

Green Star Communities

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Version Control

Version	Date	Description of changes
1	09/2016	Document created to detail revisions from v1.0 to v1.1 of the Submission Guidelines.

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Introduction

This document provides an overview of the revisions made to the Green Star – Communities Submission Guideline v1.0 to its minor release as a Version 1.1. The sections of this document list the credits that are included in each category and a description of changes and updates that have been made.

What is measured?

Green Star – Communities assesses a plan for development's attributes against best practice benchmarks across 32 issues, with two conditional requirements. The 32 issues are organised over 5 categories. The 5 categories are:

- Governance
- Liveability
- Economic Prosperity
- Environment
- Innovation

Key revisions to note

Submission Guidelines – General Revisions applicable to all credits:

- Introduction of Compliance and Documentation Requirements for Recertification
- Providing more guidance where required in response to TCs received since the previous (v1.0) rating tool release and any additional pathways to demonstrate compliance that have been approved and can be applied universally.

Adaptation and Resilience

The credit has been aligned with the latest version of 'Adaptation and Resilience' in Green Star – Design & As Built. The credit now requires project teams to demonstrate how solutions to climate risks have been incorporated into the planning, design and delivery of the project site.

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Affordability

The aim of the credit has been reviewed to be clear it is about the provision of built assets – Housing or Business premises. The new aim of credit reads:

To encourage and recognise projects that deliver affordability strategies for or as part of housing and/or business premises.

Stormwater

For the v1.1 release the Stormwater Management criteria (24B.3 in the Prescriptive Pathway) has been withdrawn from the credit. It had been raised that the criterion's stormwater management design objective is to protect in-stream ecology in ephemeral waterways and as such it should only be applied where runoff from or within the site passes through an unlined channel, creek, or non-tidal river that is not a degraded waterway, as such making it a requirement that would/should not be applied to all project sites.

The Stormwater Peak Discharge criteria (24B.4) has been aligned with Green Star – Design & As Built to reflect the connection with the outcomes of a project's Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP).

In the performance pathway (24A) the distribution of points has been adjusted to apportion 2 points to meeting the Minimum Requirements for stormwater and up to 5 points for the reduction in potable water consumption achieved through WSUD.

International adoption

Guidance on the international use of Green Star – Communities has been introduced for projects located in New Zealand.

Governance

Legend:

- ◆ Minor wording corrections throughout to improve clarity.
Included requirements for *Recertification* throughout the credit, clearly labelled as such.
- Amendments to criteria or compliance requirements, in addition to amendments in ◆.

GOVERNANCE		
1	Green Star Accredited Professional	◆
2	Design Review	◆
3	Engagement	◆
4	Adaptation and Resilience	□
	R1.04.01 Credit Aligned with Green Star – Design & AS Built. Introduction of the requirement to demonstrate that the design responds to the Climate Adaptation Plan.	
	R1.04.02 Guidance included for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	
5	Corporate Responsibility	◆
6	Sustainability Awareness	◆
7	Community Participation and Governance	◆
8	Environmental Management	□
	R1.08.01 Guidance on the suitability of Enviro-mark included for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	

Liveability

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LIVEABILITY		
9	Healthy and Active Living	□
	R1.09.01 Guidance provided for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	
10	Community Development	□
	R1.10.01 Deletion of the following sentence: "...or within 3 months of occupation of the first habitable building." throughout the document.	
11	Sustainable Buildings	□
	R1.11.01 Additional Certification Pathway for Homestar added for projects seeking a rating through NZGBC.	
12	Culture, Heritage and Identity	◆
13	Walkable Access to Amenities	◆
14	Access to Fresh Food	◆
15	Safe Places	□
	R1.15.01 Guidance included for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	

Economic Prosperity

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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY		
16	Community Investment	□
	R1.16.01 Guidance included for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	
17	Affordability	□
	R1.17.01 The aim of the credit has been revised to be clear it is about the provision of built assets – housing or business premises.	
	R1.17.02 New Credit Criteria for Mixed Affordability Strategies.	
	R1.17.03 Explanation for predetermined residential affordability targets.	
	R1.17.04 Expanded non-residential affordability requirements.	
18	Employment and Economic Resilience	□
	R1.18.01 Guidance on Major Cities provided for projects seeking a certification through the NZ GBC.	
19	Education and Skills Development	□
	R1.19.01 Addition of skills development program linked to the project site pathway.	
20	Return on Investment	◆
21	Incentive Programs	□
	R1.21.01 Guidance included for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	

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22	Digital Infrastructure	◆
23	Peak Electricity Demand Reduction	□
R1.23.01 Recommended supporting documents have been added to the credit.		

Environment

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ENVIRONMENT		
24A	Integrated Water Cycle – Performance Pathway	□
R1.24A.01 Stormwater Management requirement removed from the credit. Point distribution adjusted to apportion 2 points to meeting the Stormwater credit criterion (removing it as a minimum requirement) and up to 5 points for the reduction in potable water consumption achieved through WSUD.		
R1.24A.02 Stormwater Peak Discharge requirement aligned with Green Star – Design & As Built and the outcomes of the Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP).		
R1.24A.03 Guidance provided for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.		

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24B	Integrated Water Cycle – Prescriptive Pathway	□
	R1.24B.01 Points available for the prescriptive pathway reduced to 4 points. Stormwater Management credit criterion removed from the credit.	
	R1.24B.02 Stormwater Peak Discharge requirement aligned with Green Star – Design & As Built and the outcomes of the Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP).	
	R1.24B.03 Guidance provided for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	
25A	Greenhouse Gas Strategy – Performance Pathway	□
	R1.25A.01 Guidance provided for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	
25B	Greenhouse Gas Strategy – Prescriptive Pathway	◆
26B	Materials	□
	R1.256B.01 Additional option for compliance included for NZGBC for Concrete as a Primary Construction Material in the prescriptive pathway.	
27	Sustainable Transport and Movement	◆
28	Sustainable Sites	□
	R1.28.01 Guidance provided on the Conditional Requirement for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	
29	Ecological Value	□
	R1.29.01 and R1.29.02 Guidance provided for projects seeking certification through NZGBC.	
30	Waste Management	◆
31	Heat Island Effect	◆
32	Light Pollution	◆