

Waste Carriers and Brokers

Waste legislation can be complex and difficult to comprehend. Our straight talking, no nonsense guides to make it easier to understand how each law affects you. Compliance comes as standard in everything we do, protecting your organisation every step of the way.



1. Overview

Any person or business wishing to carry someone else's waste or who wishes to carry building waste must be registered as a Waste Carrier. Any person or business who wishes to arrange for the collection of someone else's waste on a commercial basis must be a registered Broker.

2. Are you affected

It is an offence for a waste producer to use a Carrier or Broker that is not registered.

3. Summary

- It is possible for anyone to register as a Waste Carrier and/or Broker. This can be done on-line with the Environment Agency by paying a fee.
- All registered Waste Carriers and Brokers are shown on an EA on-line Public Register.

- Currently, only businesses that carry someone else's waste or who carry building waste must register.
- Some organisations are exempt including Local Authorities and charities.
- From the end of 2013, exempt businesses that regularly carry waste, even if it is their own, will have to be registered although it is likely this will be free and only required once.

4. What next

The Government has indicated in its Red Tape Challenge proposals that micro-businesses may not need to register under the new requirement.

5. More information

- Environment Agency
- Public Register