

National Packaging Waste Database

Summary of Portable Batteries Data for the 2026 Compliance Period - as at 25 August 2026

Data Summary

The UK collection rate is calculated from the weight of waste portable batteries for which schemes supply battery evidence notes in 2026. Evidence can be issued by ABTOs and ABEs on all waste portable batteries received for treatment/export in 2026. Compliance schemes have until 31 May 2027 to obtain evidence to meet their members' obligations for the 2026 compliance period.

UK Collection Rate Target for 2026 - 45%

Number of UK Scheme Members in 2026 - 635

Portable Batteries Placed on the UK Market in 2026 to date - 19,067.011 tonnes

The UK target collection tonnage for 2026 is 45% of the average annual amount of portable batteries placed on the UK market by scheme members and small producers in 2024, 2025 and 2026

Since only partial data for 2026 is held the total year's data has been estimated based on Quarter 1 & 2 data

Average Amount of Portable Batteries Placed on the UK Market by Scheme Members and Small Producers in 2024, 2025 and 2026 - 42,291.702 tonnes

Indicative UK Obligation for 2026 - 19,031.266 tonnes

Tonnage of Waste Portable Batteries Collected in the UK in 2026 to June - 9,927.502 tonnes

Tonnage of Waste Portable Batteries Delivered for Treatment in the UK in 2026 to June - 9,927.502 tonnes

Tonnage of Waste Portable Batteries Evidence Notes Accepted for 2026 to date of publication - 10,658.45 tonnes

UK Collection Rate for 2026 to date - 25.20%

Section 1 - Portable Batteries Placed on the Market Data

Table 1 - Portable Batteries Placed on the Market in 2026 by Compliance Scheme Members per Quarter (tonnes)

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Pb / acid	376.065	339.444	-	-	715.509
Ni-Cd	12.278	16.638	-	-	28.916
Other	9,434.588	8,887.998	-	-	18,322.586
Total	9,822.931	9,244.080	-	-	19,067.011

Notes:

For the purposes of calculating the indicative obligation, the Quarter 1 & 2 total placed on the market figure is prorated to 38,134.022 tonnes to give an estimated figure for the whole year's data.

Table 2a - Portable Batteries Placed on the UK Market in 2025 by 2026 - Registered Scheme Members and Small Producers (tonnes)

	2025 Market Data by Scheme Members	2025 Market Data by Small Producers	Total
Pb / acid	1,634.150	10.807	1,644.957
Ni-Cd	102.918	5.359	108.277
Other	44,257.741	176.609	44,434.350
Total	45,994.809	192.775	46,187.584

Table 2b - Portable Batteries Placed on the UK Market in 2024 by 2026 - Registered Scheme Members and Small Producers (tonnes)

	2024 Market Data by Scheme Members	2024 Market Data by Small Producers	Total
Pb / acid	1,784.915	13.653	1,798.568
Ni-Cd	191.733	5.503	197.236
Other	40,225.106	151.084	40,376.190
Total	42,201.754	170.240	42,371.994

Notes: Battery Compliance Schemes' obligations are based on the average amount of portable batteries placed on the UK market in 2024, 2025 and 2026 by their scheme members only, schemes were therefore obligated to obtain a set proportion of evidence in 2026. Previously reported data can change as a result of resubmitted data returns either for new scheme members or to correct errors.

Section 2 - Waste Portable Batteries Data

Table 3 - Waste Portable Batteries collected by Battery Compliance Schemes reported in 2026 (tonnes)

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Pb / acid	2,123.558	1,907.811	-	-	4,031.369
Ni-Cd	302.180	121.059	-	-	423.239
Other	2,398.314	3,074.580	-	-	5,472.894
Total	4,824.052	5,103.450	-	-	9,927.502

Table 4 - Waste Portable Batteries Delivered by Battery Compliance Schemes to Approved Battery Treatment Operators and Approved Battery Exporters reported in 2026 (tonnes)

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Pb / acid	2,123.558	1,907.811	-	-	4,031.369
Ni-Cd	302.180	121.059	-	-	423.239
Other	2,398.314	3,074.580	-	-	5,472.894
Total	4,824.052	5,103.450	-	-	9,927.502

Table 5 - Waste Portable Batteries Received by Approved Battery Treatment Operators and Approved Battery Exporters from Battery Compliance Schemes reported in 2026 (tonnes)

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Pb / acid	2,132.217	1,906.461	-	-	4,038.678
Ni-Cd	302.180	126.570	-	-	428.750
Other	2,398.314	3,149.612	-	-	5,547.926
Total	4,832.711	5,182.643	-	-	10,015.354

Notes: The tonnage in Table 5 is higher than the data in Tables 3 and 4, this is due to a data discrepancy between ABTOs and Battery Compliance Schemes. The Environment Agency are looking into this and the data discrepancy will be resolved by Q3 2026.