Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier name: Academies Finance (Trading Name of RNS Business Services Ltd)
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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Academies Finance is committed to achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases produced in the past, before introducing any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

Baseline Year: 2025	
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.	
The baseline year (FY2024/25) represents the first year in which Academies Finance (trading name of RNS Business Services Ltd) undertook a comprehensive assessment of its greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with Carbon Reduction Plan reporting requirements. As a professional services organisation operating primarily through remote and hybrid working arrangements, the baseline includes Scope 1, Scope 2 and relevant Scope 3 emissions associated with business travel, employee commuting, homeworking energy consumption, waste and paper usage. No significant organisational changes, acquisitions, mergers, or restructuring events have occurred that would require recalculating the baseline emissions. The baseline therefore provides a consistent and reliable reference point against which future emissions reductions can be measured	
Baseline year emissions:	
EMISSIONS	**TOTAL (tCO_2e)**
Scope 1	**0.0**
Scope 2	**0.4**
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	**9.1**
Total Emissions	**9.5**

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2026	
EMISSIONS	**TOTAL (tCO_2e)**
Scope 1	**0.0**
Scope 2	**0.3**
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	**7.8**
Total Emissions	**8.1**

Emissions reduction targets

Total emissions have reduced from 9.5 tCO2e to 8.1 tCO2e, a reduction of approximately 14.7%. We target emissions of approximately 6.5 tCO2e by FY2031/32 and Net Zero by 2050.

To continue our progress toward Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets.

We project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 6.5 tCO_2e by FY2031/32. This represents a reduction of approximately 32% against our FY2024/25 baseline emissions of 9.5 tCO_2e and supports our commitment to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050. Progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below.

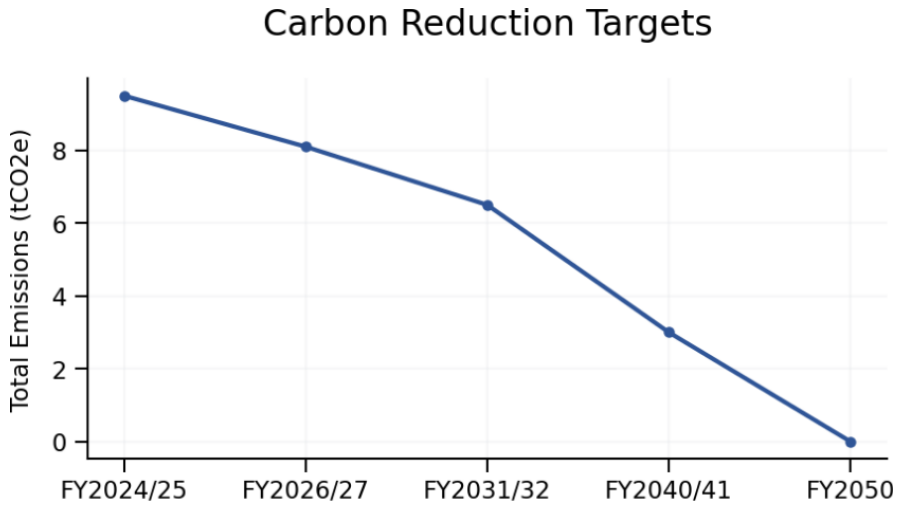


Figure 1: Carbon reduction trajectory from 9.5 tCO_2e in FY2024/25 to Net Zero emissions by 2050.

Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the FY2024/25 baseline. These initiatives achieved a carbon emission reduction of 1.4 tCO_2e, representing a 14.7% reduction against the FY2024/25 baseline, and these measures will remain in effect during the contract.

Implemented measures include:

- Digital-first service delivery and project management.
- Use of Microsoft Teams and other collaboration technologies to support remote delivery.
- Remote and hybrid working arrangements to reduce commuting emissions.
- Reduced business travel through virtual meetings, workshops and training.
- Electronic document management and paper-light working practices.
- Sustainable procurement considerations where appropriate.
- Monitoring and reporting of emissions associated with business travel, commuting and homeworking.
- Annual carbon footprint measurement and reporting.

These measures have reduced emissions from 9.5 tCO_2e to 8.1 tCO_2e and will continue to be applied when performing contracts awarded under this Framework.

Environmental Management Measures Applied to Contract Delivery

Contract delivery will prioritise virtual meetings, digital collaboration tools, paper-light processes, minimised travel, sustainable travel options where attendance is required, and ongoing monitoring of emissions associated with contract delivery.

Future carbon reduction initiatives

Future initiatives will include enhanced Scope 3 reporting, further reductions in travel emissions through digital-first delivery, expanded sustainable procurement practices, continued reductions in paper consumption, and annual review of carbon reduction performance and Net

Zero targets. These measures will be applied where appropriate when delivering contracts awarded under this Framework

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 006 and associated guidance and reporting standards for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard[1] and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting[2].

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard[3].

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been approved by the Board of Directors of RNS Business Services Ltd trading as Academies Finance and will be reviewed annually.

Signed on behalf of the Supplier:

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Managing Director
RNS Business Services Ltd trading as Academies Finance

Date: 1 November 2026

[1] https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard
[2] https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting
[3] https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard