Site-Wide Credits Approach Support Document

Guidance for Green Star Buildings Projects

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Purpose of Guidance

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to projects seeking Green Star certification under Green Star Buildings with more than one building across a site boundary. This document sets out the process to develop a streamlined approach to document credits across the site.

If your project does not meet the criteria specified in this document and you are wishing to streamline a certification approach for multiple projects, please contact the NZGBC Certification Team to discuss your project(s) prior to submitting an Expression of Interest.

Please note that the Site-Wide Credits Approach (also known as Site Wide certification pathway) is different from certification under Green Star - Communities. For more information, please visit the NZGBC website.

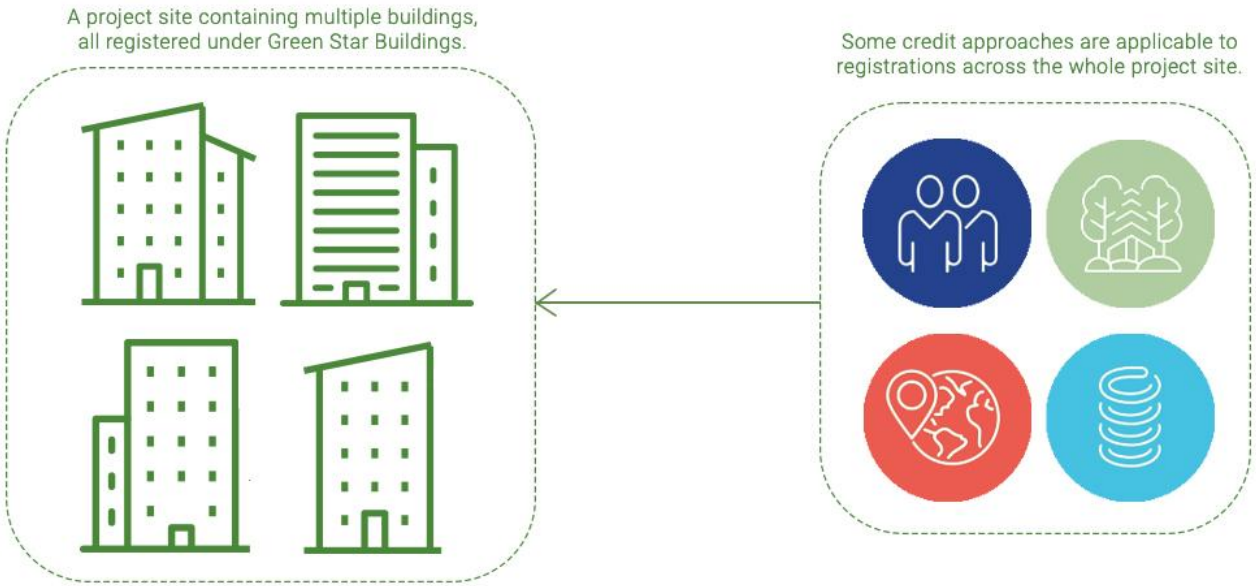
What is a Site-Wide Credits Approach?

The Site-Wide Credits Approach is a Green Star certification pathway that allows applicants to streamline some documentation requirements when there are multiple buildings in the same site boundary seeking Green Star certifications. Where projects located on the same site share common elements, such as a common Applicant, shared infrastructure or common policies, these elements may be assessed once for the relevant credits, and then applied across the site. This will help multiple buildings within one site to streamline their approach for approved site-wide credits, resulting in a streamlined submission and assessment process for the certification of each building, and lower documentation requirements overall.

It should be noted that the site itself will not receive a Green Star rating under this approach. Each building must have an individual registration and will receive its own rating once they have each gone through the certification process. Furthermore, all projects utilising a Site-Wide Credits Approach must be registered under the same rating tool version.

This guidance document lists the eligibility criteria for a project applying for a Site-Wide Credits Approach, as well as guidance on the credits and credit criteria that are recommended to be demonstrated across a site.

A project **must** seek approval through an Expression of interest via the online Green Star Registration Form before completing the registration of the project to apply a Site-Wide Credits Approach. The NZGBC reserves the right to cancel project registrations where a Site-Wide Credits Approach has been adopted without prior approval.



