

Green Stamp Accreditation for Dealerships



What is the Green Stamp Accreditation Program?

The Green Stamp Accreditation Program is a national environmental accreditation program run by State Motor Trade Associations.

This accreditation program assists and rewards businesses as a result of the environmental management and sustainability initiatives that are implemented into their day to day business. The program aims to put focus on automotive businesses that include environmental considerations when operating a business.

The program covers key areas considered as essential to reducing the automotive industry's impact on the environment. These key environmental areas include:

- Environmental management
- Resource efficiency
- Preventing water pollution
- Preventing air pollution
- Managing wastewater
- Managing hazardous waste
- Preventing noise pollution

Why should my business be environmentally accredited?

A growing number of automotive businesses are operating their processes and managing particular wastes to a standard never seen in Australia.

Businesses, who demonstrate their efforts in decreasing and eliminating environmental impacts beyond their legal responsibilities, should be recognised.

Green Stamp accredited businesses have the opportunity to use a promotional pack for marketing purposes. This can give your accredited businesses a marketing edge by showing consumers that your business is accredited to a nationally recognised environmental program compared to competing businesses.

The promotional pack contains:

- 1 x Outdoor display sign (495mm x 300mm)
- 1 x Window sticker (170mm x 220mm)
- 25 x Pamphlets on the Green Stamp Accreditation Program
- 1 x Pamphlet holder
- Digital file of the Green Stamp logo for business use (i.e. website, business cards, stationery etc.)

Accreditation Overview

The Green Stamp Accreditation Program has 3 levels, with accreditation being rewarded to businesses that meet Levels 2 and 3.

Level 1 – Legislative Requirements

Level 1 – Legislative Requirements is not an accreditation level. Businesses meeting this level are showing that they are meeting environmental legislative requirements, and therefore all businesses should be meeting Level 1 requirements at a minimum.

Businesses that meet Level 1 have the opportunity to progress to an accreditation level that is nationally recognised.

Level 2 – Voluntary Initiatives

Level 2 – Voluntary Initiatives is the first accreditation level of the Green Stamp Accreditation Program.

Businesses that achieve level 2 have demonstrated that they have met all the applicable level 1 requirements, and implemented a number of voluntary initiatives into their day to day activities.

Level 3 – Continual Improvement

Level 3 – Continual Improvement is the highest level of accreditation that can be obtained in the Green Stamp Accreditation Program.

Businesses that achieve level 3 have demonstrated that they are continuously striving to reduce the business' impact on the environment by implementing an Environmental Management Plan and incorporating innovative ideas and technologies into their day to day activities.

Need more help?

The Green Stamp Accreditation Program offers a range of resources automotive businesses to not only check their level of legal compliance, but to also identify and improve their eligibility for Green Stamp Accreditation. If your business does not currently satisfy the requirements of Green Stamp Accreditation, you can utilise the following services to work towards accreditation:

- **Environmental Assessments**

Assessments can be conducted on your business to identify any current environmental impacts and provide practical solutions and follow-up support

- **Environmental Guidelines**

Industry specific environmental guidelines identify environmental issues relevant to the motor trades, and suggest practical solutions to assist you in reducing your environmental impact. These guidelines can be accessed on the Green Stamp website or you can contact MTA (NT) for a copy.

- **Environmental Products and Services Guide**

The NT Environment Protection Authority provides a guide as to 'Listed Waste Handlers'. This can be found by following the link below or by visiting the NT Environment Protection Authority Website.

<http://www.ntepa.nt.gov.au/waste-pollution/approvals-licences/ep-licences>

Becoming Green Stamp Accredited

Becoming Green Stamp Accredited is a simple 4 step process.

Step 1 Use the criteria to undertake a self-assessment of your business. This will give you an indication of whether or not you are able to meeting an accreditation level.

Step 2 Complete the application form, declaration and payment details; and return to:

MTA (NT), PO Box 37338, Winnellie, NT, 0821

Step 3 Upon receiving your application and payment, an assessor from MTA (NT) will arrange to visit your site. An environmental assessment will be undertaken assessing the environmental issues associated with your business and how these are managed.

Step 4 Upon completion of the environmental assessment, your business will be rewarded with a promotional pack and certificate if an accreditation level is reached. This allows your business to promote your business as Green Stamp accredited.

