# PILOT FACT SHEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## green star COMMUNITIES

The Green Star – Communities PILOT rating tool, developed by the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA), is one of Australia's first fully independent, national sustainability rating tools for communities. It is a voluntary rating tool which provides best practice benchmarks and third-party verification of the sustainability of communities and precinct wide developments.
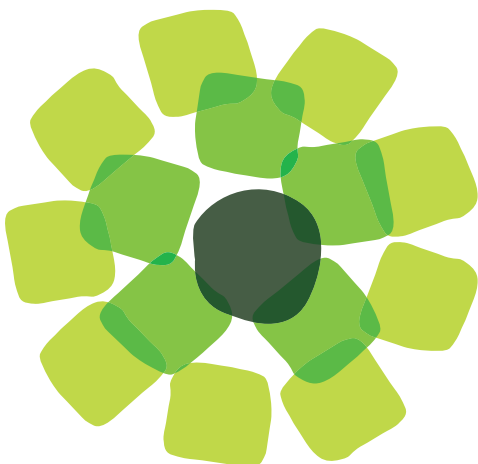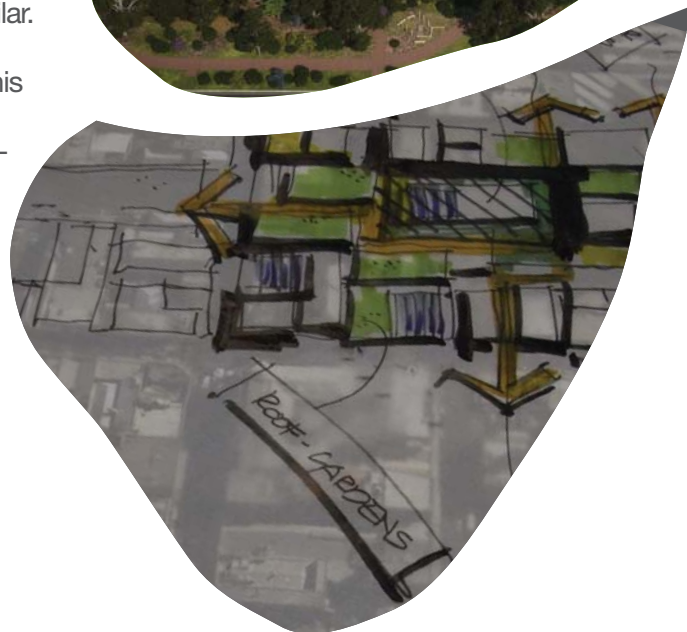
This fact sheet provides information on the Green Star – Communities PILOT Eligibility Requirements.

## 1. Space Use

To meet the Space Use criteria, the project must contain at least four buildings, of any size and mix of Class 1-9 structures, as classified under the Building Code of Australia; and

## 2. Spatial Differentiation

To meet the Spatial Differentiation criteria, the project must be clearly distinct. This may be a structure plan, master plan, neighbourhood plan, renewal plan or similar. This means the project must have a clear study area boundary that is subject to a 'plan of development'. This plan and/or planning process must be managed by a government entity and/or private sector or community-owned development entity.



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## 3. Conditional Requirements

To receive a certified rating, the project must:

a)  Achieve a minimum of 15%, 25% or 35% of the available points in each category (excluding Innovation) when seeking a 4, 5 or 6 Green Star rating respectively;

b)  Achieve a minimum total of 45 points; and

c)  Where the project is subject to approval under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 as a controlled action, it must receive written approval under the Act.

| Rating | Total score | Minimum category score | | | | | Outcome |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | GOV | DES | LIV | ECON | ENV | |
| One Star | 10-19 | - | - | - | - | - | Minimum Practice |
| Two Star | 20-29 | - | - | - | - | - | Average Practice |
| Three Star | 30-44 | - | - | - | - | - | Good Practice |
| Four Star | 45-59 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | Australian Best Practice |
| Five Star | 60-74 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 7 | Australian Excellence |
| Six Star | 75+ | 7 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 9 | World Leadership |

## 4. Timing of Certification

To meet the Timing of Certification criteria:

a)  Initial project certification must be achieved within three years of registration; and

b)  Recertification must be achieved within five years of initial certification, or within five years from the project's last recertification date.





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#### Select Query Type

○ Credit Interpretation Request (CIR)

If the project team is unable to meet the standard guidelines as outlined in the Aim of Credit they can submit alternative procedures for appraisal by the GBCA in the form of a Credit Interpretation Request (read more about CIR's). A CIR may propose one of the two following options, 1) an alternative design method, or 2) an alternative documentation option. A CIR request must always ensure that the Aim of Credit is met.

○ Technical Clarification

Technical Clarifications complement Green Star Technical Manuals, they do not amend but clarify the Credit Criteria or Compliance Requirements. They are an extension of the Technical Manual and do not amend the requirements outlined in the Technical Manual. If the project team is unsure of the requirements of the Technical Manual they can submit a Technical Clarification which acts to extend or further clarify a Green Star requirement.

◉ Eligibility Query

It is the responsibility of each project team to ensure compliance with the current Eligibility Criteria on the GBCA website criteria is reviewed, and if the project team is still unsure of the project's eligibility, they can request an eligibility ruling fr

#### Choose Project

◉ Not related to a project / Planned project

#### Tool / Category Information

Which Green Star Rating Tool does your query relate to?

– Please select –

A member of the Green Star team will respond to your query within 10 working days from the date of submission.

### Still not sure?

If you are still not sure whether your project meets any or all of the eligibility criteria, we encourage you to request an eligibility ruling.

It is the responsibility of each project team to confirm eligibility prior to assessment, as registration does not automatically confirm your project's eligibility.