

Green Star Interiors

Criterion Substitution Instructions

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This document outlines the process required for project teams to substitute credits and criterion from newer versions of the Green Star – Interiors rating tool into their project submission when they are registered under any earlier version of the rating tool.

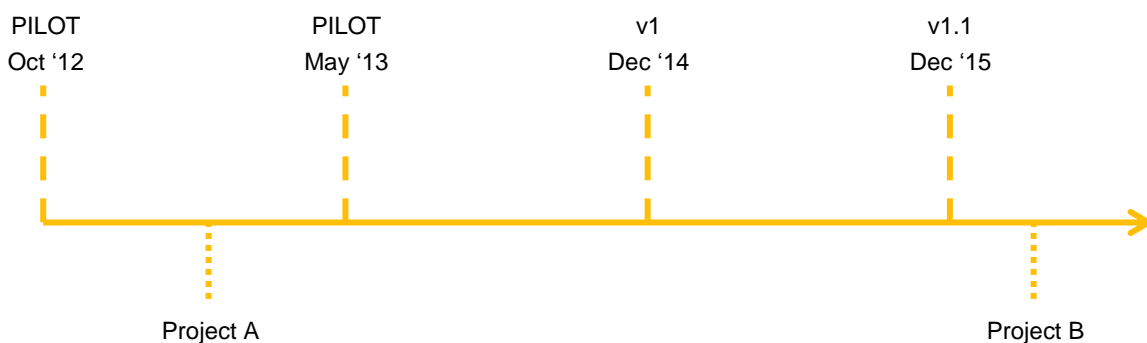
How many versions of the rating tool are there?

To date four (4) versions of the Green Star – Interiors rating tool have been released.

1. Green Star – Interiors PILOT (October 2012)
2. Green Star – Interiors PILOT (May 2013)
3. Green Star – Interiors v1 (December 2014)
4. Green Star – Interiors v1.1 (December 2015)

All projects are encouraged to use the most up to date version of the rating tool. Projects have access to any version of the rating tool released after their project registration date.

Illustration of Green Star Project Registration and Applicable Rating Tool Version



In the example above, project A is registered between the first release of the PILOT rating tool and the first update of the PILOT rating tool (May 2013). In this case project A:

- Is registered under PILOT (October 2012); and
- May choose to substituted credits and criterion from any revision that followed (PILOT May 2013, v1 or v1.1) if they wish.

In the example above, project B was registered after the release of the third update of the rating tool (v1.1). In this case project B:

- Must use the v1.1 rating tool. The project is not allowed to use the content from any of the previous versions of the rating tool.

Upgrade Project Registration

Project teams may formally update the version (as in move from PILOT to v1) of the rating tool under which the project is registered by contacting the GBCA. For additional details on this process, please contact the Sustainability Services team.

Making a substitution is simple

1. Identify the credits and/or credit criteria you would like to substitute from the rating tool you are registered under
2. Use the criterion substitution matrix to identify which new versions of credits or criterion are available to be substituted
3. Prepare your submission in line with the selected newer version of the credit or criterion (you must use the corresponding Submission Templates);

4. Make it clear in your submission which version of a credit or credit criterion is being used for the submission in the documentation (i.e. on the credit cover sheet for PILOT projects or on the first page of the Submission Template v1 and v1.1).

Important notes

- Points will always be scaled to suit the number of points available for the credit being substituted in the version of the rating tool under which the project is registered.
- There is no need to gain formal GBCA approval to target a more up to date version of a credit or credit criterion. However, please ensure that it is clear in the project's submission which version of the credit or credit criterion is selected. See Step 4 above.

Examples

1. A project which is registered under Green Star – Interiors PILOT elects to substitute the 'Metering and Monitoring' credit (three points) with the corresponding credit in either v1 or v1.1 (one point). Where full points are achieved for the newer versions of the credit (minimum requirement met and one point awarded), this will be scaled to suit the number of points available under the associated credit in PILOT (the rating tool the project is registered under). Therefore three points will be awarded.
2. A project which is registered under Green Star – Interiors PILOT elects to substitute the 'Potable Water' credit (10 points) with the corresponding credit in either v1 or v1.1 (five points). The project team wishes to use the Prescriptive Pathway. The points awarded will be scaled to suite the number of points available under the associated credit in PILOT (the rating tool the project is registered under). Therefore, for each point achieved in the newer version of the credit, two points will be awarded to a maximum of 10 points.
3. A project which is registered under Green Star – Interiors PILOT elects to substitute the 'Flooring', 'Assemblies' and 'Furniture' credits (total of 19 points) for the 'Life Cycle Assessment' credit in v1.1 (19 points). In this case there is no change to the number of points. A maximum of 19 points can be awarded.