



Green Star Accredited Professional Courses

Green building is becoming increasingly mainstream, with both the environmental and economic benefits of green building becoming widely recognised and highly valued by the broader property sector. With the construction and on-going operation of buildings consuming up to 40% of total energy usage worldwide and generating a third of all carbon emissions, green building is a major part of the solution to addressing climate change and resource scarcity. Established in 2007, The Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA), a non-profit organisation, has led and continues to lead the transformation of the South African property industry to ensure that all buildings are designed, built and operated in an environmentally responsible way. The integration of sustainable building practices allows South Africans to work, shop and live in a healthy, efficient and productive built environment.

Green building rating tools and third party verification using such rating tools has become a very effective means for organisations to independently verify the environmental credentials of the design, construction and operation of their property assets and occupied spaces. The GBCSA operates such rating tools, namely Green Star and EDGE, which have been widely adopted by leading South African organisations as the means for such independent verification.

In this context, the GBCSA offers Accredited Professional Training.

Accredited Professional courses: six rating tools to choose between

Participants can choose the rating tool most applicable to their needs. The rating tools on offer are New Buildings, Interiors, Existing Buildings Performance, Net Zero, Sustainable Precincts and EDGE (currently for residential).

Accredited Professional course structure

Participants must complete a three-component program including passing an exam in order to obtain an Accredited Professional qualification.

Component 1: Full Day Workshop

The workshop offers the participant the opportunity to experience a Green Building Tool in action. It provides an overview of the rating system for the objective measurement and rating of buildings. The workshop opens with a recap of the tool and its structure, a sharing of basic technical information and highlights relevant local examples through a combination of presentations by industry experts and video content. Following this, participants will join groups to explore how the tool is applied through a series of scenarios based exercises. This group work with a multidisciplinary team of professionals creates opportunity for deeper learning, engagement and application of the tool in practice.

Component 2: Online Course (only New Buildings, Interiors, Existing Buildings Performance)

This component is presented online and accessible anywhere. Participants have access to the course material for a two-week period as selected by the participant. Support, both from technical and subject matter perspective is offered to each individual throughout the period. It covers background, theory, structure and workings of the rating tool and the basics of the certification process. The course material is accessible from a personal GBCSA dashboard. It is up to the participant to decide whether to review the material and move through the course incrementally spending about 45 - 60 minutes per day or setting aside a full 10 to 12 hours to move through it all at once.

Component 3: Online Exam

The Accredited Professional Exams are offered **online, accessible anywhere at any time** and is the final step in attaining a GBCSA Accredited Professional qualification.

Who should attend

Building Developers and Owners, Facilities Managers, Product and Service Suppliers, Architects, Interior Designers, Engineers, Sustainability Teams and Consultants, and anyone else involved in the design, construction and performance of buildings.

Course Pricing New Buildings, Interiors, Existing Buildings Performance

Incl. VAT	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Full Day Workshop Component	R 3,422	R 4,545
Online Course Component	R 2,032	R 2,674
Exam Component	R 1,177	R 1,498
Total Cost (individually purchased)	R 6,631	R 8,717
Packaged Rates	R 5,822	R 7,486

Course Pricing Net Zero, Sustainable Precincts

Incl. VAT	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Full Day Workshop Component	R 3,422	R 4,545
Exam Component	R 1,177	R 1,498

Course Pricing EDGE

Incl. VAT	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Full Day Workshop Component	R 3,422	R 4,545
Exam Component (conducted and booked externally)	US\$60.00	US\$60.00

Planning your course

Participants can choose whether they want do the workshop first and then the online course or vice versa. The online course is open to the participant for a two-week period. Participants can choose from any of the scheduled online course two-week periods.

Upcoming workshop dates: New Buildings

Johannesburg: Tuesday, 22 May 2018

Johannesburg: Tuesday, 24 July 2018

Cape Town: Tuesday, 29 May 2018

Cape Town: Tuesday, 31 July 2018



Upcoming workshop dates: Interiors

Johannesburg: Thursday, 24 May 2018
Johannesburg: Thursday, 26 July 2018
Cape Town: Thursday, 31 May 2018
Cape Town: Thursday, 2 August 2018

Upcoming workshop dates: Existing Building Performance

Johannesburg: Wednesday, 23 May 2018
Johannesburg: Wednesday, 25 July 2018
Durban: Wednesday, 14 March 2018
Cape Town: Wednesday, 30 May 2018
Cape Town: Wednesday, 1 August 2018

Upcoming workshop dates: Net Zero

Johannesburg: Monday, 21 May 2018
Johannesburg: Monday, 23 July 2018
Cape Town: Monday, 28 May 2018
Cape Town: Monday, 30 July 2018

Upcoming workshop dates: Sustainable Precincts

Johannesburg: Monday, 21 May 2018
Johannesburg: Monday, 23 July 2018
Cape Town: Monday, 28 May 2018
Cape Town: Monday, 30 July 2018

Upcoming workshop dates: EDGE

Johannesburg: Friday, 25 May 2018
Johannesburg: Friday, 27 July 2018
Cape Town: Friday, 1 June 2018
Cape Town: Friday, 3 August 2018

Upcoming online course windows dates

(same dates for all tools – there is no online course component for Sustainable Precincts, Net Zero and EDGE)
Monday 11 June to Monday 25 June 2018
Monday 13 August to Monday 27 August 2018
Monday 8 October to Monday 22 October 2018
Monday 3 December to Monday 17 December 2018

To book or enquire about a course, please contact:

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