

Environmental Product Certification

How Sustainable is your Product?



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Who We Are

NCS International is one of Australia’s foremost independent third-party environmental certification and auditing bodies. Our certification and auditing services provide businesses confidence about compliance with international, national and industry standards for environmental and sustainability performance, quality assurance, food safety and occupational health and safety management.



NCS International Environmental Product Certification Solutions

Increasing awareness and concern about environmental performance and sustainability of products is driving progressive manufacturers to make environmentally preferable products. NCS International’s product environmental certification services aim to provide consumers, the market, regulators and manufacturers confidence about the environmental performance claims of a range of products. Our environmental product certification audits assess compliance of products with recognised industry benchmarks as well as product ecolabelling programmes complying with the international standard ISO 14024.



Good Environmental Choice Australia – What Is It?

Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA) is an independent, not-for-profit environmental standards-setting body and owner of the Good Environmental Choice Australia Ecolabel. Since launching in 2001, GECA has become the leading Australian ecolabel standards body with a range of environmental labelling standards covering consumer, industrial and building products.

GECA’s ecolabelling programme complies with the international standard ISO 14024 for third party environmental labelling programmes. Voluntary ecolabelling standards produced by GECA provide the benchmark for establishing compliance of products and services to the requirements of the Good Environmental Choice Label.



The Benefits of GECA Certification through NCSI

NCS International provides businesses and manufacturers of certain products and services independent certification of compliance to relevant GECA’s ecolabel standards. We provide:

- Gap assessments of products against compliance with relevant GECA ecolabelling standards
- Conformance assessment audits of product environmental declarations to certify compliance with GECA’s ecolabelling standards

NCS International certification to GECA ecolabel standards provides you a wide range of benefits:

Recognition: GECA brand is widely recognised by consumers, NGO’s, government agencies, procurement and building industry professionals as Australia’s foremost lifecycle-based ecolabel.

Market Access: Greater access to green procurement by government and industry looking for more sustainable supply chain partners

Credibility: GECA-certified products meet scientific lifecycle-based environmental performance standards.

Trust and Transparency: Achieving GECA certification involves rigorous independent auditing to benchmark products to transparent and internationally recognised standards.

Differentiation: GECA ecolabel makes it easy for consumers to choose environmentally preferable products.

Reduces Environmental Footprint: Using your GECA-certified product helps consumers consciously reduce their eco-footprint and do their bit for the environment.

Exposure: Your company and certified products will be eligible for listing on the publicly available GECA Products Register, as well as the Green Procurement Database. Your achievement will also be communicated through GECA’s newsletter giving you exposure to over 6,000 sustainability industry professionals.

Marketing Promotion: Use of the GECA ecolabel on all certified products.



“NCSI’s **unique one-on-one approach** is what separates us from our competitors.”



The Certification Process

STAGE 1: Preliminary Conformance Assessment

NCSI will submit an application for certification to GECA on behalf of your organisation. Following submission, a Preliminary Conformance Assessment (PCA) is undertaken in which NCSI, in conjunction with your organisation, assesses the feasibility of the product conforming to the relevant GECA Standards.

From this PCA, a conformity assessment plan is produced.

STAGE 2: Conformance Assessment

For Products thought likely to conform to GECA Standards, a Conformance Assessment (CA) is then carried out by NCSI to audit applicable product documentation and perform site visits and product tests as required to verify that a product conforms to one or more applicable GECA Standards.

A Verification Report is produced as a result of this CA. NCSI will then send a copy of this report directly to GECA on behalf of your organisation.

MILESTONE 1: Letter of Conformance is Issued

Once NCSI has verified conformance during the CA, a Letter of Conformance is issued as the cover page of the Verification Report.

STAGE 3: Licensing

Once your organisation has successfully completed the CA, it must then undergo the process for attaining GECA Licensing.

MILESTONE 2: Product is GECA Certified

Once Stage 3 has been completed, the product is deemed to be GECA Certified. A GECA Licence will be issued and you will gain permission for use of the GECA Ecolabel as a GECA Licensee.

STAGE 4: Surveillance Audits and Random Audits

Once you have successfully completed GECA Licensing, your organisation will be responsible for participating in regular surveillance audits. At any stage, a random audit may be requested at GECA’s discretion. If changes are made to a relevant standard or a new version of the standard is released GECA may also request that licensees participate in an ‘upgrade’ audit or recertification.

For more information on GECA Certification, or to submit an application, contact NCSI today on 1300 856 524, email us at info@ncsi.com.au or visit www.ncsi.com.au





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Training with NCSI

NCSI offers a diverse range of practical and informative training courses designed to assist your company in implementing and maintaining effective Management Systems.

Our programs cater to all levels so whether you're looking to qualify as an accredited auditor, or simply learn the basics, we've got you covered.

Not only are our trainers practising auditors – they're industry experts, which means that NCSI can tailor our programs to specifically suit the needs and goals of your business.

Public Training Courses

Each of our training programs are delivered by qualified industry professionals, all of whom are practising auditors with a wealth of experience within their chosen standard.

NCSI Pty Limited is certified under the RABQSA International Training Provider Examination Certification Scheme (TPECS) to provide training and examination of competency for quality management system auditors.

In-House Training Courses

Training a group of people in one location can often be more cost effective than sending staff off-site on a public course. Our industry experts can tailor each course to suit the environment of your organisation, by demonstrating how aspects of the standard are relevant to your particular business and industry.

In-House training is cost effective, comprehensive and tailored to suit your needs and goals.

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