



## Green Stamp Accreditation for Body Repair Workshops



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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## What is the Green Stamp Program?

The Green Stamp Program is an environmental initiative developed by the various Motor Trade Associations, and the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. The program assists small to medium businesses in the automotive trades to incorporate processes and practices that allows them to dispose of their wastes in an environmentally sensitive manner. It also aims to assist businesses in the industry to become resource efficient and more environmentally sustainable.

The program has identified and focused on several key areas considered essential in reducing the environmental impact of the automotive industry. These areas include:

Storage practices associated with chemicals and other hazardous substances

Pre-treatment of wastewater from the workshop prior to approved disposal

Spill management to prevent pollution of ground and stormwater systems

Correct disposal of waste products

Air quality management

Energy and resource conservation

The development and implementation of environmental management plans.

## The Green Stamp Accreditation

Territory Motor Trade Associations and the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities to develop an environmental accreditation for the automotive trades. The Green Stamp Accreditation encourages automotive businesses to comply with environmental laws and more importantly, rewarding those who have gone beyond their legal requirements.

### Why should my business be environmentally accredited?

An increasing concern for the environment by business owners and consumers in recent years has seen a general shift in attitude and practice in the automotive repair industry. A growing number of businesses are operating their processes or managing particular wastes to a standard never previously achieved in Australia.

Despite these achievements, the industry is still often perceived as being significant polluters due to the obvious environmental impact many traditional practices continue to have. One of the Green Stamp objectives is to start changing that belief by showing consumers and stakeholders that many workshops are including environmental considerations in their operations.

The Green Stamp Accreditation is a marketing tool for automotive businesses to prove to their customers their commitment to good environmental management. It aims to educate the consumer and appeal to their environmental conscience, encouraging them to utilise the services of a Green Stamp Accredited business.

## Accreditation Overview

Businesses have the opportunity to meet Level 1 – Legislative Requirements, or Levels 2 and 3 – Accreditation.

Each level specifies particular requirements that a business needs to meet. Certificates can then be put on display, if Level 2 or Level 3 Accreditation is met, so customers identify an individual business' level of achievement.

### LEVEL 1 – Legislative Requirements

This is the basic entry requirement into the Green Stamp Accreditation. The environmental criteria in this level establishes that businesses hold all relevant permits and licences, and are operating in a manner that meets all legislative requirements. Achieving Level 1 – Legislative Requirements allows your business to be eligible to move on to Level 2 and Level 3 accreditation. Accreditation is only awarded to your business once Level 2 or 3 is achieved.



## LEVEL 2 – Voluntary Initiatives

Businesses must achieve the Level 1 Legislative Requirements to demonstrate that they have moved beyond compliance to incorporate a minimum number of sound environmental management practices into their daily operations. This could include the recycling of particular wastes, the use of less toxic chemicals, inclusion of more efficient systems that minimise resource use or the installation of energy saving devices.

## LEVEL 3 – Continual Improvement

This is the top level of accreditation. It is based on the principle of continual improvement, and requires businesses to develop and implement an environmental management plan to help monitor and review their current practices and set objectives or targets for further improvement.

## Need more help?

The Green Stamp Program offers a range of resources and services to assist small to medium automotive businesses to not only check their level of legal compliance, but to also identify and improve their eligibility for the Green Stamp Accreditation. In this regard, businesses that may currently not satisfy the requirements of the Green Stamp Accreditation can utilise the following services to assist them to do so:

### Environmental Assessments

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

### Environmental Guidelines

Industry specific Environmental Guidelines identify environmental issues relevant to the motor trades, and suggest practical solutions and parties who can assist you in reducing your environmental impact. A broad range of guidelines are available including information about oil separators, cleaning up spills, bunding, purchasing spill kits, solvent recycling machines and building new premises. If you have a particular concern, there may be a specific guideline to answer your questions.

These guidelines and other useful information can be accessed on the Green Stamp website [greenstampplus.com.au](http://greenstampplus.com.au).

## Becoming Green Stamp Accredited

Becoming Green Stamp Accredited is a four step process.

- Step 1. Undertake a self-assessment of your business. Assess the environmental management issues at your site and identify where you can make improvements to ensure that you meet one of the Green Stamp Levels (refer to accreditation checklist).
- Step 2. Fill out an application form to register your interest in becoming a Green Stamp Accredited business.
- Step 3. Upon receiving your application and payment 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, if your business reaches Level 2 or Level 3 you will receive Green Stamp Accreditation. This achievement allows you to promote your business as Green Stamp Accredited. Your business will also be eligible to purchase a Green Stamp promotional pack which you can use to market your business as environmentally friendly.



## Cost of Accreditation

### Green Stamp Audit

- ✂️ Approx a half day with MTA (NT) representative face to face workshop inspection
- ✂️ Inspection report provided to business within a timely manner of the audit
- ✂️ Suggested solutions for non-compliant areas
- ✂️ Facilitate Final Audit inspection and approval process
- ✂️ Application and administration fee \$110
- ✂️ MTA (NT) Members approx audit cost \$315
- ✂️ Non-MTA (NT) members approx audit cost \$655

### Initial fee includes:

Environmental Assessment

### Completion of Level 2 or Level 3

Certificate of Accreditation

The right to display the Green Stamp logo anywhere on the premises or on any of the business' stationery or signage

The right to promote the business as a Green Stamp Accredited business

Advertising on the Green Stamp and MTA (NT) websites

### 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 audit inspection, the business will still be charged both the application and audit fee.