

FAQ - Construction and Demolition Waste Reporting Criteria

Definitions from the Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Reporting Criteria v2.0

- **Waste Contractor**
 - Refers to the company or person(s) engaged by a builder, developer, or owner of a structure to manage the containerisation, collection and transportation of C&D waste from a construction site to a Construction and Demolition Sort Facility (CDSF), recovery facility, Refuse Transfer Station (RTS) or class 1 – 5 landfill facility.
 - Only a Waste Contractor with a valid Compliance Verification Summary (CVS) or Waste Disclosure Statement issued prior to work on a project are eligible to provide data accepted by NZGBC for the Green Star Construction and Demolition Waste credit.
- **Construction and Demolition Sort Facility (CDSF)**
 - A C&D sort facility refers to a business that accepts loads of mixed C&D materials for the purpose of separating the mixed materials into single stream materials and then transporting the single stream recoverable materials to suitable recovery facilities and the residual waste to a suitable landfill facility for disposal.
 - A CDSF may also accept single stream recoverable materials for the purpose of contamination removal, temporary storage, aggregation and then bulk delivery to a recovery facility.
 - A CDSF must undergo the compliance verification process to comply with the Green Star Reporting Criteria.
 - Only CDSFs with a valid CVS (or Waste Disclosure Statement) issued prior to work on a project are eligible to provide data accepted by NZGBC for the Green Star C&D Waste credit.
- **Low Volume Construction and Demolition Sort Facility (LVF)**
 - Refers to any consented waste facilities capable of sorting mixed C&D materials with inbound mixed C&D materials totaling less than 1,500 metric tonnes of materials a year, or less than a daily operating average of 28m³ of mixed C&D material loads within a 12-month period. They are often small regional and community-scale facilities that handle limited volumes of C&D materials but may also undertake resource recovery and material reuse activities. These facilities are not required to have a Compliance Verification Summary. However, they must record data in volume or weight and have this information readily available for an assessment (refer to Alternative Compliance section in the C&D Waste Reporting Criteria document).
 - Such facilities must fill out the CDSF Waste Disclosure statement prior to work on a Green Star project and in this document provide evidence of the compliance with the Alternative Compliance requirements.

These three types of companies associated with a Green Star project pursuing the C&D Credit MUST have a CVS or a Waste Disclosure statement in place BEFORE work is done and during the duration of such work for the Green Star project.

Q: My construction firm is bidding for a Green Star project and part of the contract states we must fulfill the Green Star C&D Waste credit. What do I have to do to achieve this?

A: Project teams must first determine if there are resources available to accept the C&D waste to be able to achieve the contractual targets (such as treated timber recyclers and plasterboard recyclers). Teams must verify if the Waste Contractor (the company moving the waste from the site to a recycling facility, landfill or sorting facility) holds a valid CVS or Waste Disclosure Statement for the duration of the project. This requirement also applies to the CDSF.

If ALL Waste Contractors and CDSF's handling and receiving material from the site have a CVS or Waste Disclosure Statement, then the project may be rewarded the credit points, provided that the diversion rates are also achieved. To meet these diversion targets, project teams will likely need to implement on-site source separation of waste materials.

Q: I work for a waste contractor and/or a CDSF that is interested in/has been asked to make a bid for a Green Star project. What do you recommend I read first?

A: We strongly encourage reviewing the NZGBC C&D Waste Reporting Criteria document. It outlines the data and information you will need to compile ahead of your assessment and clarifies many of the terms referenced in this FAQ.

Q: Our recycling facility (Recovery facility) receives Green Star project material via vehicles from a company that has a CVS. Does our facility need to have a CVS?

A: If a facility operates solely as a recycling centre and only a small proportion of non-recyclable material is removed, it does not require a CVS. However, if the company also operates vehicles which transport material from the Green Star project to the facility then that aspect of the company would be defined as a Waste Contractor and would require a CVS.

Q: Does a demolition company need a CVS?

A: If a company just provides equipment to deconstruct/demolish a building and does not transport the material off site, then it does not need a CVS. However, if a company transports material off site of a Green Star project it is now deemed a waste contractor and will require a CVS. Additionally, if material is sent to a facility which then sorts the material, this would be deemed a CDSF and would need a CVS for that aspect of operations.

Q: I have a small C&D waste sorting facility that only moves less than 1500 tonnes of material a year. Do I need to have a CVS?

A: If a facility fulfills the full definition of a Low Volume C&D Sorting Facility (LVF) as per the C&D Waste Reporting Criteria v2.0, a CVS is not required. However, it must still comply with the requirements outlined in the Alternative Compliance section of the Reporting Criteria and complete a Waste Disclosure Statement for a CDSF for each year it annually processes under 1,500 tonnes of C&D waste.

Q: *I would like to get a CVS for my company. Currently we do not provide receipts for our customers nor do we record/save the waste dockets we receive from a CDSF or landfill. Do I just call up an assessor to set up a time for an assessment?*

A: No. Companies will first need to review the C&D Waste Reporting Criteria and contact a Suitably Qualified Assessor (SQA) to determine what information you will need to have available before an assessment is started.

Q: *I cannot find an Assessor to do an assessment of my company. Where do I find a Suitably Qualified Assessor (SQA).*

A: We have a list of SQA here. Please ensure they fulfill the requirements to be a SQA as per the C&D Waste Reporting Criteria document.

Q: *Rubble and other material is being reused on site. What do we need to do?*

A: The company undertaking this activity does NOT need a CVS. However, they will need to document the quantity of material being reused using the Volume to Weight Conversion table, unless the material can be accurately weighed. Evidence of this process, such as photographs showing how the measurements were taken, will also need to be provided

Q: *Do all waste contractors moving material from a Green Star project pursuing the C&D Waste credit need to have a CVS?*

A: Yes. Any waste contractor transporting material away from a Green Star project pursuing the C&D Waste credit must have a CVS. This applies even if they are taking the material to a Recovery Facility (recycling centre) which does not need a CVS.

Q: *Our C&D Waste Sorting Facility (CDSF) is being asked to comply with the Green Star requirements. What does this mean? What is the first thing I need to do?*

A: A Waste Contractor or CDSF responsible for picking up, transporting, or sorting Green Star project C&D waste must hold a valid CVS at the time the project site begins removing material. If they do not have a current CVS, they must complete, sign, and date a Waste Disclosure Statement, including the date they expect to undergo assessment for issuing a CVS. If a Waste Contractor or CDSF lacks both a valid CVS and a Waste Disclosure Statement dated at the start of moving or receiving Green Star project material, the project will not be eligible to receive this credit.