

This document describes:

- *Who is involved with the setting up and maintenance of a CCA,*
- *What the various parties do and when they do it,*
- *Where you fit into the process and the actions you need to take.*

Introduction

This guidance note provides an overview of the three stages of a CCA agreement:

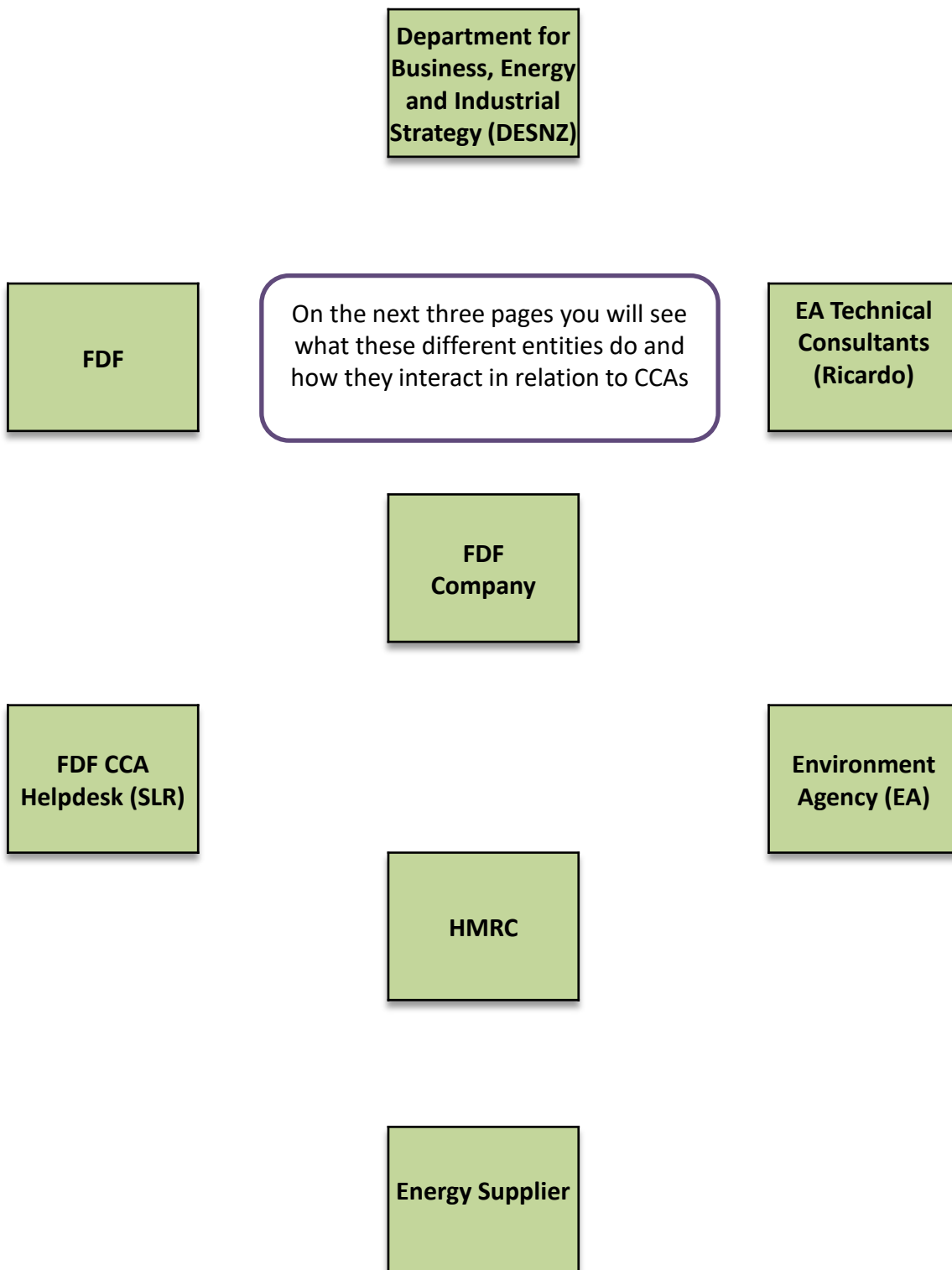
- The background as to how the FDF CCA scheme came about,
- Steps in applying for a transfer of ownership of a FDF CCA,
- What happens after your CCA is activated.

Pages 6 and onwards drill down to further detail on the steps in the process of applying for a FDF CCA.

We refer out to a number of supporting information notes to provide detailed guidance on some requirements that you will need to know about in preparing your application.

However if you know little about what a CCA is and what the benefits may be for your organisation, we suggest you first read [FDFCCA Note 01: What is a CCA?](#)

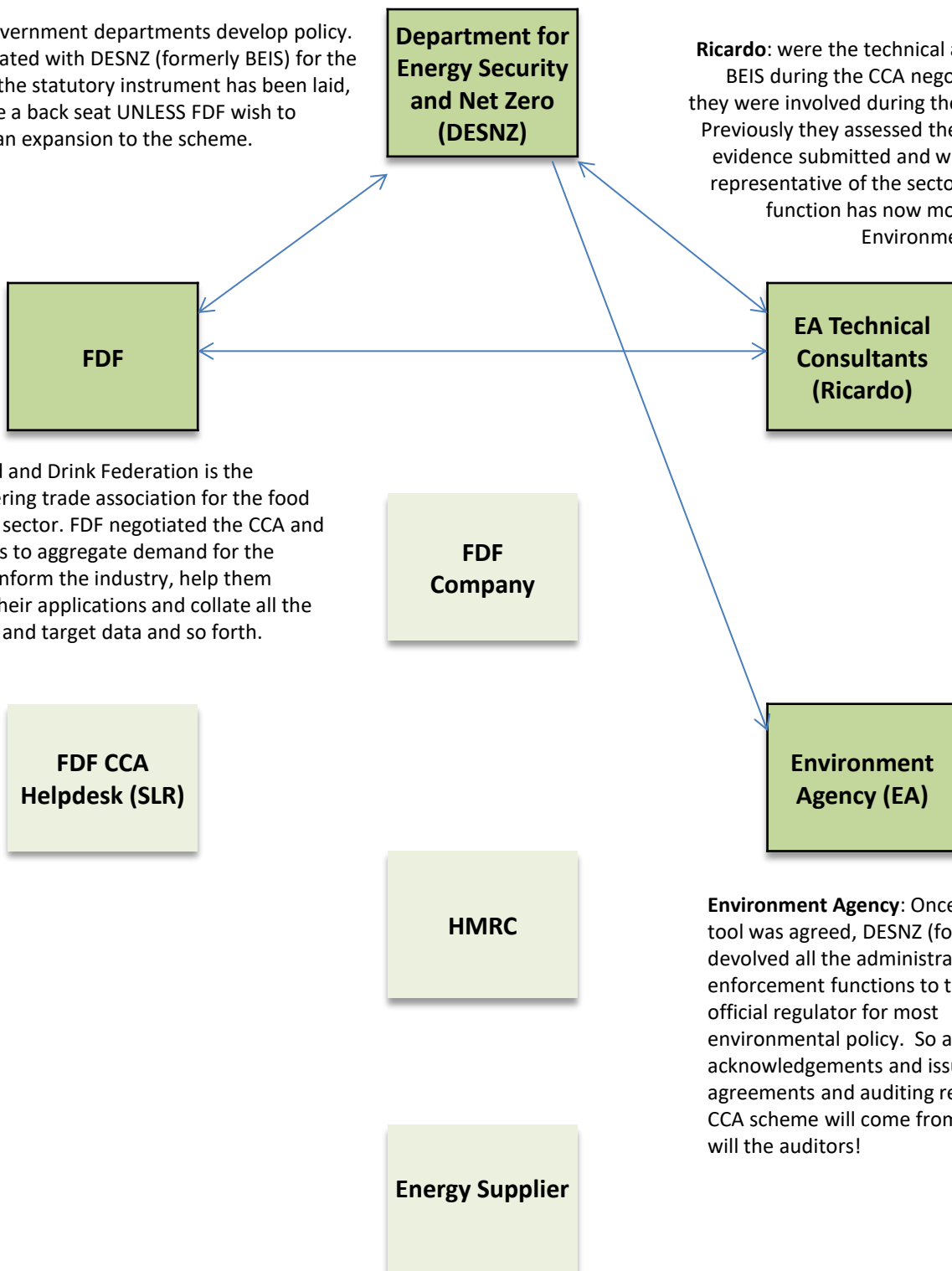
There are many entities involved with the creation and maintenance of your CCA. The process is complex so to explain who does what and when, we have split the process into 3 stages: Policy - Background to your CCA, Applying for your CCA and After your CCA is Activated.



