Green Star Accredited Professional Program – Interiors 2020

Program Overview

The program provides a comprehensive overview of the *GBCSA Green Star rating system for Interiors* tool for the objective measurement and rating of the environmental performance of interior fit-outs and provides insight into all major aspects of environmental sustainability that should be considered in the design and construction of green interiors. The program is open to all those involved in the design, construction and operation of the built environment in South Africa and beyond with suitable level of knowledge and experience. Candidates will need to demonstrate relevant industry experience or tertiary level qualification in a suitable property industry related field upon request by the GBCSA in order to be recognised as a GSAP – Interiors upon successful completion of the program.

Who Should Attend This Program

Architects, Interior Designers, Project Managers, Contractors, Sustainability Consultants, and Retailers, Tenants and major corporates and anyone else involved in the design and fit out of interior spaces in South Africa and beyond.

Key Course Objectives

1. To gain an understanding of the importance of green building design and understand the role of the GBCSA
2. To understand the Interiors tool
3. To become an Accredited Professional in Interiors (GSAP INT) with a focus on doing Green Star submissions for interior fit-outs

Key Benefits

1. On completing all 3 parts of the programme and passing the exam, participants will be registered as Green Star Accredited Professionals for Interiors (GSAP INT)
2. As a registered GSAP INT you will be equipped with the knowledge to guide a project team in the design and certification of a Green Star registered project for interior fit-outs
3. Be recognised as a professional with a greater understanding of environmental issues related to the built environment and property industry

Cost for Entire Programme

Members	**- R5 050.00**
Non-members	**- R6 350.00**
Students	**- R4 250.00**

PART 1 – Online Course

NOTE YOU CAN COMPLETE THE ONLINE COURSE OR THE LVE WEBINAR IN ANY ORDER, BUT BOTH ARE A PREREQUESITE FOR COMPLETING THE ONLINE EXAM

The GSAP INT course is a 13 module **online** program using the latest technology-assisted learning methodologies and provides real practical and applicable understanding of the detail of the rating tool by combining reading material and practice quizzes. Along with course content material, attendees are provided with digital copies of the relevant tool manual.

The modules are outlined below

- **Module 1:** Green Building & the GBCSA. Understand why green building is important and the role of the Green Building Council South Africa.
- **Module 2:** The Green Star Rating System. Get to know how the interior rating system was developed, its relationship to regulation and the role of a Green Star AP. Get to know how the interiors tool is structured, how it relates to the other tools as well as how to calculate your interiors rating.
- **Module 3:** Management Category - Interiors tool. How an interior fit out is managed through its construction and commissioning phases is key to its efficiency and waste reduction. Understand how and why this category is measured by learning about the 8 credits that make up this category.
- **Module 4:** Indoor Environment Quality - Interiors tool. We spend a lot of our working day occupying indoor spaces and there are a number of factors that can be mitigated and measured in order to make these places healthy leading to greater productivity and happier, healthier staff. Learn about the 11 credits that make up this category.
- **Module 5:** Energy Category - Interiors tool. With South Africa producing power in one of the most inefficient and environmentally detrimental ways, tenants should make every effort to use energy wisely. This category is made up of 2 credits that contribute to creating a more energy efficient building.

- **Module 6:** Transport Category - Interiors tool. Encouraging people to use mass transport as well as offering amenities within walking distance of workspaces with the overall aim to reduce individual car use is key to creating better built environs. Understand how and why this category is measured by learning about the 3 credits.
- **Module 7:** Water Category - Interiors tool. Water is a scarce resource in South Africa and all building owners and tenants need to do what they can to reduce and re-use water. There are 2 credits in this category that aim to reduce potable water usage.
- **Module 8:** Materials Category - Interiors tool. The materials selected to construct and finish a building should be more carefully selected with sustainability as a selection criterion. This category is made up of 7 credits that target the specification and consumption of sustainably sourced materials and resources as well as the reduction and reuse of materials.
- **Module 9:** Land Use & Ecology Category - Interiors tool. Protecting the diversity of our ecosystems, flora and fauna is key to sustainable development. There is only 1 credit in this category that speaks to the importance of site selection.
- **Module 10:** Emissions Category - Interiors tool: The emissions to both the air and land are of concern when trying to create a greener future. This category is made up of 2 credits that address light pollution as well as avoidance of products that are known to deteriorate the atmosphere.
- **Module 11:** Innovation: This category recognises, rewards and encourages innovative initiatives incorporated into interior fit-outs.
- **Module 12:** Certifications & Submissions: Understanding what data and information need to be gathered for a submission and how the certification process works.

The learner will come away with a good understanding of the following:

- Why each category is important
- The aim of each credit
- How the credits are measured and how to obtain points

Course Requirements

- An internet connection
- A high level understanding of the design and construction process of an interior fit-out
- Access to technical manuals

Duration

Each module takes an average of 25 minutes with a total time of 6-8 hours

Cost – Part 1

Members	**- R2 300.00**
Non-members	**- R3 050.00**
Students	**- R1 950.00**

PART 2 – Face to face Webinar

In response to the COVID – 19 situation, GBCSA have migrated their Face-to-Face Workshops to an online webinar format to ensure that built environment professionals can still continue their green building professional development.

Green Star Accredited Professional for Interiors Webinar is hosted by the GBCSA and a faculty member and presented to a group of up to 15 people.

The Webinar opens with background on green building benefits and sharing of the technical information. It moves into more detail on the Tools specific categories and highlights relevant local and international examples of the application of Green Star while exploring each category.
Throughout the Webinar there are opportunities to ask questions on sessions and areas that you don't understand or to answer questions posed to you by the Host or Faculty presenting.
An exercise is designed to enhance deeper learnings from the day and the information shared as well as application of the tool and learnings from the online course.

Key Course Objectives

- To encourage collaboration & team work between professionals
- To gain understanding of how the GSSA tool works in a "real" project scenario
- To gain insight into the role of the AP in a professional team

Prerequisites

- A good attitude for collaboration, sharing and learning
- A good internet connection

Duration

Half day course

Cost – Part 2

Members	**- R2 050.00**
Non-members	**- R2 700.00**
Students	**- R1 850.00**

PART 3 – Online Exam

The Green Star Interiors Accredited Professional Exam is offered online and accessible anywhere at any time.

The examination tests your knowledge and understanding of the use and application of the interiors tool. It is an online, open book examination and is made up of a combination of short questions, multiple choice questions as well as long answers.

You need to achieve at least 75% in order to pass the exam and attain you GSAP INT status. There is 1 attempt and if you fail you will need to purchase a new exam. Students get 2 attempts.

Duration

2.5 Hours

Cost – Part 3 Only

Members	**- R1 350.00**
Non-members	**- R1 700.00**
Students	**- R 650.00**

Prerequisites

- Part 1 completed and passed
- Attendance at Part 2
- An internet connection
- Access to technical manuals which will be made available as part of Part 1

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How to access the online course

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