How is this different from *Green Star - Communities*?

Green Star - Communities is a rating tool by the NZGBC that assesses the planning, design and construction of large-scale developments at a precinct, neighbourhood or community scale. As such, a Communities rating includes many non-building elements, including transport, public amenities and open space infrastructure.

Unlike a Site-Wide Credits Approach, projects certified under Green Star – Communities will receive a rating for the entire precinct. Applicants seeking a rating for a site masterplan may wish to consider eligibility to use the Green Star Communities rating tool. Please visit the NZGBC website for further information on *Green Star - Communities.*

Eligibility Criteria for a Site-Wide Credits Approach

In order for projects to be deemed appropriate to use the Site-Wide Credits Approach, they must demonstrate:

1. Boundary

- All buildings intended for the approach are being constructed within a single, distinct site boundary.
- The distinct site boundary must be defined by the applicant and submitted to the NZGBC for review and approval. It is not mandatory for all new buildings within a site to apply for Green Star certification or to be under the Site-Wide Credits Approach. It is up to the applicant to determine which buildings are to be Green Star certified and which will apply the Site-Wide Credits Approach. Where buildings to be constructed are not located on the same site, the project will not be eligible for a Site-Wide Credits Approach and may need to consider alternative certification approaches
- It should be noted that Green Star Buildings certification covers individual buildings and it is not the intent of the tool to provide a rating to surrounding roads or external public infrastructure associated with a building.

2. Applicant

- All buildings intended for the approach are to be registered and coordinated by the same applicant.
- The applicant must approach the NZGBC to discuss their intention to apply for a Site-Wide Credits Approach and the applicant must be the sole applicant for all buildings being registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach. The applicant will be expected to nominate a single point of contact that will be responsible for the coordination of Green Star certification of the buildings included in the Site-Wide Credits Approach. This may be a project manager representing the applicant, a Green Star Accredited Professional (GSAP) or similar.

3. Timing

- All buildings intended to be covered by the approach are being constructed within the same timeframe and the construction is not staged.
- The NZGBC expects buildings approved for the Site-Wide Credits Approach will be designed and constructed in a concurrent, consecutive, or otherwise closely timed manner. Ideally, this also means that the buildings on site are being delivered under one contract.

Do all buildings need to be the same?

Individual buildings applying the Site-Wide Credits Approach do not need to have the same design, end use or building typology to be eligible to apply for site-wide credits. However, the overall quantity of site-wide credits available to a project will be greater where buildings share common features or are being delivered by common personnel.

Buildings intending to use a Site-Wide Credits Approach must be registered under the same rating tool and tool version.

What if there are changes to the project?

If your project circumstances change following approval of a Site-Wide Credits Approach, the project team **must** contact the NZGBC to determine whether the existing Site-Wide Credits Approach is still valid for the relevant buildings on the site. This includes, but is not limited to, the following scenarios:

- The project no longer complies with the eligibility criteria for a Site-Wide Credits Approach (ie. Boundary, Team or Timing);
- The project intends to add a new building to the Site-Wide Credits Approach.

Developing a Site-Wide Credits Approach

The process to develop a Site-Wide Credits Approach can be summarised in the following steps:

1. Review

- Review this guidance to determine whether your project is suitable for the Site-Wide Credits Approach:
- Determine which site-wide credits are appropriate for your project. In doing so, consider the following questions:
    - i. Are you able to demonstrate that the selected buildings on site are compliant with the relevant Green Star credit, using clear, streamlined documentation?
    - ii. Does demonstrating compliance with this credit across the relevant buildings on the site give enough assurance that the *individual* buildings will comply with the credit?

2. Expression of Interest

- Submit an Expression of Interest to the NZGBC for all buildings individually, providing details about the site boundary, buildings, project team and construction timelines, and provide all requested attachments.

3. Register

- If your Expression of Interest is approved, contact the Certification Team to determine certification fees and **complete registration for all remaining individual buildings** that will be under the Site-Wide Credits Approach. The NZGBC will assist you in creating an additional site-wide Parent Project which will link together all individual building registrations relevant to the Site-Wide Credits Approach.

