

Green Globes® Assessor (GGA) Program Details

The Green Building Initiative created the Green Globes® Assessor (GGA) program to train qualified individuals to become independent third-party contractors who assess building sustainability according to the Green Globes rating system criteria. Credentialed GGAs are technical experts in the areas of sustainable design, construction, energy, and facility management.

GBI accepts applications for the GGA training program when business needs create demand for additional assessors. During open application periods, interested parties should first review the [minimum qualifications](#) to determine their eligibility for the program. If eligible, candidates must apply online, pay the application fee, and submit their completed application and résumé for review.

GBI will review all candidate applications and forward those of qualified applicants to the GBI Technical Committee for final review and approval. All candidates will be notified of their application status via email. Approved candidates will receive instructions to purchase the GGA Training Package online, deducting the cost of the application fee already paid.

The first step in the GGA training program is completion of the Green Globes Professional (GGP) online training sessions and passing the final exam. Interested candidates may choose to apply for the GGP training program, outside of the GGA open application period. Please see the [GGP program details](#) for additional information.

The GGA training program is delivered through an online learning management system (LMS) accessed from the user's GBI account and takes approximately eight to ten hours to complete. The training is divided into 12 sessions and each session includes a video presentation and a study guide. The final exam consists of 100 multiple choice questions and is accessible online after completing all training components. A minimum score of 80 percent on the exam is required to obtain the credential. If a passing score is not achieved on the first attempt, the exam may be reattempted at no additional cost. After successful completion of the exam, GBI staff will review the score and provide instructions for the next step.

After successful completion of the GGA training and exam, the Assessor Services Agreement (contract) will be signed with GBI to become an active Green Globes Assessor eligible for assignments. Additionally, each new assessor will be required to submit a W9 and a certificate of insurance to GBI. The insurance requirements can be found in the Green Globes Assessor Services Agreement (contract).

Each new assessor must complete a mentoring assignment under the supervision of a senior assessor before being eligible for additional projects. Once the Assessor Services Agreement is executed, GBI will contact the new assessor with a mentoring assignment as soon as an appropriate project is available. During the mentoring assignment, the senior assessor remotely guides the new assessor through the assessment process and reviews all reports prior to submission to GBI.

Assessor compensation for each assignment is paid according to the agreed upon hourly rate set forth in the contract and is capped by a Do Not Exceed Maximum. GBI will notify the assessor of the maximum allowed compensation when the project is first offered, and assessors have the option to accept or decline any assignment. In addition, all eligible travel expenses are reimbursed by GBI in accordance with the GBI Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Credentialed GGAs must adhere to the [Conflict of Interest guidelines](#) that exist to protect the objectivity and integrity of the Green Globes system and ensure that third-party assessors have no incentives to personally influence a building's rating. Despite the fact that all third-party assessments are subject to a quality audit, review, and approval by a senior assessor, conflict of interest limitations are still an integral component of credible third-party assessments.

The following is an outline of the GGA program goals and objectives:

- Explain the importance of Green Buildings
- Describe the mission of Green Building Initiative and the history of Green Globes
- Recall the features that make the Green Globes assessment and certification system unique
- Identify the Green Globes programs
- Describe the Green Globes Continuum
- List and explain the benefits of using Green Globes
- Understand your role as a sustainability expert and GGA
- Define the assessment process and differences between programs
- List the steps required to complete certification