Cost of Accreditation

	Initial application/assessment	Reaccreditation assessment
MTA (NT) Members	\$425	\$190
Non Members	\$765	\$330

**Prices are inclusive of GST*

Green Stamp Accreditation

MTA (NT), PO Box 37338 Winnellie, Unit 9 /41 Sadgroves Cres Winnellie, NT 0820
projects@mtant.com.au

Application Form

Trading name

MTA (NT) Member Number Phone

Email Fax

Street address

Suburb Postcode

Full name(s) of proprietor(s)

Mr Mrs Ms Surname First name

Mr Mrs Ms Surname First name

Contact person (if different from proprietor)

Mr Mrs Ms Surname First name

Position

Level of Accreditation being applied for:

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

If a business fails to meet the accreditation criteria and chooses to retract their application after their environmental assessment, the business will forgo their initial application fee. Businesses are therefore encouraged to carefully ensure compliance before confirming the date of the Green Stamp environmental assessment. Additional compliance assistance is available to members at no cost by contacting MTA (NT).

Payment Details

Cheque To: Motor Trades Association (NT) Inc

EFT to MTA (NT) ANZ BSB: 015901
Account No: 413559814
Reference: Green Stamp Accreditation

Green Stamp Declaration

I/WE

hereby make an application to become accredited under the National Green Stamp Accreditation program and solemnly declare that MY/OUR business complies with the criteria for participation of the accreditation program.

I/WE have read and understood the criteria requirements of the accreditation and I/WE willingly agree to the inspection of MY/OUR premises, equipment, and processes by a duly authorised MTA (NT) staff at any time during normal working hours for the purposes of the accreditation.

I/WE understand that the accreditation, including the use of Green Stamp logos, is not transferable between sites, and becomes void if the accredited business is sold or ceases to operate.

If at any time I/WE fail to meet the required standards of the accreditation, MTA (NT) reserves the right to withdraw the accreditation (or associated levels of accreditation) as deemed necessary.

I/WE agree that in the event of MY/OUR ceasing to qualify for accreditation I/WE will immediately notify MTA (NT) in writing of this fact and remove from display all promotional materials relation to the Green Stamp Accreditation Program.

Signed

Date / /

Level 1 – Legislative requirements

Every business must comply with Level 1 criteria to meet the basic environmental standard. Level 1 does not grant your business Accreditation. Level 2 or Level 3 must be achieved to receive Accreditation.

Assessment			Criteria	Additional information
Environmental Management				
YES	NO	N/A	Management and staff are aware of environmental responsibilities	The assessor will need to see a signed checklist or proof of attendance to staff meetings relating to responsibilities
YES	NO	N/A	Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are held on site for all hazardous chemicals	SDS must be viewed by the assessor. SDS provide information on chemicals and are available from your suppliers
YES	NO	N/A	Business has an Environmental licence if required by State / Territory legislation	
Resource Efficiency				
YES	NO	N/A	Compliance with water restrictions as required by State / Territory water authorities	Depending on the area and current water restrictions, businesses that wash vehicles may require evidence of a permanent water saving plan or permit from the local water authority to allow car washing on site (Applicable to VIC, NSW, SA and QLD businesses)
Preventing Water Pollution				
YES	NO	N/A	Stormwater drains are clear of liquid containments and litter	Stormwater drains around the workshop will be checked for any rubbish or liquid contaminants entering the stormwater system
YES	NO	N/A	All repair and servicing work is conducted inside the workshop	The assessor will need to view the workshop area and check that there is no evidence of servicing being undertaken outside this area
YES	NO	N/A	An adequate number of spill kits are available and easily accessible	The assessor will check the position and contents of the spill kit, which at minimum must contain: Absorbant pads or granules Containment booms Broom and dustpan
YES	NO	N/A	Vehicle washing is conducted in a an area that drains to a an oil water separator OR in a bunded / contained washbay	The assessor will check the suitability of the washbay, and inspect to ensure no wastewater is being discharged to stormwater drains
YES	NO	N/A	Large quantities (>250L) of hazardous liquids are stored in a bunded/contained area	The assessor will check that all potential contaminants are stored in this manner Oil Coolant Parts washer fluid Fuel
YES	NO	N/A	All hazardous chemicals/substances are stored on sealed ground or undercover as required by State/Territory legislation	The assessor will check to ensure all chemicals are stored in an undercover area with sealed ground such as a dedicated chemical storage room
YES	NO	N/A	Parts containing liquid are stored in a bunded/contained and undercover area	Liquid waste drums Radiators Batteries Used oil filters