4. Technical Question

- Once you are registered, complete **Appendix A** of this document, providing details of the site-wide credits being targeted, justification for your approach and if possible, examples of documentation that can be submitted to demonstrate compliance. Please ensure this is completed to the credit *criterion* level.
- Submit a Technical Question to the NZGBC under your project's site-wide registration, including the completed Appendix A as an attachment. This Technical Question will not count towards the standard allocation of four complimentary Technical Questions and will be processed at no charge.

5. Approved

- Once the proposed Site-Wide Credits Approach has been reviewed, the NZGBC will issue a formal Technical Question response outlining the approved site-wide credits and if applicable, the conditions allowing this approval. The project team may then start preparing for their site-wide credits submissions.
- Please refer to the **Submission Guidance** section of this document for further information on submission.

Credit Guidance

There are two types of credits when adopting a Site-Wide Credits Approach for Green Star Buildings, being:

1. Site-wide credits

These are the credits where compliance can be demonstrated on a site-wide level; therefore, it is anticipated that the approach for this credit type will be the same or comparable for multiple buildings on a single site. Evidence submitted for site-wide credits should clearly and easily represent all buildings under the Site-Wide Credits Approach.

2. Building specific credits

These are credits where compliance is tied to building specific attributes; therefore, each building is expected to demonstrate compliance for these credits at a building level. Evidence submitted for these credits is required to be building specific.

Project teams must submit a Technical Question to the NZGBC to identify all site-wide credits being targeted under the proposed Site-Wide Credits Approach (refer Appendix A). The NZGBC will indicate whether the proposed credits are appropriate for the proposed projects.

The following table provides guidance on credits and credit criteria from Green Star Buildings that may be suitable for a Site-wide Credits Approach, including requirements that would allow a credit criterion to be considered applicable across a site.

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
Responsible			
1 Industry Development	Green Star Accredited Professional Marketing Sustainability Achievements	Y	• The Green Star Accredited Professional criterion is appropriate to the Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one GSAP coordinating the Green Star submissions for all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach and the GSAP is engaged at all stages until the end of the project. • The Marketing Sustainability Achievements criterion is appropriate where there is one entity overseeing sustainability marketing for all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach.
	Financial Transparency	N	• Financial Transparency cannot be applied as a site-wide credit as this information is required and processed by the NZGBC at a building level.

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
2 Responsible Construction	Environmental Management System Environmental Management Plan Sustainability Training	Y	• These criteria under Responsible Construction are generally appropriate as site-wide credits where there is a single project team engaged for the whole of the works, including a single head contractor responsible for the delivery and management of environmental systems and for the coordination of subcontractors throughout the site.
	Construction and Demolition Waste Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion	Y	• These criteria are considered appropriate to demonstrate at a site-wide level where the targets are demonstrated on site-wide level.
3 Verification and Handover	Soft Landings Approach Independent Commissioning Agent	Y	• The Soft Landings Approach criterion is appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where a single owner or future facilities management team is engaged for the approach and all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach are intended to be handed over to this owner or team. • The Independent Commissioning Agent is also considered appropriate where the engaged ICA is appointed for all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach.
	Metering and Monitoring	N	• All other criteria within Verification and Handover are not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as the NZGBC expects all buildings to demonstrate their individual compliance to the credit. This is particularly notable for commissioning, testing and tuning related requirements which should be demonstrated by all buildings individually.

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
	Commissioning and Tuning Building Information		
4 Responsible Resource Management	Dedicated Waste Storage Area Signoff by Waste Specialist and/or Contractor	Y	• The Dedicated Waste Storage Area criterion is appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where the site is owned or operated by a single entity AND waste storage facilities are shared for all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach. Please note that shared waste facilities must be appropriately sized to accommodate all buildings and occupants of the site as relevant to the Site-Wide Credits Approach. • The Signoff by Waste Specialist and/or Contractor criterion is also appropriate where there is a single waste specialist or contractor engaged for the design of waste spaces at the site.
	Collection of Waste Streams	N	• The Collection of Waste Streams criterion is not considered as appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as the NZGBC expects all buildings to demonstrate their individual compliance to this criterion. Where a project team considers a site-wide approach to be appropriate to this criterion due to the project's delivery approach, a Technical Question can be submitted to the NZGBC for review.
5 Responsible Procurement	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Responsible Procurement are generally appropriate as site-wide credits where there is a single project team overseeing the creation and implementation of a procurement strategy AND where the project team intends to undertake bulk procurement of materials from selected suppliers for all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach.
6 Responsible Structure 7 Responsible Envelope	All Criteria	N	• The criteria under Responsible Structure, Envelope, Systems, and Finishes are not considered appropriate for the Site-Wide Credits Approach. These credits intend to award a building for the inclusion of responsible products within its respective design. As such, the NZGBC considers the

