

METHODOLOGY OVERVIEW

Compliance Scheme Eligibility

How AlliedOffsets identifies which carbon credits qualify for compliance carbon pricing schemes

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Overview

AlliedOffsets assesses carbon credits against the eligibility rules of compliance carbon pricing schemes worldwide, including carbon taxes, emissions trading systems and sector-specific offset programs. Our Policy Team analyzes each scheme's official rules, and those rules are then applied consistently across our credit database. Users can see which credits, and which projects' supply, may qualify for a given compliance obligation.

Data Sources

Source type	How it is used
Official scheme regulations	Laws, regulations, approved methodology lists and guidance published by scheme administrators.
Bilateral agreements	Published Article 6 Implementation Agreements, such as those under Singapore's International Carbon Credit Framework, which set partner-specific criteria.
Public carbon registries	Credit and project attributes, including registry, location, methodology, sector, vintage and retirement details.
AlliedOffsets policy research	Expert interpretation of scheme rules by the AlliedOffsets Policy Team.

Our Approach

1	Analyze scheme rules Our Policy Team reviews each scheme's official rules to identify which registries, project types, methodologies, locations and vintages qualify.
2	Reflect bilateral criteria For schemes that operate through bilateral agreements, the criteria for each partner country are captured separately.
3	Assess every credit Credits are tested against each scheme's eligibility pathways using their registry, location, methodology, vintage and retirement information.

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Link to projects

Credit-level results are linked to their parent projects, so eligible supply can be viewed by project, country or scheme.

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Keep rules current

Eligibility rules are updated as schemes publish changes and new bilateral agreements come into force.

Key Principles

Grounded in official sources

Eligibility rules are built from official regulations and published agreements.

Expert interpretation

Policy specialists translate complex regulations into clear criteria before they are applied.

Credit-level precision

Eligibility is assessed for each credit, because credits from the same project can differ in eligibility.

Quality Assurance

- Scheme rules are reviewed by the Policy Team when regulations change.
- Vintage requirements are recalculated automatically so that eligibility stays current.

Interpreting the Results

- Eligibility means a credit meets a scheme's qualitative criteria. It does not mean a regulated entity has room to use it under any quantity limits.
- Users should confirm eligibility with the relevant scheme administrator before relying on it for compliance.

Limitations

- Quantity limits, quality tiers and caps within schemes are not modeled.
- Compliance retirements made outside registry systems are not captured.
- New bilateral agreements are reflected only once their criteria are published.
- Credits with incomplete registry information may not be assessable for some schemes.

WHAT YOU GET

An eligibility flag for each credit and each compliance scheme covered, linked to parent projects so that eligible supply can be analyzed by project, country and scheme on the AlliedOffsets platform.

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