This diagram shows who was involved with creation of the CCA agreement between DESNZ and FDF (Sector Umbrella Agreement). This is the agreement that allows you to apply for a CCA

DESNZ: Government departments develop policy. FDF negotiated with DESNZ (formerly BEIS) for the CCA. Now the statutory instrument has been laid, DESNZ take a back seat UNLESS FDF wish to negotiate an expansion to the scheme.

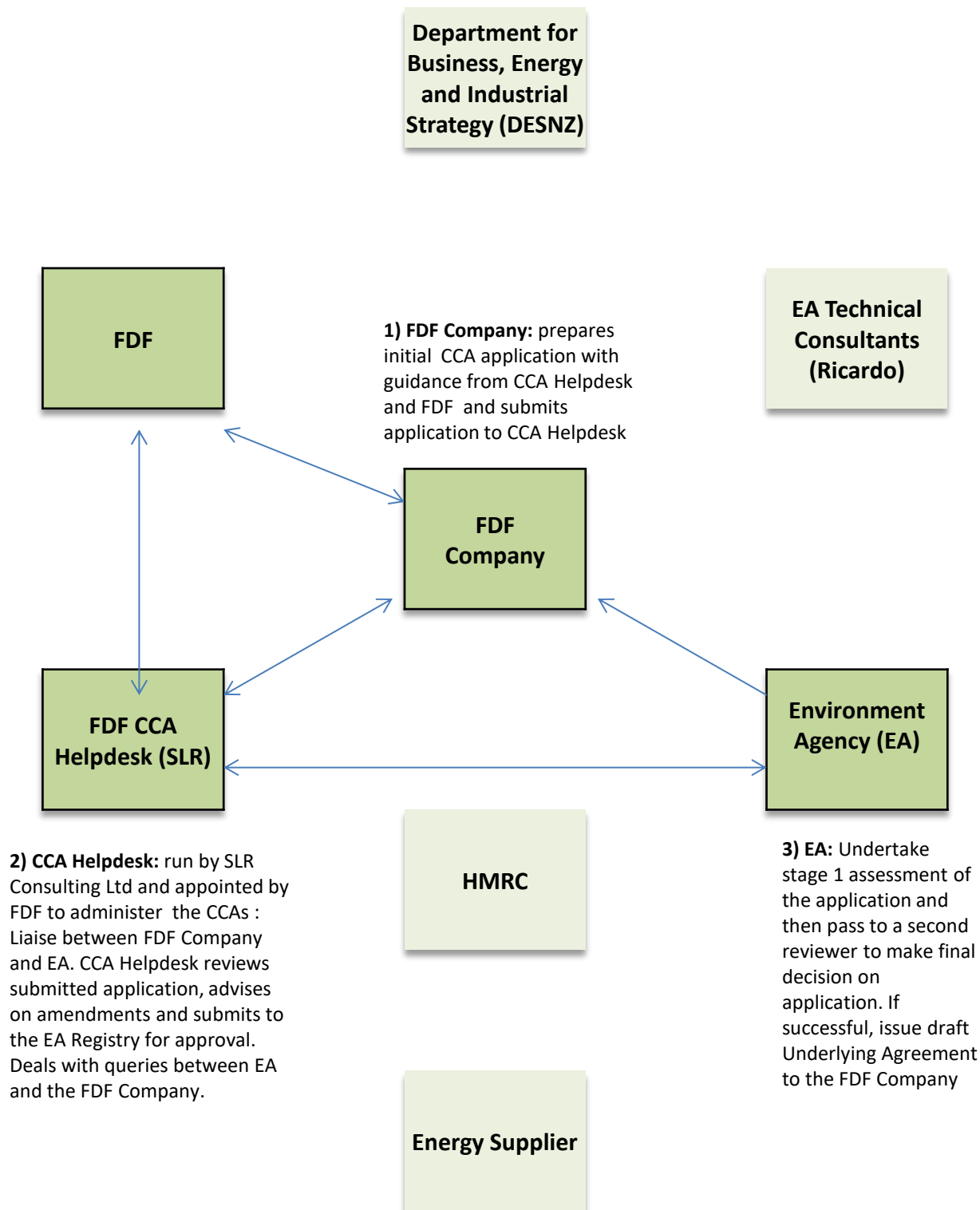
Ricardo: were the technical advisors to BEIS during the CCA negotiations so they were involved during the dialogue. Previously they assessed the quality of evidence submitted and whether it is representative of the sector, etc. This function has now moved to the Environment Agency



FDF: Food and Drink Federation is the administering trade association for the food and drink sector. FDF negotiated the CCA and their job is to aggregate demand for the scheme, inform the industry, help them prepare their applications and collate all the reporting and target data and so forth.

