

# Scotland's Climate Change Legislation

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## Presentation

1. Global Climate Emergency
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- On April 28, the First Minister of Scotland officially declared a global climate emergency.

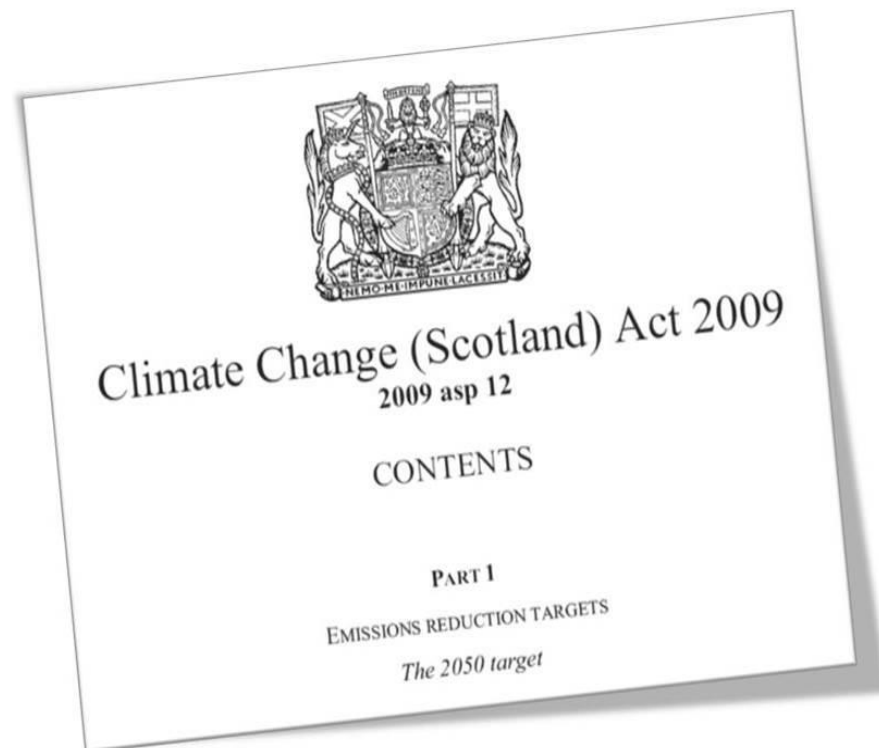
**“Scotland has declared a  
global climate  
emergency and now  
Scotland must act as one  
to safeguard our planet  
for future generations”**

- Roseanna Cunningham, Climate  
Change Secretary



## Climate Change (Scotland) Act

- Created a statutory framework for greenhouse gas emissions reductions in Scotland
- Set world-leading emissions targets:
  - 2020 – 42%
  - 2050 – 80%
  - Compared to 1990 baseline
- First country in the world to:
  - Included share from international aviation and shipping
  - Introduce legally binding annual targets





# Climate Change Bill

- New Bill amends the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
- Introduced to Parliament on 23 May 2018
- Primary objective: raise ambition of Scotland's emissions reduction targets
- Targets are set in line with advice from the Committee on Climate Change (CCC), our independent advisors



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- May 2: New CCC report released offered new guidance for when net-zero emissions were attainable
- In response, the Scottish Government immediately lodged amendments to the Climate Change Bill implementing the CCC's advice.

## CCC Advice

Country	Target Reduction (compared to 1990 levels)	By When
Scotland	100%	2045
UK	100%	2050
Wales	95%	2050

## Scottish Targets

Year	Current (2009 Act)	Bill as Introduced	Amended Bill
2020	42%	56%	56%
2030	63.6%	66%	70%
2040	Not Set	78%	90%
2045	Not Set	84%	100%
2050	80%	90%	N/A



## Stage 1 [Completed]

- Consideration of the general principles of the bill by the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee (ECCLR)
- Debate and agreement in Parliament on the general principles

## Stage 2 [On-Going]

- Detailed consideration of bill by ECCLR Committee
- First chance for Bill to be amended, Committee members vote on amendments

## Stage 3 [Future]

- Final consideration of the bill by the Parliament, last chance to amend the Bill
- Finishes with a debate on the whole Bill and a vote on whether to pass it





**Thank you!**  
**Questions?**



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