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
8 Responsible Systems			outcomes of these credits to be building specific, and therefore not applicable to demonstrate at a site-wide level.
9 Responsible Finishes			
Healthy			
10 Clean Air			• The criteria under Clean Air, Light Quality and Acoustic Comfort are not considered as appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach. These credits intend to award a building for providing a high quality indoor environment within its respective design. As such, the NZGBC considers the outcomes of these credits to be building specific, and therefore not applicable to demonstrate at a site-wide level.
11 Light Quality	All Criteria	N	
12 Acoustic Comfort			
13 Exposure to Toxins	Banned or Highly Toxic Materials	Y	• The Banned or Highly Toxic Materials criterion is appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where all existing buildings in the site are surveyed together.
	Paints, Adhesives, Sealants and Carpets		• All other criterion under Exposure to Toxins are not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as they are specific to the building's design or require testing to be completed for individual buildings to demonstrate compliance with the credit criteria.
	Engineered Wood Products	N	
	TVOC and Formaldehyde Levels		

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
14 Amenity and Comfort	All Criteria	N	• The Amenity and Comfort criterion is not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as each building on site is expected to demonstrate compliance with the credit criteria.
15 Connection to Nature	Interaction with Nature	Y	• The Interaction with Nature criterion is appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where the allocated area is accessible to all buildings.
	Views Plants & Nature-inspired Design		• All other criterion under Connection to Nature are not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach. These credits intend to award a building for providing a connection to nature through its respective design. As such, the NZGBC considers the outcomes of these credits to be building specific, and therefore not applicable to demonstrate at a site-wide level.
Resilient			
16 Climate Change Resilience	Climate Change Pre-screening Checklist Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Assessment	Y	• The Climate Change Pre-screening Checklist and Risk and Adaptation Assessment are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team designing and delivering all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach AND climate change planning and risk identification can be completed and demonstrated at a side-wide level. • Please note that project staging has the capacity to change the outcomes of climate change resilience dramatically throughout the course of construction. As such, any project including staged construction will not be able to target this credit site-wide.
	Managing Risks	N	• The Managing Risks criterion is not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as each building on site is expected to demonstrate compliance to the credit criteria through design and operational responses specific to that building.

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
			• There may be scenarios where identified risks are associated with the entire site and must be addressed at a site-wide level. Where a project team considers a site-wide approach to be appropriate to this criterion due to the above, a Technical Question can be submitted to the NZGBC for review.
17 Operations Resilience	Comprehensive Risk Assessment	Y	• The Comprehensive Risk Assessment criterion is generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team delivering all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach, there is one owner or operating entity at the site AND operational shocks, risks and power loss scenarios can be assessed at a site-wide level.
	Managing Risks Addressing Power Loss	N	• The 'Managing Risks' and 'Addressing Power Loss' criteria are not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as each building on site is expected to demonstrate compliance to the credit criteria through design and operational responses specific to that building. • There may be scenarios where identified risks are associated with the entire site and must be addressed at a site-wide level. Where a project team considers a site-wide approach to be appropriate to this criterion due to the above, a Technical Question can be submitted to the NZGBC for review.
18 Community Resilience	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Community Resilience are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team designing and delivering all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach AND community-based planning can be completed and demonstrated at a site-wide level.
19 Heat Resilience	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Heat Resilience are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team designing and delivering all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach . Please note that heat island strategies implemented should be evenly distributed across the site.