Environment Agency: Once the policy tool was agreed, DESNZ (formerly BEIS) devolved all the administrative and enforcement functions to the EA as the official regulator for most environmental policy. So all the formal acknowledgements and issuance of agreements and auditing relating to the CCA scheme will come from the EA. So will the auditors!

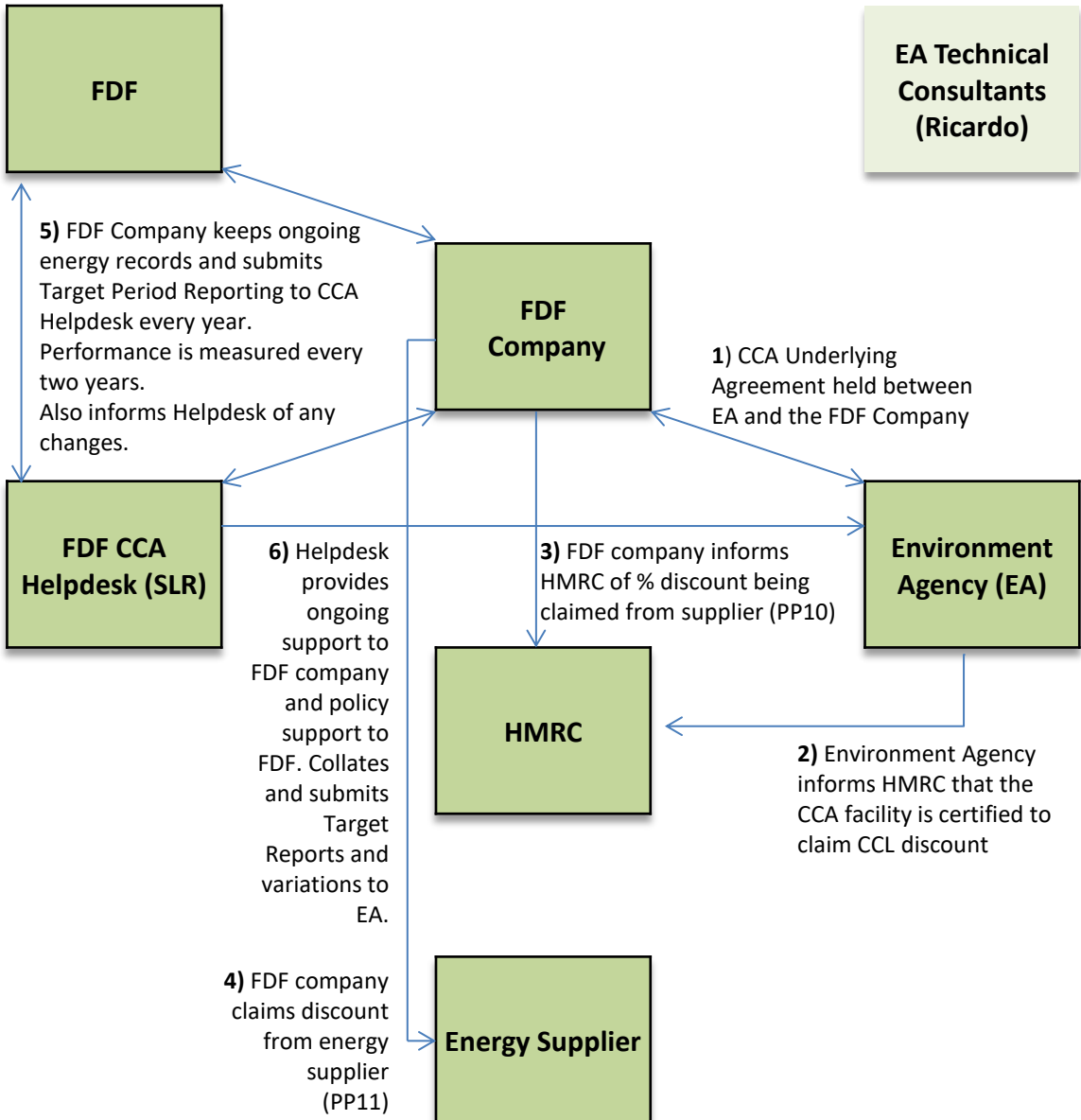
When preparing your application, your primary contact will be with the FDF CCA Helpdesk although FDF will be on hand to assist with escalations, managing expectations and so on.



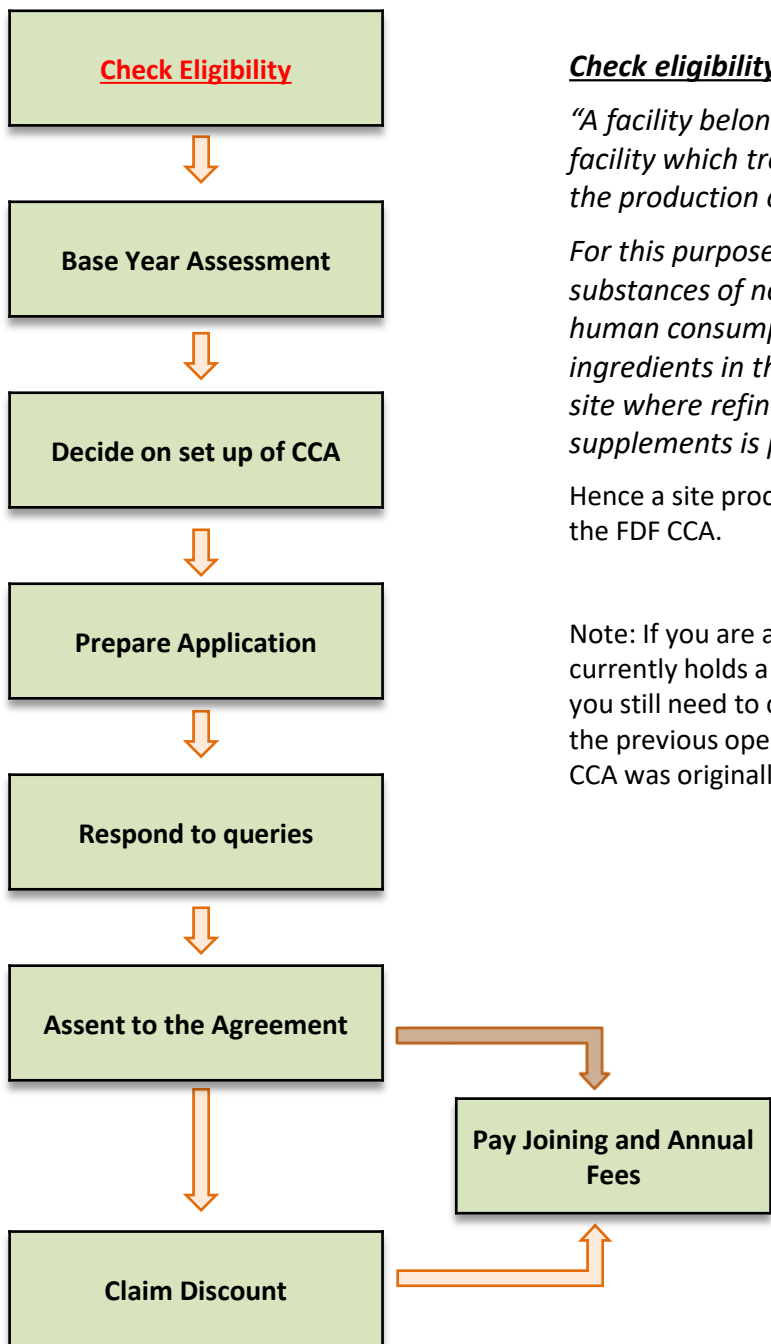
Once your CCA has been activated, the work doesn't stop there. There are records to be kept, reporting to be done on a regular basis and you need to keep people informed of any changes.

