



Green Star Accredited Professional Programs 2019

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 that introducing green building thinking and outlines the structure and application of various rating tools for the certification of precincts and buildings through various stages of the property cycle.

Training Programs for Six Rating Tool Types

Participants can choose the rating tool most applicable to their business needs and professional background. The rating tools on offer are:

- Green Star New Buildings
- Green Star Interiors
- Green Star Existing Buildings Performance
- Green Star Sustainable Precincts
- Net Zero
- EDGE

Who should attend?

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

Green Star Accredited Professional Programs for Buildings

To qualify as an Accredited Professional for any of the three Green Star buildings focussed certification tools including New Buildings, Existing Building Performance and Interiors, candidates must complete a



three part program including attendance of one day workshop, completion of two week online course and passing an online exam in order to obtain a Green Star Accredited Professional status.

1. Online Course

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. Candidates are encouraged to complete online course prior to attending the workshop but this is not a requirement.

2. Full Day Workshop

The workshop offers the participant the opportunity to experience the Green Building Tools 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.

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.

Pricing for Green Star New Buildings, Existing Building Performance and Interiors Accredited Professional Training for 2019

	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Online Course	R 2 154.00	R 2 835.00
Full Day Workshop	R 3 628.00	R 4 818.00
Exam	R 1 250.00	R 1 590.00
Total Cost (individually purchased)	R 7 032.00	R 9 243.00
Packaged Rates	R 6 235.00	R 7 940.00

Net Zero and Green Star Accredited Professional Program for Sustainable Precincts

To qualify as an Accredited Professional for Sustainable Precincts or Net Zero, candidates must complete a two part program including attendance of one day workshop and passing an online exam in order to obtain an Accredited Professional status. Please see 2 and 3 above for an idea of the content of the programs.

Pricing for Green Star Sustainable Precincts Accredited Professional Training for 2019

	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Full Day Workshop	R 3 630.00	R 4 818.00
Exam	R 1 250.00	R 1 590.00
Total Cost (individually purchased)	R 4 880.00	R 6 408.00
Packaged Rates	R 4 660.00	R 5 940.00

Pricing for Net Zero Accredited Professional Training for 2019

	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Half Day Workshop	R 2 086.00	R 2 620.00
Exam	R 1 250.00	R 1 590.00
Total Cost (individually purchased)	R 3 336.00	R 4 210.00
Packaged Rates	R 2 597.00	R 3 021.00

EDGE Expert Program

To qualify as an EDGE Expert, candidates must complete a two part program including attendance of one day workshop offered by the GBCSA and passing an exam offered through Prometric testing centres in order to obtain an EDGE Expert status.

Pricing for EDGE Expert for 2019

	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Full Day Workshop	R 3 630.00	R 4 818.00
Exam booked through Prometric	US\$ 120.00	US\$ 120.00

Scheduled Training Dates for 2019*

*Please note that these dates are subject to change depending on demand. For most up to date information regarding dates and availability, please refer to our website.

Online course windows dates for Green Star Buildings Tools

Monday 8 April to Monday 22 April 2019

Monday 10 June to Monday 24 June 2019

Monday 12 August to Monday 26 August 2019

Monday 14 October to Monday 28 October 2019

Monday 2 December to Monday 16 December 2019



Green Star New Buildings Workshops

Johannesburg: Tuesday, 21 May 2019

Johannesburg: Tuesday, 12 November 2019

Cape Town: Tuesday, 04 June 2019

Cape Town: Tuesday, 10 September 2019

Green Star Interiors Workshops

Johannesburg: Thursday, 22 May 2019

Johannesburg: Wednesday, 13 November 2019

Cape Town: Wednesday, 05 June 2019

Cape Town: Wednesday, 11 September 2019

Green Star Existing Building Performance Workshops

Johannesburg: Thursday, 23 May 2019

Johannesburg: Thursday, 14 November 2019

Cape Town: Thursday, 6 June 2019

Cape Town: Thursday, 12 September 2019

Green Star Sustainable Precincts Workshops

Johannesburg: Tuesday, 11 June 2019

Cape Town: Tuesday, 28 May 2019

Net Zero Workshops

Johannesburg: Wednesday, 14 June 2019

Cape Town: Wednesday, 29 May 2019

EDGE Workshops

Johannesburg: Tuesday, 29 July 2019

Cape Town: Thursday, 27 June 2019

Johannesburg: Tuesday, 28 May 2019 in collaboration with RICS



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