

New Drop off point category 'Battery Collection Event'

BSC has introduced a new Drop off point category to address feedback from accredited participants about the on-the-ground reality of the Scheme and the need for temporary collection options. This new category is available for entities hosting temporary **Battery collection events** as explained within this communicate.

What is a "collection event"?

Information on this update to the Drop off point participant category will be incorporated into the [Accreditation Protocols](#) and the [Drop off point Code of Practice](#) shortly.

Battery collection event defined	A temporary collection event (< 1 week) for used batteries that does not have fixed or permanent infrastructure on-site and is serviced by a B-cycle accredited Collector.
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How will this definition be applied?

Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + No fixed or permanent collection infrastructure on-site. + Battery collection container cannot remain on-site post event. + Battery containers must meet B-cycle Container Protocols for site event.
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Collection event cannot run longer than one (1) week.
Event Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Drop off point accreditation is not required for the event location itself. + The event must be serviced by an accredited Collector. + A completed risk assessment and Safety Plan for Collection events. + Collection events will be auditable and may be subject to unannounced audits.

Benefits of the new collection events category

- + Decreased administrative burden to both BSC and Drop off point administrators
- + Responsibility for safety and site management under authority of an accredited Collector.
- + Increased flexibility of collection network
- + Increased access by BSC to data and information on source of used battery collections by BSC; and
- + Decreased batteries to landfill.

Practical application of the change

Step 1 Register the Event customer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + B-cycle must be notified via email to contact@bsc.org.au at least one (1) month in advance of a Battery collection event.
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Step 2 Notify BSC about upcoming events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The accredited Collector servicing the event must provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + event (host organisation) contact + location + date and time + anticipated volumes if known + confirm if you would like this event to be promoted on the B-cycle website.
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Step 3 Run the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Collect the same evidence for Battery collection events as is required for Drop off points.
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Step 4 Make a claim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The rebate claim must provide the following for the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + geotagged photos + manifest or consignment note + verified weight by receiving Sorter or Processor.

Battery collection events may be public or private. If an event is a public event, and open to any member of the public, BSC can promote this event on the B-cycle website.

The future

The BSC Board may modify the Scheme, including the Drop off point Participant categories to ensure its implementation is fit-for-purpose and aligns to the objectives of the Scheme. We appreciate any feedback about how we can improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the Scheme.

Contact

Please direct queries regarding Battery collection events to the BSC at contact@bsc.org.au.