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
			• Please note that project staging has the capacity to change the outcomes of the heat island effect dramatically throughout the course of construction. As such, any project including staged construction will not be able to target this credit site-wide.
20 Grid Resilience	All Criteria	N	• All criteria under Grid Resilience are not considered as appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach. These credits intend to award a building for its ability to respond to grid issues, including through building specific design attributes and electricity demand. As such, the NZGBC considers the outcomes of these credits to be building specific, and therefore not applicable to demonstrate at a site-wide level. • Where a project team considers a site-wide approach to be appropriate to this criterion due to the project's design, a Technical Question can be submitted to the NZGBC for review.
Positive			
21 Upfront Carbon Emissions	All Criteria	N	• All criteria under Upfront Carbon Emissions are not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach. This credit intends to award a building for having lower environmental impacts through its respective design and overall lifespan. As such, the NZGBC considers the outcomes of this credit to be building specific, and therefore not applicable to demonstrate at a site-wide level. • There may be scenarios where a life cycle assessment should be considered at a site-wide level, particularly where the design and material specifications across all buildings are the same or similar. Where a project team considers a site-wide approach to be appropriate to this criterion due to common building design across the site, a Technical Question can be submitted to the NZGBC for revie
22 Energy Use 23 Energy Source	All Criteria	N	• All criteria under the Energy Use, Energy Source and Other Carbon Emissions credits are not considered as appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach. These credits relate to the emissions created through a building's design and anticipated energy use. As such, the NZGBC considers the

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
24 Other Carbon Emissions			outcomes of these credits to be building specific, and therefore not applicable to demonstrate at a site-wide level.
25 Water Use	All Criteria	N	• All criteria under Water Use are not considered as appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as they are specific to the building's design and anticipated water use. As such, the NZGBC considers the outcomes of this credit to be building specific, and therefore not applicable to demonstrate at a site-wide level.
26 Life Cycle Impacts	All Criteria	N	• All criteria under Life Cycle Impacts are not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach. This credit intends to award a building for having lower environmental impacts through its respective design and overall lifespan. As such, the NZGBC considers the outcomes of this credit to be building specific, and therefore not applicable to demonstrate at a site-wide level. • There may be scenarios where a life cycle assessment should be considered at a site-wide level, particularly where the design and material specifications across all buildings are the same or similar. Where a project team considers a site-wide approach to be appropriate to this criterion due to common building design across the site, a Technical Question can be submitted to the NZGBC for review.
Places			
27 Movement and Place	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Movement and Place are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team designing and delivering the site, including end of trip facilities and transport infrastructure. Please note that when designing for shared facilities and infrastructure, the design capacity must consider all occupants of the site, and occupants of all buildings must be able to access the shared facilities.

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
			• For the Encouraging Walkability criterion, please ensure that calculations are completed from the centre of the site. Project teams should provide a markup in their submission demonstrating the point considered as the centre of the site.
28 Enjoyable Places	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Enjoyable Places are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team designing and delivering the site, communal spaces be accessed by occupants from all buildings on the site AND there is a single owner or entity overseeing the operation of the site. Please note that each building should have equitable access to enjoyable places implemented at the site.
29 Contribution to Place	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Contribution to Place are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team designing the site, including the urban context report and design responses, and independent design reviews are completed by a single review panel for the entire site.
30 Culture, Heritage, and Identity	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Culture, Heritage and Identity are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team designing the site, including undertaking community engagement works, and independent design reviews are completed by a single review panel for the entire site.
People			
31 Inclusive Construction Practices	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Inclusive Construction Practices are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one head contractor overseeing the works by all subcontracts and suppliers for all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach. The NZGBC acknowledges that this typically results in the provision of common site policies and programs for all workers on site, including site specific inductions and staff support for workers.

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
32 Tohu Mauri Ora	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Tohu Mauri Ora are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is a single project team or owner for all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach is in partnership with and/or led by local hapū/iwi.
33 Procurement and Workforce Inclusion	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Procurement and Workforce Inclusion are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team overseeing procurement and employment strategies for the delivery of all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach.
34 Design for Inclusion	Needs Analysis	Y	• The Needs Analysis criterion is appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team designing and delivering all buildings registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach AND the project team can conduct consultation works using designs for the entire site.
	Inclusive Design	N	• The Inclusive Design criterion is not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach. This criterion intends to award a building for providing inclusive features within its respective design. As such, the NZGBC considers the outcomes of these credits to be building specific, and therefore not applicable to demonstrate at a site-wide level.
Nature			
35 Impacts to Nature	Site Ecological Value Managing Light Pollution Impacts	Y	• The Site Ecological Value, Managing Light Pollution Impacts, Wetland Management Plan and Protecting Ecological Values criterion are appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as they intend to address site-wide impacts of a development.

Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
	Wetland Management Plan Protecting Ecological Values		
	Retaining High Biodiversity Values	N	• The Retaining High Biodiversity Values criterion is not considered appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach, due to the inclusion of light and noise pollution measures which are related to building specific design and should be demonstrated at the building level. Further, any projects including staged construction have the capacity to change the outcomes of light and noise pollution dramatically throughout the course of construction.
36 Biodiversity Enhancement	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Biodiversity Enhancement are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as they intend to address site-wide landscaping in a development.
37 Nature Connectivity	All Criteria	Y	• All criteria under Nature Connectivity are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach as they intend to address site-wide landscaping or infrastructure to allow species connectivity throughout and adjacent to the site.
38 Nature Stewardship	All Criterion	Y	• All criteria under Nature Stewardship are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team or owner responsible for all buildings at the site AND protection or restoration activities can be organised by this entity. • Note that the GFA of the entire site or development (whichever is the greater) must be used to meet the Area of Restoration or Protection criterion.

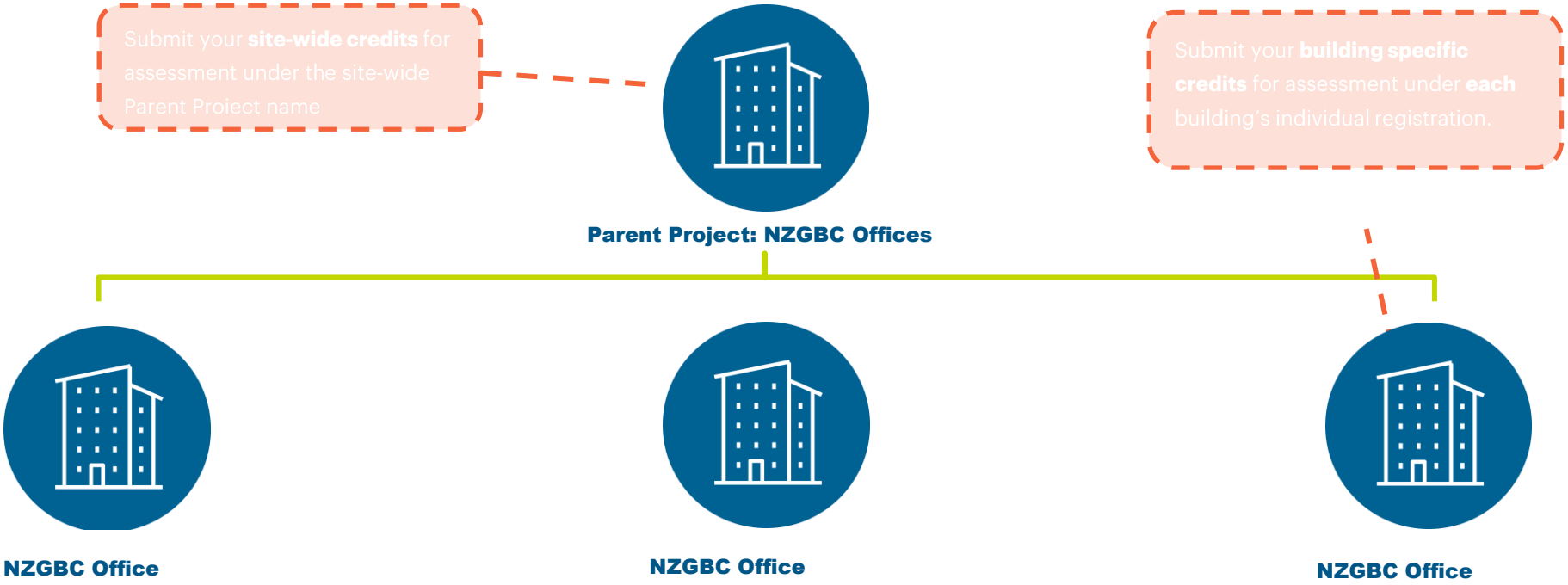
Credit Name	Credit Criteria	Y / N	Guidance
39 Waterway Protection	All Criterion	Y	• All criteria under Waterway Protection are generally appropriate for a Site-Wide Credits Approach where there is one project team designing the site AND stormwater infrastructure services all buildings at the site. • Please note that project staging has the capacity to change the outcomes of annual stormwater discharge rates and pollution targets dramatically throughout the course of construction. As such, any project including staged construction will not be able to target this credit as site-wide.
Leadership category			
40 Market Transformation	-		• The NZGBC notes that approaches claimed under the Leadership category must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for their applicability to a Site-Wide Credits Approach and are awarded at the discretion of the Assessor.
41 Leadership Challenges			
Other			
Sector Specific Credits	-		• The NZGBC notes that approaches claimed under Sector Specific Credits must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for their applicability to a Site-Wide Credits Approach.