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DESNZ)

7) FDF continues to develop policy and brief industry



There are a number of steps involved in the setting up of a CCA. This and the following slides provide detail on each step as in the flow map below. The current window for applications to join a CCA opens on 1 May 2023 and will close on 30 September 2023. The eligible process must have commenced at the facility before this closing date.



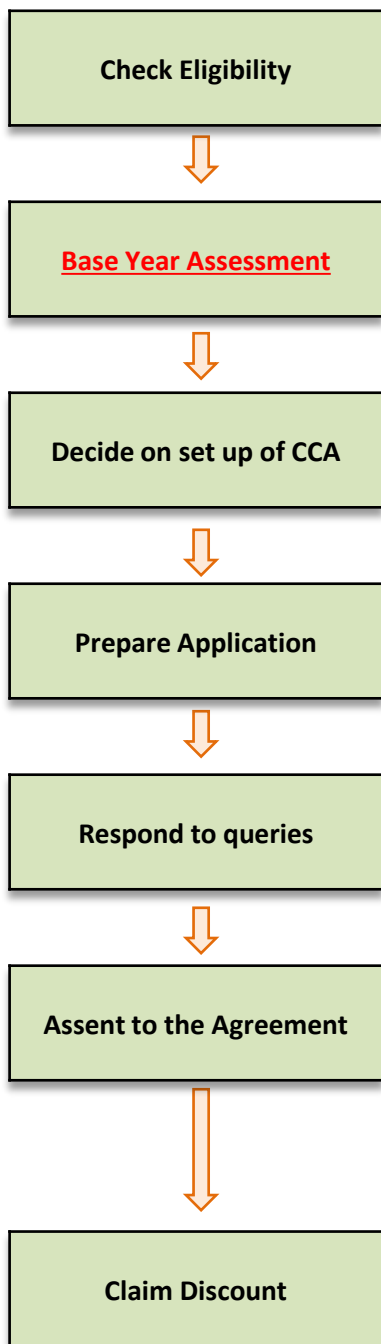
Check eligibility

“A facility belongs to the food and drink sector if it is a facility which treats and processes materials intended for the production of food products.

For this purpose ‘food’ includes drink, articles and substances of no nutritional value which are used for human consumption and articles and substances used as ingredients in the preparation of food. At an installation or site where refined salt for use in food products or supplements is prepared or processed from minerals.”

Hence a site processing a food product could be eligible to join the FDF CCA.

Note: If you are applying to take over ownership of a site that currently holds a CCA, as opposed to applying for a new site, you still need to check eligibility in the event that either you, or the previous operator, has made changes to processes since the CCA was originally approved.



Base Year Assessment

Once you have determined that you should be eligible to apply for a CCA, you will need to prepare an application pack that will provide eligibility evidence and a baseline of energy performance for the site(s). The baseline will be used to set milestone targets for you to meet.

The Base Year Period for the FDF CCA is 2018 unless significant changes have occurred at site since then.

An eligible site can be seen as consisting of three separate CCA categories:

- Eligible Process, described on the previous page,
- Directly Associated Activities (DAAs), see page 10,
- Ineligible activities/areas, see page 10.

You will need to determine the energy used in the separate categories and also annotate a site plan accordingly.

If 70% or more of all the total primary energy* used across the whole site is used in the eligible process and DAAs then all of the site’s energy is included in the Base Year.

Energy data should:

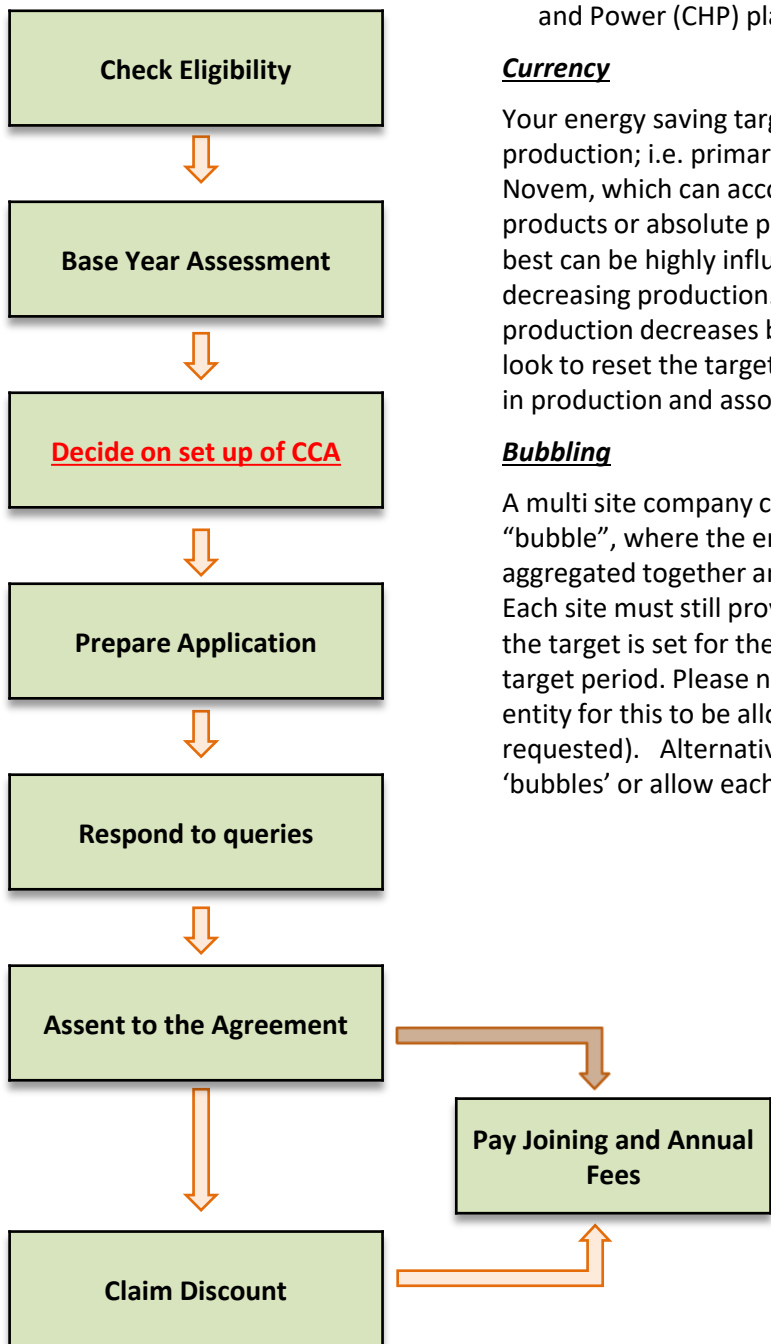
- Include all energy streams to site.
- Be provided in terms of kWh of delivered energy; i.e. as invoiced or supplied to the site .

