

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS GREEN STAR – MIXED USE

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1. Is my project eligible to be rated under the Green Star – Mixed Use rating tool?

The Green Star – Mixed Use rating tool enables mixed use building projects and / or major refurbishments to be rated if at least 80% of the building's NLA or GFA is comprised of any combination of multi unit residential, office, and retail centre, which fall under Building Classes 2, 5 and 6 as defined by the Building Code of Australia (BCA). For more information about eligibility criteria, please refer to the Green Star – Mixed Use rating tool's FACT SHEET.

2. Can mixed use developments comprising several separate buildings be rated under this tool?

No. The Green Star – Mixed Use rating tool was designed to rate single mixed use buildings. Further, mixed use developments which include more than 20% of an ineligible building class cannot be rated under any of the Green Star rating tools.

3. Can I register my project for certification during the PILOT phase?

No. Certification of projects during the PILOT stage is not available for the Green Star - Mixed Use rating tool. Project registrations will be accepted when version 1 of the tool is released. Mixed use design and/or refurbishment projects teams are nevertheless encouraged to test the tool, analyse how it might work for a development, and provide feedback.

4. How does rating under the Green Star – Mixed Use rating tool differ from other Green Star Rating Tools?

The Green Star – Mixed Use rating tool operates differently from other Green Star rating tools in that each building class of the mixed use building is assessed separately. This means that three separate assessments (one under each of the relevant Green Star rating tools; Green Star – Office Design v3; Green Star – Multi Unit Residential PILOT; and Green Star – Shopping Centre Design PILOT); are needed in order to get a final weighted rating for the mixed use building development and/or refurbishment. Documentation for credits common to all three building classes may be submitted once.

5. Is there a different technical manual for the Green Star – Mixed Use rating tool?

No, please refer to existing technical manuals for each component building class. Eligible mixed use projects / refurbishments have to follow the provisions of the relevant Green Star Technical Manual for each particular building class comprised in the building: Green Star – Office v3; Green Star – Multi Unit Residential PILOT; and Green Star – Shopping Centre Design PILOT tools. Please note that the Green Star – Shopping Centre Design PILOT tool will be renamed to Green Star – Retail Centre v1 when the first version of this tool is released.

6. What will the PILOT process consist of?

The Green Star – Mixed Use PILOT process allows industry stakeholders to test the tool to assess the suitability to their particular projects. In this way project teams can consider the environmental attributes of their projects and provide feedback to the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) on how to improve the tool. The PILOT phase will last 90 days, after which a new version of the tool will be released based on feedback from stakeholders.

7. How can I provide feedback to the GBCA after testing the Green Star – Mixed Use rating tool?

The GBCA has designed a questionnaire for the purpose of collecting feedback from industry and relevant stakeholders. The questionnaire takes around 10-15 minutes to complete and can be answered online. Project teams are welcome to email Green Star at greenstar@gbca.org.au to provide feedback although the questionnaire has been specifically designed for this purpose.

For further information please refer to the Green Star – Mixed Use rating tool's FACT SHEET.