
Continuing Professional Development

As the leading provider of green building education in Australia, the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) has trained over 20,000 people in Green Star courses. Now more than 4,000 green building professionals have joined the Continuing Professional Development program since its launch in July 2010.

The GBCA's Continuing Professional Development program (CPD) will maintain your knowledge of the Green Star environmental rating system and update you with trends and technologies in green building.

There are two levels of recognition:

Green Star Associate

The GSA level acknowledges professionals who support green building design, construction and operation across their various roles and are not directly responsible for preparing submissions for registered Green Star projects.

Green Star Accredited Professional

The GSAP level is for individuals who require a high level of technical knowledge on the Green Star environmental rating systems and/or are working on the submission of a registered project.

Why join the GBCA's CPD program?

Recognition: Receive recognition for being a sustainability specialist with knowledge of green building principles and the Green Star rating system

Support: Gain access to a dedicated support network designed to help advance your sustainability career

Training: Attend ongoing sustainability training programs specifically designed for both Green Star Associates and GSAPs.

How do I become a Green Star Associate or a Green Star Accredited Professional?

Green Star Associate

- Attend Green Star Foundation course
- Enrol in CPD
- Accrue 15 CPD points over a 2 year period to maintain the GSA qualification.

Green Star Accredited Professional

- Attend Green Star Foundation course
- Pass 2 hour online GSAP exam
- Enrol in CPD
- Provide documentation of prior experience with green building projects
- Accrue 30 CPD points over a 2 year period to maintain the GSAP qualification.

What has changed with CPD?

The GBCA has listened to member feedback and has updated the CPD policy. It now provides:

- Greater transparency in the GBCA CPD point allocation process to non-GBCA courses and events.
- Greater clarity on which documentation you need to provide for recognition of non-GBCA courses and events.
- Greater clarity in the allocation of CPD points for those working on Green Star projects.

These changes and other details of the program can be found in the CPD policy document on our website.

How can I achieve CPD points with the GBCA?

<p>Attend GBCA Courses</p> <p>Green Star Office Interiors Green Star Project Certification Workshop Online Multi Unit Residential Online Refresher GBCA Summit Master Classes</p>	<p>Attend Events</p> <p>Site-Tours Meet the Stars Leading Green Thinkers Green Cities conference</p>	<p>Work on a Green Star Project</p> <p>CPD points may also be earned by GSAPs and Green Star Associates working on registered Green Star projects through direct involvement (designated project GSAP) or indirect involvement.</p>
<p>In-house courses</p> <p>In-house courses are a convenient and cost-effective way for GBCA members to train staff.</p>	<p>Our in-house courses include:</p> <p>Green Star Foundation (full day, does not accrue CPD points) Green Star Office Interiors (half day) Green Star Project Certification Workshop (half day)</p>	

Case Study - How a GSAP can maintain their status...

John Smith, registered architect, enrolls in CPD on 1 July 2011 as a GSAP. In order to maintain his GSAP status over the next two years, John completes the following professional development courses:

Green Star Foundation Refresher course – 2 CPD points. Completed July 2011.

Green Star Project Certification Workshop – 6 CPD points. Completed September 2011.

Green Cities Conference (Full Delegate) – 8 CPD points. Completed March 2012

GBCA Summit Master Classes – 3 CPD points. Completed August 2012

GBCA Site Tour – 1 CPD point. Completed October 2012

Meet The Stars event – 1 CPD point. Completed February 2013

Direct Involvement in two registered Green Star Projects – 7 CPD points

Positive Development: Eco-retrofitting Cities (AIA Seminar, 1.5 hrs) – 1 CPD point. Completed May 2013.

People Cities = Sustainable Cities (E-Classroom, 1hr online) - 1 CPD point. Completed June 2013

Total points over 2 years = 30 CPD points

Can I achieve CPD points from non-GBCA courses and events?

- ✓ Yes. A number of courses and events have already been recognised under the CPD program and you can submit a request for additional courses, events and activities to be awarded CPD points. In addition, you may also claim CPD points for completing sustainability related subjects that are part of your University or TAFE courses.

I have lots of staff wanting to join CPD. Is there a discount?

- ✓ Yes. GBCA member organisations also have the opportunity to take advantage of the Corporate CPD rate for \$5,500 (GST included). This allows an unlimited number of staff to register for the CPD program for the one corporate CPD fee. Staff registrations can be a mix of Green Star Associates and Green Star Accredited Professionals.

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