Once you have established what to include in your CCA, you need to collate energy and production figures for the base year.

If the site is a brand new facility; i.e. a greenfield site, then it may apply without any firm base year information but it must provide estimates and commit to supplying 12 months of accurate data within a certain timeframe. The eligible process must have commenced by 30th September 2023.

If fuels are covered by UK ETS, you need to include the kWh usage and identify that they are covered by UK ETS. UK ETS energy should be included in your 70/30 assessment but will not be included in your target or target period performance (to prevent overlaps).

* Primary energy = (electricity x 2.6) + all other fuels



Decide on set up of CCA

The decisions that you need to make are as follows:

- ‘Currency’ – the units of your target.
- ‘Bubbling’ – if you have more than one site.
- Special reporting methodology (SRM) for sites with Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plants.

Currency

Your energy saving target can be measured in either relative to production; i.e. primary energy per tonne of production in kWh/tonne, Novem, which can account for different energy intensity of different products or absolute primary energy in kWh. The decision on which is best can be highly influenced by whether the site is increasing or decreasing production. If a company chooses an absolute target and production decreases below 90% of its base year value then the EA will look to reset the target however no adjustment can be made for increase in production and associated increase in energy

Bubbling

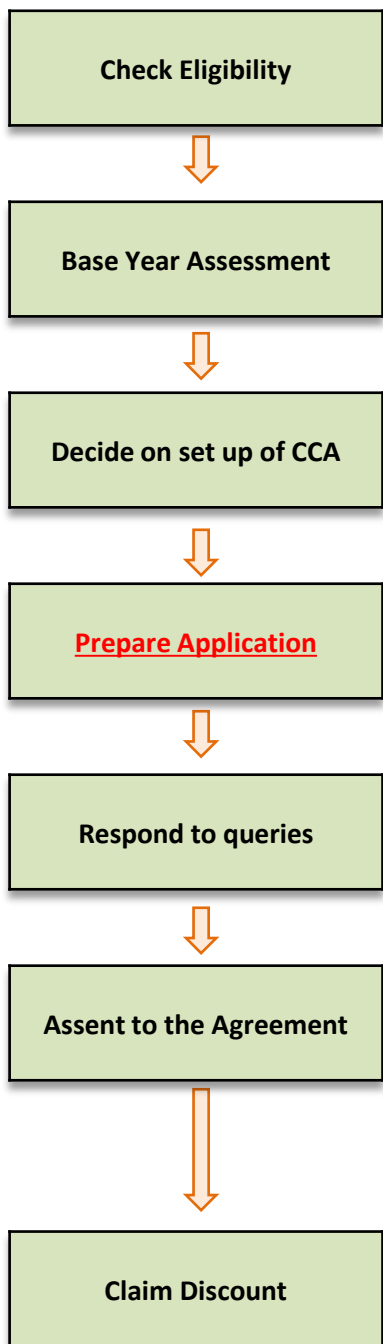
A multi site company can put all their sites into a single target unit ; “bubble”, where the energy and production data from each site will be aggregated together and hence there will be one target for all the sites. Each site must still provide energy and production data separately, but the target is set for the whole bubble and achieves one result at each target period. Please note that all sites must belong to the same legal entity for this to be allowed (the companies house number is often requested). Alternatively, a multi site company could create smaller ‘bubbles’ or allow each site to have their own CCA and hence own targets.

The features of a ‘bubbled’ agreement are as follows, for some companies they can be seen as advantages and for other as disadvantages:

- The administration of the CCA is coordinated centrally not through the sites.
- One result at each target period hence good and bad performances are evened out across the sites.
- If the bubble fails and does not buy CO2 to compensate then the entire bubble loses its CCL discount.
- Penalties are set on the value of the CCL discount for the entire bubble regardless of which sites could invoke a penalty.

Prepare Application

Please contact the FDF CCA Helpdesk for an Application Pack. You will need to prepare a number of supporting documents for each site. The list below shows each document required. The documents for each site have to be uploaded separately to the EA CCA Registry hence why we have asked for them to be separate files.



Document	Format	File Type to submit
CCA Eligibility Application Form	Excel workbook	Excel
Process Description	Written document	pdf
Eligible Process Description	Written document	pdf
Description of Directly Associated Activities	Written document	pdf
Process Flow Map	Diagram	pdf
Annotated Site Plan	Diagram/CAD drawing/modified GPS image	pdf
70/30 evaluation	Excel spreadsheet with relevant calculations	Excel

The FDF Helpdesk cannot complete your application for you, however, we are available to answer any queries to help you to complete the forms and prepare the relevant documents. We will pre-review your application documents to help you finalise your submission and get it to a position where we think the EA will be happy.

The EA has quite specific requirements with respect to what they want to see included in these supporting documents. If they are not satisfied that the documents provide accurate evidence of eligibility and data then they will query the submission which will delay the application.

