A Practical Approach to Green Building

The Green Globes delivers value in sustainability through responsiveness and innovation. This rating system is used for the third-party certification of building design, construction, renovation and operation of high-performance, interiors, buildings, facilities and major renovations.

Green Globes for New Construction (NC) 2013 is a user-friendly online questionnaire that aids architects, tenants, construction professionals, and owners in evaluating, quantifying, and improving the sustainability of new building projects as well as major renovations. Using this tool helps project teams to focus on sustainability, gives them options when considering environmental improvements during the design and delivery process, and allows them to evaluate and rate the benefits of different sustainable design scenarios.

Green Globes NC rating system provides early feedback on the process before important decisions are made. This is a proven method for taking advantage of time and cost-saving opportunities through integrated design and delivery, while benefiting from a cost-effective third-party assessment process.
Environmental Assessment Areas

**Project Management:** Integrated Design Process, Setting Performance Goals, Environmental Management, Building Commissioning

**Energy:** Conservation, Demand Reduction, Metering, Measurement and Verification, Building Envelope, Lighting, HVAC Systems and Controls, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficient Transportation

**Water:** Conservation Measures, Cooling Towers, Boilers & Water Heaters, Water Intensive Process Applications, Alternate Water Sources, Metering, Irrigation

**Materials & Resources:** Building Assembly, Interior Fit-outs, Materials Re-Use, Waste Reduction, Building Service Life Plan, Resource Conservation

**Emissions:** Equipment, Heating, Ozone-Depleting Refrigerant, Global Warming Issues

**Indoor Environment:** Ventilation, Source Control and Measurement, Lighting Design and Systems, Thermal Comfort, Acoustic Comfort

**Site:** Ecological Impacts, Storm water Management, Landscaping, Exterior Light Pollution

Rating and Certification Process

Steps to Green Globes Certification:

1. Create a GBI account and request an assessment quote.
2. Purchase assessment, complete Green Globes online evaluation.
3. Work with a Green Globes Assessor who will complete third-party assessments.
4. Receive a final report containing your Green Globes rating and certificate.
5. Order an optional plaque to demonstrate your achievement!