

Green Star Communities



Substitution of credits and credit criterion between PILOT versions, v1.0 and v1.1

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This document outlines the process required for project teams to substitute credits and credit criterion from newer versions of the Green Star – Communities rating tool into their project submission when they are registered under any earlier version of the rating tool.

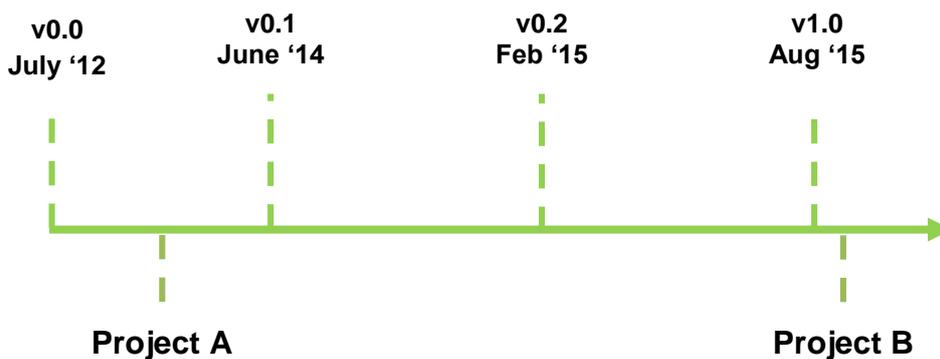
How many versions of the rating tool are there?

To date four (5) versions of the Green Star - Communities rating tool have been released.

All projects are encouraged to use the most up to date version of the rating tool. However, projects are allowed to use the credits and credit criterion from any new version of the rating tool released after their project's registration date.

Project's Registration Date	Applicable Versions
June 2012 – May 2014: Registered under v0.0	v0.0, v0.1, v0.2 and v1.0
June 2014 - February 2015: Registered under v0.1	v0.1, v0.2 and v1.0
February 2015 – July 2015: Registered under v0.2	v0.2 and v1.0
August 2015 – July 2016: Registered under v1.0	v1.0 and v1.1
August 2016 – to date: Registered under v1.1	V1.1

Illustration of Green Star Project Registration and Applicable Rating Tool Version



In the example above, project A is registered between the first release of the PILOT rating tool (v0.0) and the first update of the PILOT rating tool (v0.1). In this case project A:

- Are registered under v0.0; and
- May choose to use any of the updates that followed (v0.1, v0.2, v1) if they wish.

In the example above, project B was registered after the release of the third update of the rating tool (v1.0). In this case project B:

- Must use the v1.0 rating tool. The project is not allowed to use the content from any of the previous versions of the rating tool.

Upgrade Project Registration

Project teams may formally update to the most up to date version (as in move from v0.0, v0.1, v0.2, and v1.0 to v1.1) of the rating tool by contacting the GBCA. For additional details on this process, please contact the Sustainability Services team.

Making a substitution is simple

1. Decide what substitutions you would like to make for your project's Green Star submission. This is based on the credits and credit criteria available in the version of the Green Star – Communities rating tool the project is registered under and what is available in the more up to date releases of the rating tool. A spreadsheet matrix has been developed to assist project teams in their identification of the relationship between the credits and their individual credit criterion as the rating tool has been revised and evolved. The spreadsheet is available to download from the GBCA's website.
2. Prepare your project's Green Star submission in line with the selected version of the credit or credit criterion i.e. using the relevant submission template.
3. Make it clear in your project's Green Star submission which version of a credit or credit criterion is being used for the submission:
 - i. Score card – the scorecards for v0.0, v0.1 and v0.2 have been updated to provide two new columns one in which you are able to note which version of a credit or credit criterion has been used (write 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 1.0 or 1.1) and a second for any other notes.
 - ii. Credit submission – in the credit submission documentation (i.e. on the credit cover sheet for v0.0 and v0.1 or on the first page of the Submission Template v0.2 and v1). These cover sheets and submission templates are word documents so this type of information can be added as required.

Important notes:

- Points will always be scaled to the number of points available for the credit being substituted in the version of the rating tool under which the project is registered.
- There is no need to gain formal GBCA approval to target a more up to date version of a credit or credit criterion. However, please ensure that it is clear in the project's submission which version of the credit or credit criterion is selected. See Step 3 above.
- Where a project team is seeking to use the Performance Pathway (LCA) in the Materials credit from v1.0 (5 points) the project team should note in the score card that they are claiming all available points in the credit (v0.0 – 2 Points and v0.1 and v0.2 - 3 points). The additional points (3 points v0.0 or 2 points v0.1 and v0.2) should be claimed in the submission template for the credit submission which will be made in Innovation under the 'Global Sustainability' credit criteria.

Examples:

1. A project which is registered under Green Star – Communities v0.0 and elects to substitute the 'Econ-8 Peak Electricity Demand' credit (one point) with the corresponding credit in either v0.1, v0.2 or v1 (two points) . Where full points are achieved for the newer versions of the credit (two points), this will be scaled to suit the number of points available under the associated credit in v0.0 (the rating tool the project is registered under) - one point.
2. A project which is registered under Green Star – Communities v0.2 and elects to substitute the 'Env-9 Materials' credit (three points) with the corresponding credit in v1 using the Performance Pathway (5 points). The option for LCA was not available in v0.2 as such the approach is outside of the scope of a rating tool the project is registered under, this credit can be targeted but must be claimed as Innovation under the Global Sustainability credit criteria.
3. A project which is registered under Green Star – Communities v0.0 and elects to substitute the 'Des-3 Site Planning and Layout' credit (three points) and 'Des-4 Urban Design' credit (4 points) with the corresponding credit 'Design Review' in either v0.1, v0.2 or v1 (8 points) . Where full points are achieved for the newer versions of the credit (eight points), this will be scaled to suit the number of points available under the associated credits in v0.0 (the rating tool the project is registered under) – seven points.