

ESSENTIAL UPDATES FOR GREEN STAR SUBMISSIONS:

Green Star tools continue to evolve after their release date. Updates listed on the **'Technical Clarifications & CIR Rulings'** database are an essential component of each Green Star tool. The database lists 3 types of update: corrections; technical clarifications and credit interpretation request (CIR) rulings. It is vital to understand their relevance as they may impact the assessment of your project.

TYPE OF UPDATE	MANDATORY WHEN...	OPTIONAL WHEN...	REQUIREMENTS WHEN USED
CORRECTION Overrides previous information in the Green Star tool.	...active on the database at your project registration date.	...posted after your project registration date.	Comply with the revised information AND include a copy of the correction on your submission cover sheet.
TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION Extends or clarifies a Green Star requirement. You can request a technical clarification if you have a query.	...active on the database at your project registration date OR ...requested for your project.	...posted after your project registration date.	Comply with the revised information AND include a copy of the technical clarification on your submission cover sheet OR include the project specific clarification and associated correspondence from the GBCA.
'CIR' RULING If you wish to use an alternative method to achieve compliance, you can present it to the GBCA. CIR rulings: successful and unsuccessful, may be posted on the website.	Never mandatory.	...approved on the database as a general ruling OR ...issued for your project.	Comply with the revised information AND include a copy of the CIR on your submission cover sheet OR include the project specific CIR and associated correspondence from the GBCA.

Technical clarifications and CIR rulings can be deactivated and classified as 'withdrawn.' If this happens after the registration date of your project, you can choose to accept or ignore the 'withdrawn' status. If you accept 'withdrawn' status for an update that was active at registration, you must comply with any update that supersedes it.