Prepare Application (cont'd)

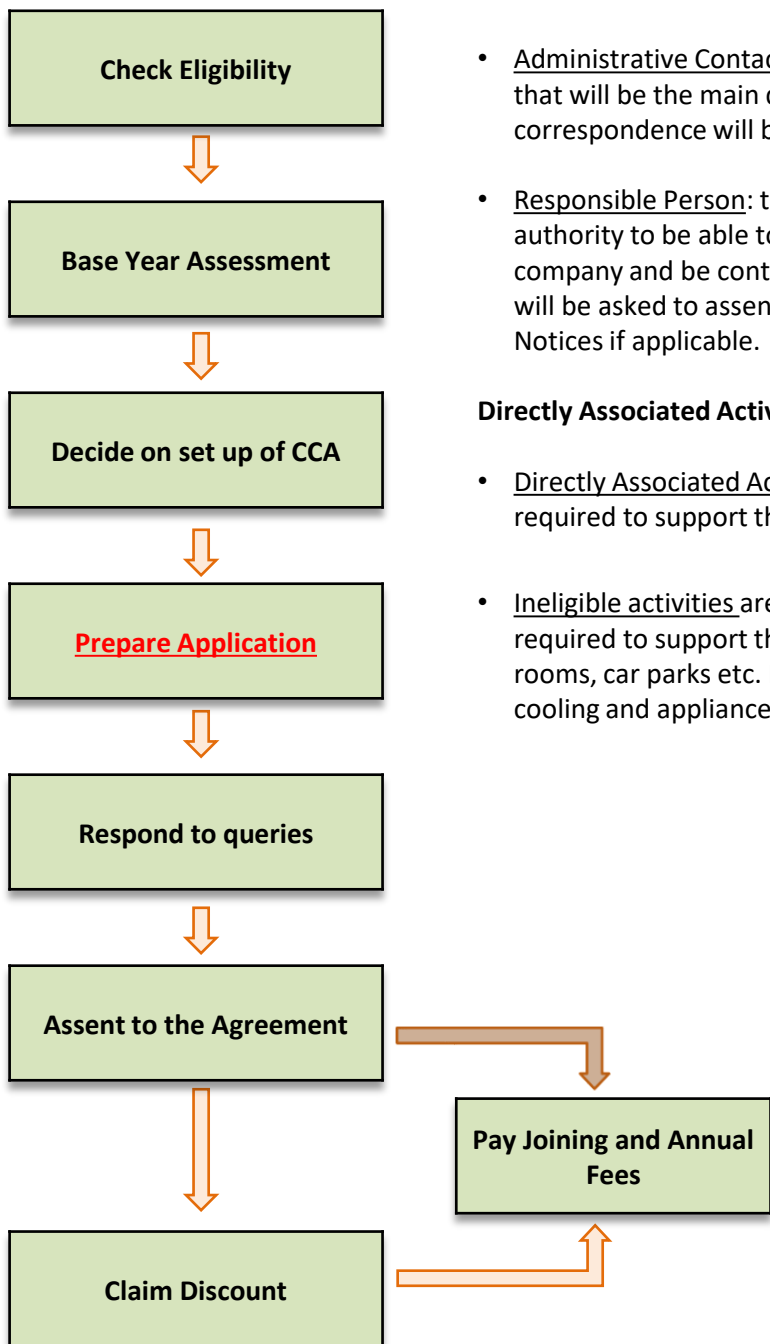
We have provided below descriptions of information that you will need to provide in the documents listed on the previous page.

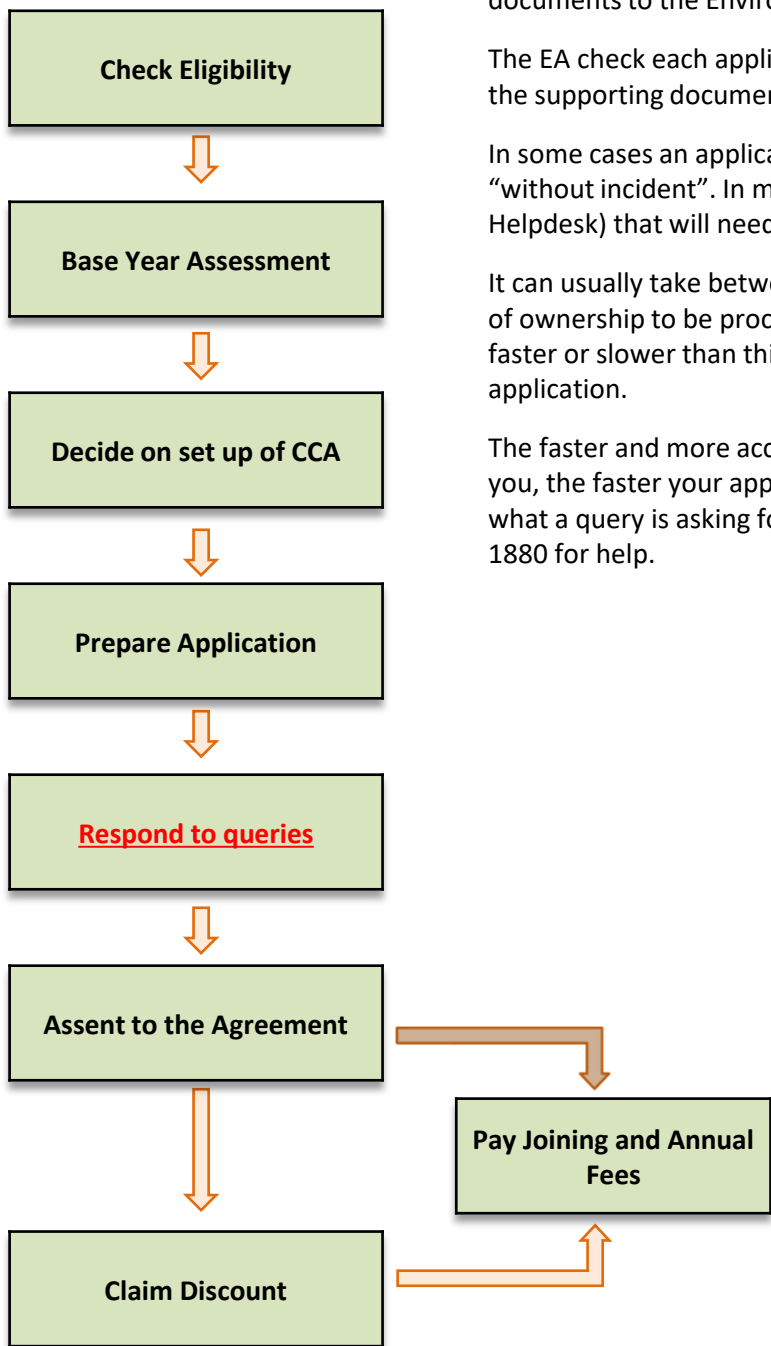
Contact details for the CCA:

- Administrative Contact: this is the person from within the company that will be the main day-to-day contact for the CCA and all correspondence will be issued to this person.
- Responsible Person: this person must have sufficient management authority to be able to enter into an agreement on behalf of the company and be contactable at a UK address. The Responsible Person will be asked to assent to the agreement and will receive Penalty Notices if applicable.

Directly Associated Activities and Ineligible energy:

- Directly Associated Activities (DAAs) are the essential services that are required to support the eligible process. e.g. boilers, conveyors.
- Ineligible activities are remaining areas and hence they are not directly required to support the eligible process. E.g. canteens, offices, rest rooms, car parks etc. If an area is ineligible, then lighting, heating and cooling and appliances in that area should also be treated as ineligible.