Submission Guidance

Projects registered under Green Star Buildings that are approved for a Site-wide Credits Approach must use the NZGBC-supplied shared Green Star submission folders to complete their submissions.

All projects approved for the Site-Wide Credits Approach will have a Parent Project created by the NZGBC on the online NZGBC project portal, which will link the individual registrations of buildings included in a Site-Wide Credits Approach. Note that the site-wide Parent Project will not receive a rating, and is only used to facilitate the site-wide credits assessment. Project teams must submit credits that are being targeted as site-wide credits under the Parent Project name, and all building specific credits within the respective individual building registrations.

All Technical Questions should be submitted via the online Technical Question Submission form and allocated to a nominated individual building. The submitted question should clearly list any additional registered buildings that it is applicable to.

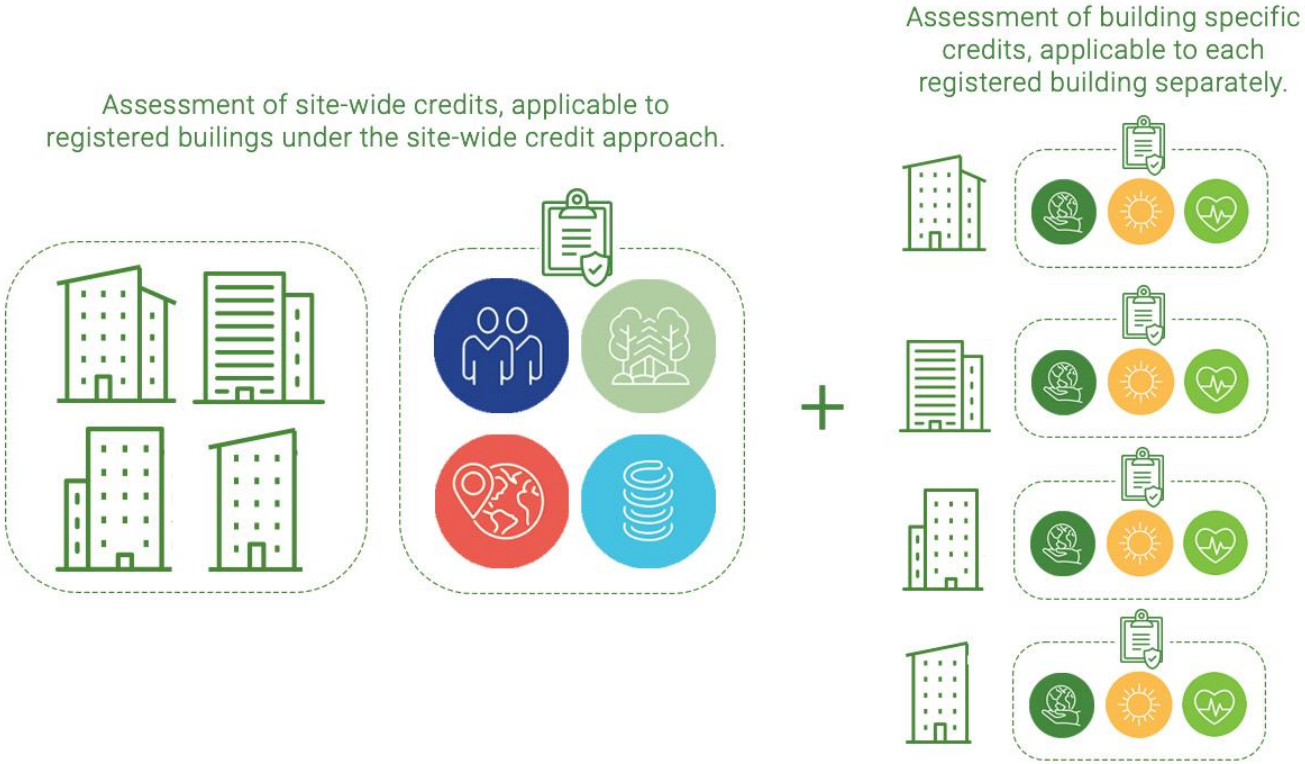


What will my results look like?

Each registration will receive its own assessment outcome, covering both site-wide and building-specific credits. The final score for each building is calculated by combining:

1. The credits awarded through the site-wide registration under the Site-Wide Credit Approach; and
2. The building-specific credits awarded within that building's individual registration.

Please note that the site itself is **not** awarded a Green Star rating. Instead, each building participating in the site-wide approach receives its own individual Green Star rating.



When should I submit the site-wide credits?

Site-wide credits should be submitted for assessment at both *Designed* and *Certified* assessment rounds. When ready for assessment, site-wide credits should be submitted **with the first individual project submission** ready for assessment. The submission of the first project for assessment must be accompanied by the submission of all other projects registered under the Site-Wide Credits Approach

Once a site-wide credit is awarded, it will not need to be submitted again unless:

- The Certified Assessor has requested that additional documentation be submitted with a building's later round submission;
- The Certified Assessor did not award the site-wide credit and has noted that the project team should submit this again with a later building's submission.

Please note that the Certified Assessor retains the discretion to request additional documentation where necessary to confirm compliance with a credit.

What should a submission for a *site-wide credit* look like?

