource Efficiency. The credit available for diversion of waste from landfill remains largely the same. However, there is a new requirement which specifies that to obtain an exemplary level credit, waste data MUST be verified by a PAS 402:2013 certified company.

Sol Environment Ltd

Sol Environment Ltd are fully trained auditors for the Green Compass Scheme and also certified BREEAM Assessors. Sol have significant experience in the waste sector and waste regulation and are strategically placed to add value whilst supporting your certification to the PAS 402 specification.

Sol are able to undertake an initial assessment of your site (a 'gap analysis') to determine how close you are to meeting the requirements of the Green Compass Scheme for PAS 402 and what actions to take next. We can then work with you to design, document and implement a simple management system (or add-on) focussed on demonstrating credible landfill diversion and material recovery rates.