

Green Star South Africa: Interiors

A Sustainability Certification Platform for Building Interiors

Why Interiors?

The Green Star Interiors tool puts the power in the hands of the tenant. Unlike the other Green Star rating tools, the Interiors tool focuses on sustainability and efficiency decisions made by the tenants during fit-out stage and rewards them accordingly. The tool assesses and rewards well performing tenant spaces that are healthy, productive to work in, operate as efficiently as possible, while having a reduced environmental impact.

The Interiors rating tool has been developed to cater for a broad range of tenancies, including but not limited to retail, office and hospitality fit-outs. Research has shown that green buildings boost productivity and performance, enhance employee satisfaction, reduce sick leave and other absenteeism. Having a high performing interior space is one of the most powerful recruitment and retention tools for quality employees.

How Does it Work?

Ecolution Consulting will work to guide architects, interior architects and contractors in the design, procurement and fit-out of an interior space to meet the sustainability requirements of the certification. The interior space is assessed on among others, its materials selection, its functionality for the occupants and how it promotes well-being, as well as energy and water efficiencies. The Interiors rating tool is divided into the following categories:

- Management
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Energy
- Transport
- Water
- Materials
- Land Use and Ecology
- Emissions
- Innovation

The overall score for a project is determined by adding together the category scores as percentages plus the Innovation Points. The GSSA rating is determined by comparing the overall score with the rating scale as follows:

45-59 Points	★ ★ ★ ★	Best Practice
60-74 Points	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	South Africa Excellence
75+ Points	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	World Leadership

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