Site-wide credits require the same information as a typical submission, being:

- A completed Submission Form; and
- All documentation as required by the Submission Guidelines, for example, calculators, drawings, models, reports and contract excerpts.

Evidence provided for site-wide credits should be indicative of all relevant buildings at the site, not individual buildings, and should be easy to present at a site level. If a project team finds that the evidence being produced for a site-wide credit is still divided into individual building related documents, the project team should consider whether the credit is relevant as a site-wide credit, or if it is more efficient to submit this credit per building.

Glossary

Building specific credits – Credits where compliance is tied to building specific attributes.

Individual registration or **Individual building registration** – An individual building registered for Green Star certification, including registrations that form part of a Site-Wide Credits Approach.

Site-wide credits – Credits and credit criteria that are common to multiple, individual building registrations and being assessed under a Site-Wide Credits Approach.

Site-Wide Credits Approach – A Green Star certification approach that allows a streamlined submission where there are multiple buildings within the same site boundary, registered and completed by the same applicant and in the same timeline.

Site-wide credits assessment – The assessment of site-wide credits by a Certified Assessor and as part of the Green Star certification process.

Site-wide Parent Project – A false registration created by the NZGBC used solely to manage site-wide credits assessments. This parent project is not subject to Green Star certification or to receive a rating.

Site-wide credits submission – The submission of site-wide credits to the NZGBC for assessment as part of the Green Star certification process.

Appendix A

4. Site-Wide Credits Proposal (required for Technical Question)

Credit / Criterion	Approach	Justification	Documentation
(List the credits / criterion that are being targeted as site-wide)	*(Outline your approach to this credit, on a site-wide basis)*	*(Justify why your approach is eligible for this credit. For example, that your project meets all the criteria and that your proposed credit aligns with the NZGBC credit guidance for the Site-Wide Credits Approach.*	*(Broadly identify what evidence you could likely provide for this credit and whether this aligns with the submission guidelines)*
Industry Development: *Green Star Accredited* *Professional*			

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