Is your company a data centre business?
  i.e. a business offering data centre services to other legal entities/3rd parties?

Is your facility a genuine data centre?
  i.e. a hall, room or collection of rooms mainly or wholly occupied by active computing equipment - not a NOC, trading floor, comms room or recycling warehouse.

Is your facility a colo or colo-style operation?
  i.e. do you lease or licence space and sometimes IT equipment to third parties – as opposed to using the data centre to support your own corporate IT function?

Is the electricity supply to your data centre over 200KW?
  i.e. is it a recognisable facility, not a server room or broom cupboard or converted garage.

Do you have back-up power supply in case of mains failure?
  i.e. can you maintain function in the absence of mains power?

Can you regulate temperature and humidity?
  i.e. can you maintain environmental conditions for reliable computer operation in line with ASHRAE requirements?

Only data centres are eligible for the data centre CCA. Other energy intensive facilities are covered by other sector CCAs.

Participants need to be data centre businesses as opposed to other businesses that happen to operate data centres in-house. Companies for whom the data centre is simply supporting corporate IT function are excluded at the moment.

Do you provide data centre services for third parties? So far, only colocation-type facilities have demonstrated that they meet the energy intensity criteria required.

This is to exclude multiple small server rooms and limit participation to recognisable data centres.

If you have another way of providing continuity then get in touch – this is more about resilience than specific M&E functions

Don’t worry too much about humidity as UK ambient conditions meet ASHRAE requirements but you must be able to regulate temperature.

You should be eligible. Call the helpline 0844 800 1880 or email the helpdesk techuk@slrconsulting.com to request a registration pack or further information. You can also visit our “About the CCA” webpages: http://www.techuk.org/about-the-cca. Alternatively download the quick overview: “What’s a CCA?”

Please note: this is a rule of thumb guide and not intended as legal guidance.