Preventing Air Pollution				
YES	NO	N/A	If air conditioning work is conducted, involving approved refrigerants, an ARCTick licence is held by the business and relevant technicians	Assessor will need details of the businesses Refrigerant Trading Authorisation and relevant technicians' Refrigerant Handling Licences Authorisation no: Licence no:
YES	NO	N/A	Any refrigerants reclaimed are removed for appropriate disposal	Businesses will be asked to provide documentation to verify that they are capturing refrigerants for appropriate disposal
YES	NO	N/A	LPG tanks are emptied by an appropriately competent person or as required State/Territory requirements	Copies of licences to be sighted by assessor if applicable.
YES	NO	N/A	Spray Painting is conducted inside an accredited Australian Standard spray booth (or in special circumstances, as per Council or State/Territory requirements)	YES The assessor will need to view the spray booth
YES	NO	N/A	Spray booth filters are properly and regularly maintained	NO N/A
YES	NO	N/A	Spray booth filters are properly and regularly maintained	The assessor will need to see recipients of the services or a log book/maintenance schedule
Preventing Noise Pollution				
YES	NO	N/A	Noisy activity is restricted, as required by State/Territory legislation	YES NO N/A
Managing Wastewater				
YES	NO	N/A	Wastewater is collected and removed for disposal by a licenced contractor or disposed of through an oil water separator and sludge is pumped out regularly	The assessor will need to see waste removal receipts for the disposal of wastewater; or if using an oil water separator, receipts for sludge removal
YES	NO	N/A	If an oil water separator is used, a Trade Waste Agreement is held with the local water authority to discharge wastewater to the sewer if required by State/Territory requirements	Copy of agreement is required to be sighted by the assessor
Managing Wastes				
YES	NO	N/A	Prescribed Industrial Wastes are removed by EPA licenced contractors, or managed for recycling, reuse or approved disposal.	The assessor will need to see copies of the receipts if kept in hard copy Waste oil/lubricants Oil filters Coolant Acids/Alkalis Oily rags/absorbents Parts washer fluid Triple interceptor sludge
YES	NO	N/A	EPA Waste Transport Certificates are filled out and kept for at least 24 months if required by State/Territory legislation	The assessor will need to see copies of the Waste Transport Certificates if required by State/Territory legislation
YES	NO	N/A	Tyres are removed for recycling as required by State/Territory legislation	Company
YES	NO	N/A	Batteries are removed for recycling as required by State/Territory legislation	Company

Level 2 – Voluntary initiatives

Level 2- Voluntary Initiatives can only be achieved once all relevant criteria are met in Level 1. The Environmental Management criteria plus and additional eleven (11) criteria must be met to receive Green Stamp Accreditation. Other initiatives that are not listed may be included at the assessor's discretion.

Assessment			Criteria	Additional information
Environmental Management				
YES	NO	N/A	COMPULSORY CRITERIA The business has an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in place	The EMP addresses the business' action plan for environmental management. The assessor will need to see the management plan. A simple step by step guide to creating a management plan can be sent out by post, fax or email by contacting MTA (NT).
YES	NO	N/A	COMPULSORY CRITERIA The business has and displays an environmental policy	The assessor will need to see the policy on display in the workshop and service counter
Resource Efficiency				
YES	NO	N/A	Lights are switched off after hours or when not required	
YES	NO	N/A	The compressor is turned off after hours	
YES	NO	N/A	Computers are switched off after hours	
YES	NO	N/A	Skylights or other natural lighting is used to reduce the need for artificial lighting	Using natural lighting instead of artificial lighting during the day can significantly reduce your power bill
YES	NO	N/A	Energy efficiency lighting is installed	Energy efficient globes such as LEDs reduce energy consumption Type of globe used
YES	NO	N/A	Energy efficiency equipment is used	Equipment with high energy ratings can be used to reduce energy consumption. The assessor will need to see the type of equipment (i.e. fridge, freezer, TVs, dishwasher, washing machine etc.)
YES	NO	N/A	Recycled paper or paper from a sustainable resource is used	The assessor will need to see the type of recycled paper used Brand
YES	NO	N/A	Waterless car cleaning products are used to clean vehicles	
YES	NO	N/A	Vehicles are washed with a trigger nozzle or bucket	
YES	NO	N/A	Recycles thinner (gunwash) is used to clean spray guns	The assessor will need to see the recycling system used and process undertaken
YES	NO	N/A	Plastic bumper bars/headlights are repaired where possible	Assessor will need to see receipts from the company that undertakes repairs or see this process being undertaken on the premises

