

Green Star NZ Interiors - Eligibility Criteria

All buildings aiming to achieve a Green Star NZ – Interiors rating are subject to the following eligibility criteria:

Fitout Type

Green Star NZ – Interiors is intended to rate new and refurbished fitouts. Fitouts constructed in the majority of building types are eligible to be rated, including mixed use developments.

If clarification is needed on how a specific type of building can fit within this rating tool, please submit a Technical Question or contact NZGBC.

Spatial Differentiation

Project certification must apply to an area that is clearly distinct. Project components are not eligible. Shared building services (such as HVAC plant or water treatment) or amenities such as (waste rooms or bicycle facilities) do not affect the building's eligibility.

Sub-tenancies are considered part of the fitout and cannot be excluded from the rating.

Timing of submission for Certification

All projects registered for Green Star NZ – Interiors must achieve an As Built certified rating. Registered projects have the option of achieving a Design Review certified rating as an interim step towards As Built certification.

Design Review Certified Rating

Submissions for a Design Review certified rating can be lodged as soon as the required evidence is available, but prior to practical completion. The Design Review is intended as an opportunity for assessment at an early stage, to lend confidence where desired by project teams.

As Built Certified Rating

Submissions for an As Built certified rating can be lodged after practical completion.

Time Requirements

Certain timeframes and thresholds must be adhered to in order for a project to achieve a certified rating. The following milestones are mandatory for all registered projects, and if any are not met a project's certified rating will either expire or will be cancelled according to Green Star Certification Agreement.

- As Built certified rating must be achieved within 24 months of practical completion.
- As Built certified rating does not expire.
- Design Review certified rating must be achieved prior to practical completion.
- Design Review certified rating will expire when either of the following occurs:
 - a) The project achieves an As Built certified rating; or
 - b) The project reaches 24 months post practical completion.
- A Design Review certified rating will be cancelled at any time if there is no intent to achieve an As Built certified rating.

Conditional Requirements

A project seeking certification must meet the conditional requirement criterion outlined in the Credit 16 'Greenhouse Gas Emissions' to achieve the minimum points' threshold for the 4 Star rating. A project will not be eligible for a Green Star certified rating unless the benchmarks in this conditional requirement have been met.

Projects are required to contact the NZGBC if they are unsure if they comply or believe they should not be made subject to the Conditional Requirements.

Other Requirements

Further requirements are set out in the certification agreement. It is the responsibility of the applicant to comply with all legal requirements in respect of their project.