Respond to queries

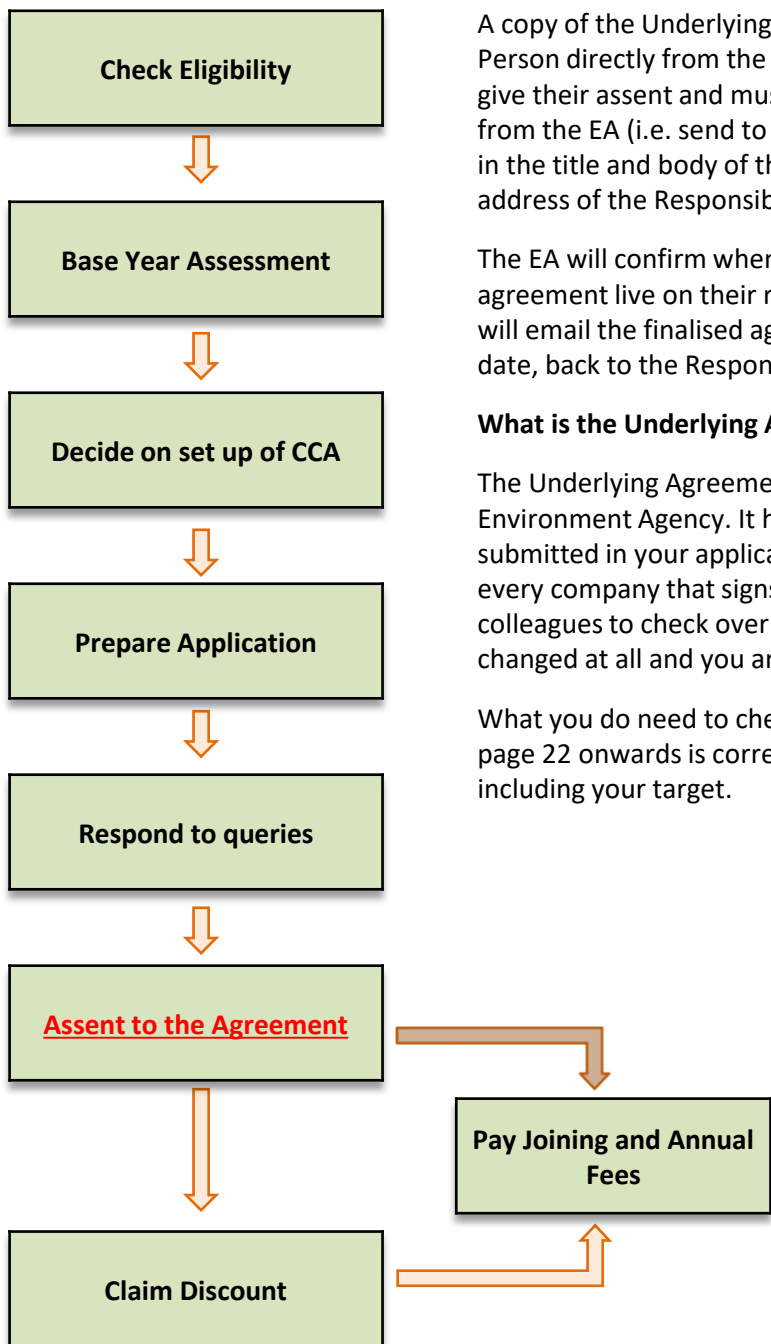
The information you supply is screened by the FDF CCA Helpdesk team and we will contact you if any information is missing, needs clarification or looks unusual. We will then upload the information and supporting documents to the Environment Agency (EA) CCA on-line Registry.

The EA check each application, ensuring that the sites are eligible and that the supporting documents, such as 70/30 rule calculations, are in order.

In some cases an application progresses through the submission process “without incident”. In many cases, the EA make a query (via the FDF Helpdesk) that will need attention from the applicant.

It can usually take between 4 – 6 weeks for a new application or transfer of ownership to be processed by the EA however the process may be faster or slower than this depending on the quality and complexity of the application.

The faster and more accurately that you respond to any queries sent to you, the faster your application will progress. If you don’t fully understand what a query is asking for, then please call the FDF Helpdesk on 0844 800 1880 for help.



Assent to the Agreement

You cannot claim CCL discount until the Underlying Agreement is finalised and activated by the Environment Agency. The date shown on the finalised agreement is the activation date.

A copy of the Underlying Agreement will be emailed to the Responsible Person directly from the EA. The Responsible Person must email the EA to give their assent and must follow the instructions in the original email from the EA (i.e. send to the right email address and state the right words in the title and body of the email). The assent must come from the email address of the Responsible Person.

The EA will confirm when an assent has been received and will make the agreement live on their registry. Once this has been completed, the EA will email the finalised agreement containing the agreement activation date, back to the Responsible Person.

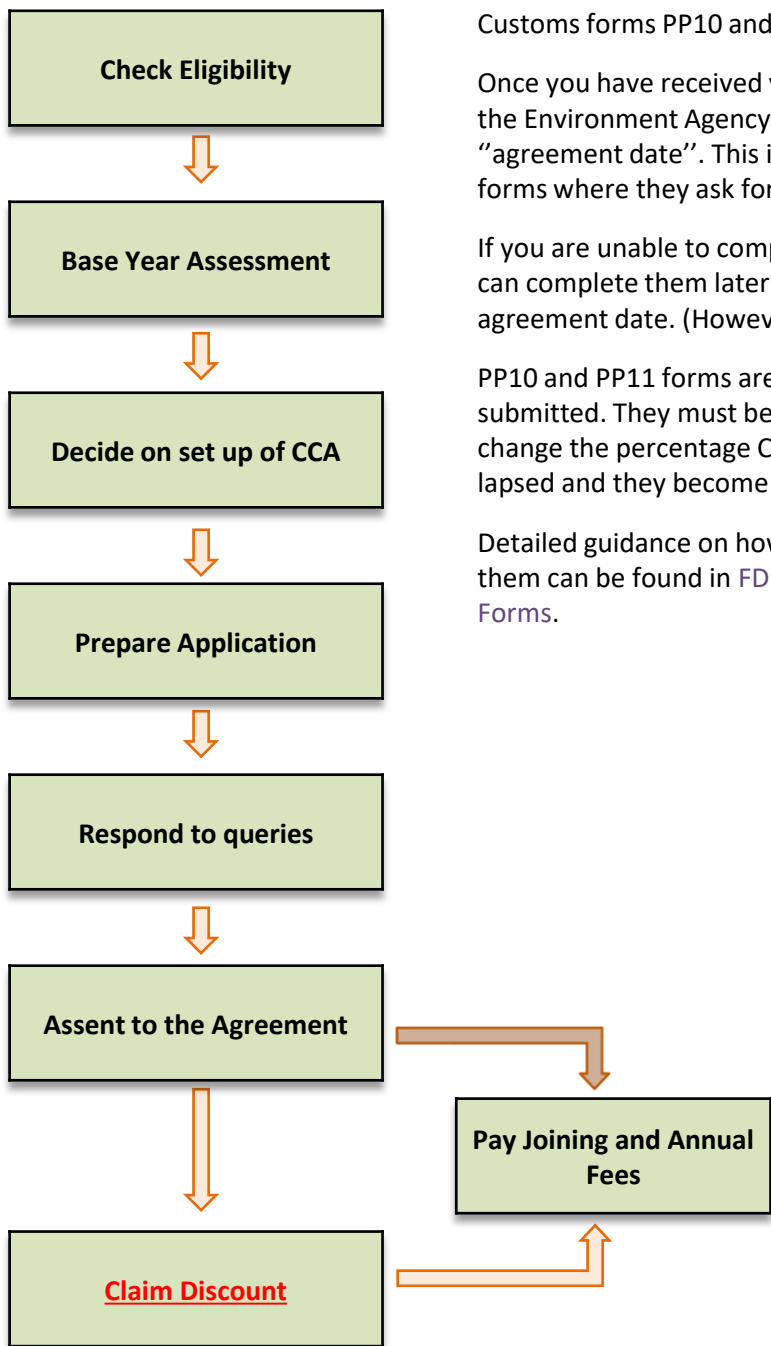
What is the Underlying Agreement?