Preventing Water Pollution				
YES	NO	N/A	All external openings of the workshop are bunded or the floor is sloped inwards	The assessor will need to see the type of bunding in place. Bunding the external openings or sloping the floor inwards prevents liquids from leaving the workshop
YES	NO	N/A	Staff are trained on spill management and spill instructions are easily accessible. These instructions should be clearly visible to all staff, and should be prominently displayed in areas where there is the greatest risk of large spills occurring (e.g. near bulk storage containers or chemical storage areas)	The assessor must see the spill instructions. For information on spill management, contact MTA(NT) or obtain instructions from your spill kit provider
Preventing Air Pollution				
YES	NO	N/A	A non-solvent (water/steam, biological) based parts washer is used	The assessor will need to see the parts washer in place and note the details of the system type and distributor
YES	NO	N/A	Sanders have dust vacuums	The assessor will need to see dust vacuum system
YES	NO	N/A	High volume, low pressure or airless spray guns are used	The assessor will need to view the spray guns used
YES	NO	N/A	Low emission, high solid paints are used	The assessor will check the paints being used Waterborne paints Enamel paints
YES	NO	N/A	Gun cleaning stations are used	The assessor will check the gun cleaning station
YES	NO	N/A	Lids are kept on liquid containers/paint pots	
Preventing Noise Pollution				
YES	NO	N/A	Equipment is serviced and maintained to reduce noise	Service logs and documents for the equipment (e.g. air compressor) will need to be sited by the assessor
YES	NO	N/A	Formal noise survey commissioned to evaluate noise levels regularly	The noise survey will need to be viewed by the assessor
Managing Wastewater				
YES	NO	N/A	If a separator is used to manage wastewater, it is serviced regularly and a log is kept of services	Service log must be viewed by assessor. Receipts of services can be kept as a log. Logs demonstrate responsible maintenance
YES	NO	N/A	Quickbreak, biodegradable degreaser is used	The assessor will need to see the degreaser used and the SDS for the product
YES	NO	N/A	Phosphate free, biodegradable detergent is used	The assessor will need to see the detergent used and the SDS for the product
Managing Wastes				
YES	NO	N/A	Solid wastes are separated and removed for reuse, recycling or appropriate disposal	The assessor will need to see receipts for: Scrap metal Steel drums Plastic components Glass Cardboard/waste paper
YES	NO	N/A	Waste containers are clearly labelled	To help with waste separation, clearly label bins

Level 3 – Voluntary Initiatives

Level 3 – Voluntary Initiatives can only be achieved once Level 2 is achieved. The business must show that they are constantly striving to decrease its environmental impact. To achieve Level 3, the business must implement the environmental management criteria and meet four (4) other criteria listed.

Assessment			Criteria	Additional information
Environmental Management				
YES	NO	N/A	COMPULSORY CRITERIA The business' Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is being implemented. The EMP is updated to ensure continuous improvement	Copy of EMP required. An EMP provides a business with goals and actions and an action plan for environmental management. Contact MTA (NT) for an EMP Guide
Resource Efficiency				
YES	NO	N/A	An energy audit of the business has been conducted to identify areas of excessive energy use and where it could be reduced	A number of independent companies can undertake these audits. The assessor will need to see the energy audit report and any initiatives introduced as a result
YES	NO	N/A	The business' electricity is supplied from Green Power. Many electricity companies offer the option of obtaining electricity from renewable production sources	The assessor will need to view an electricity bill stating the company that provides the business' Green Power Company
YES	NO	N/A	All fleet vehicles have a 'Green Vehicle Guide' star rating of 3, 4, 5	
YES	NO	N/A	Water use reductions measures are used	There are many options available for reducing water consumption. For example: Dual flush toilets Flow restrictors on taps Pressure washer used Waterless urinal system (e.g. Desert Cubes)
YES	NO	N/A	Petrol is collected and recycled. Unused petrol tanks are collected and stored appropriately and re-used or removed for recycling	The assessor will need to see the system in place
YES	NO	N/A	The business has measured its carbon footprint to determine ways to minimise its environmental impact	Several independent companies offer this service. The assessor will need to see the report issued and any initiatives introduced as a result
YES	NO	N/A	Grey water from car wash bays or other processes is recycled on site	The recycling and treatment system will need to be viewed by the assessor
YES	NO	N/A	Rain water tanks have been installed to reduce mains water used on site.	The assessor will need to see the rainwater tanks and how the water is used. Rainwater may be used for vehicle washing or connected to bathroom pipes

Other Initiatives (to be determined by the assessor)

YES	NO	N/A	Initiative	
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YES	NO	N/A	Initiative	
YES	NO	N/A	Initiative	
YES	NO	N/A	Initiative	



Achieving Green Stamp Accreditation is a great way to show your customers that your business cares about the environment and strives to act in an environmentally responsible way.

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