

UCD Energy & Water Management and Conservation Policy



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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Energy and Water Policy is to define UCD's position on energy and water management and conservation. Its objectives are to promote the efficient use of energy and water, to reduce consumption, and serve as a driver towards a low carbon estate. This policy reflects the commitments set out in the UCD Strategy, the UCD Strategic Campus Development Plan and the UCD Climate Action Roadmap.

2. Definitions

N/A

3. Scope

The Policy covers all energy consumption and water usage (including potable water consumption) across the University Estate within Ireland where UCD or a fully owned subsidiary is the meter owner.

4. Principles

UCD is committed to:

- Setting energy and water management objectives and improvement targets, and reviewing progress toward these annually.
- Ensuring the availability of information and the necessary resources to achieve these objectives and improvement targets.
- Satisfying applicable statutory and other requirements relating to energy efficiency, energy use and energy consumption; similarly for water.
- Continually improving its energy and water performance, and its energy and water management system.
- Where products or services impact energy performance, procuring energy efficient products and services; similarly for water.

- Supporting design activities that consider the improvement of energy and water performance.

5. Roles and responsibilities

All University staff and students are to engage with activities to support and implement this Policy.

UCD Estate Services will manage and maintain water and energy infrastructure in the aforementioned Scope and in compliance with the ISO 50001:2018 energy and water management system on behalf of UCD.

The office of the VP of Sustainability will be responsible for required institutional reporting.

The UCD Finance Office will be responsible for the required financing and resourcing.

6. Related documents

UCD Strategy to 2030; Breaking Boundaries

UCD Sustainability Plan to 2030

UCD Climate Action Roadmap

7. Version history

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