The Underlying Agreement is between the organisation and the Environment Agency. It has been generated using the information submitted in your application. It is a standard document that is issued to every company that signs up to a CCA. You may wish your legal colleagues to check over it however be aware that the wording cannot be changed at all and you are entering into a voluntary agreement.

What you do need to check on the agreement is the data shown from page 22 onwards is correct as these contain company specific information including your target.

The agreement will not be made public but certain pieces of information contained within the agreements will be published. The 'reduced rate certificate' is published by the EA and contains the site's Facility Identifier, Target Unit Operator Name, site/facility address and Scheme Entry Date, please see:

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/791f5d8b-ac3b-4669-9e7b-e269ae634f94/climate-change-agreements-reduced-rate-certificates-rrc>



Claim discount

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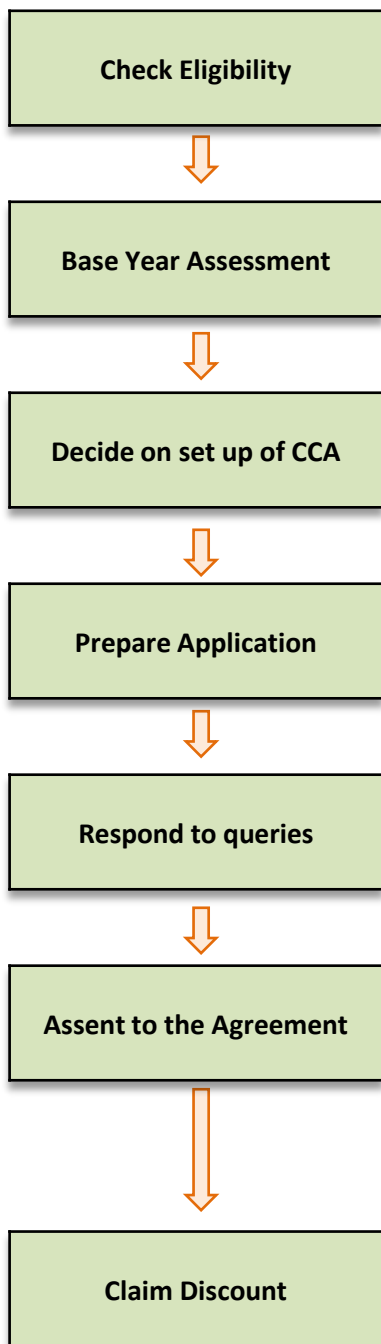
You can claim the discount on the CCL by completing the HM Revenue & Customs forms PP10 and PP11.

Once you have received your activated Underlying Agreement back from the Environment Agency, you will see that on the first page, there is an “agreement date”. This is the date that you need to enter on the claim forms where they ask for “date from which the relief applies”.

If you are unable to complete the PP10 and PP11 forms immediately, you can complete them later and submit with the relief date backdated to the agreement date. (However you cannot backdate more than 4 years!)

PP10 and PP11 forms are valid for five years from the date that they are submitted. They must be resubmitted if you change energy supplier, change the percentage CCL relief being claimed or if five years have lapsed and they become invalid.

Detailed guidance on how to download the online forms and complete them can be found in [FDF Note 04: Completing HMRC PP10 and PP11 Forms](#).



Paying joining and annual fees

There are fees associated with application and administration of your CCA. Invoices for these will be raised and sent to you by SLR Consulting Limited, who run the FDF CCA Helpdesk. [Guidance Note 03](#) shows fee rates for FDF members and non-members. Trade Association members are charged at a discounted rate as their membership fees also contribute towards the work that goes into ongoing policy negotiations with DESNZ.

Joining Fees apply per site for new CCA applications. These cover administration for the application process and are due on submission of an application regardless of whether successful or not. Joining fees do not apply in cases of transfer of ownership of an existing CCA site.

New sites will be invoiced following application.

Annual fees will be invoiced following activation of the Underlying Agreement and at the start of the year thereafter.

The joining and annual fees vary according to size banding and the banding is based on the amount of primary energy used during the base year as follows:

- Small sites up to 3,500 MWh per year
- Medium sites between 3,501 and 35,000 MWh per year
- Large sites over 35,000 MWh per year

The CCA year runs 1st January to 31st December.

Annual fees are payable in advance and cover the 12 month period above. If a site is included in the scheme for only part of a year, the full annual payment for that site still applies. Sites will be invoiced at the start of the year for the Annual Fees.

For further information please contact SLR's FDF CCA helpdesk:

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or visit <https://www.fdf.org.uk/fdf/what-we-do/environmental-sustainability/climate-change-agreements/>

The full suite of FDF CCA Guidance Notes are listed below and can be accessed via contacting the helpdesk or visiting the website.

Guidance Note	Title
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4	Completing HMRC PP10 and PP11 Forms
5	Timetable of FDF CCA Activities
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7	Reporting data at each Target Period
8	How CCAs interact with other schemes
9	Glossary and Abbreviations
10	What happens if...
11	NOVEM targets
12	NOVEM Calculation Spreadsheet
13	HMRC CCL Relief Reporting (previously State Aid reporting)
14	Penalties for non compliance
15	Application Documentation