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CIRCULAR ON THE UNIFICATION OF GMAP AND GMAP(FM) QUALIFICATIONS AND UPDATE TO GREEN MARK PROJECT REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW GMAAP APPLICATIONS

Background

1 This circular serves to update the industry of the changes to the Green Mark Professional Qualification (GMPQ) scheme.

2 Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC) administers the GMPQ scheme to accord recognition to professionals with competence in green building principles and expertise in the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark certification protocols. The current qualifications include:

Tier 1

- GMAAP – Green Mark Advanced Accredited Professional
- GMAAP (FM) – Green Mark Advanced Accredited Professional (Facilities Management)

Tier 2

- GMAP – Green Mark Accredited Professional
- GMAP (FM) – Green Mark Accredited Professional (Facilities Management)

Tier 3

- GMA – Green Mark Associate

3 In 2021, BCA released the BCA Green Mark 2021 criteria which consolidated the assessment of new and existing buildings into a singular Green Mark standard. Green Mark courses offered by BCA Academy for new buildings and existing buildings/ facilities management were similarly consolidated into the Enhanced Certification Course for GMAP and Enhanced Certification Course for GMAAP. With this consolidation, the emphasis is on the continued performance of a building throughout its lifespan. Green Mark Professionals are thus expected to be conversant with the greening of both new and existing buildings.

Unification of Green Mark Professional Qualifications

4 To align with the changes in Green Mark certification, the GMPQ scheme will unify GMAP and GMAP (FM) qualifications, as well as GMAAP and GMAAP(FM) qualifications. The unified qualifications will be rendered as GMAP and GMAAP. There is no change to the Green Mark Associate (GMA) qualification.

Former Qualifications	Unified New Qualifications
Tier 1	
GMAAP Green Mark Advanced Accredited Professional	GMAAP Green Mark Advanced Accredited Professional
GMAAP(FM) Green Mark Advanced Accredited Professional (Facilities Management)	
Tier 2	
GMAP Green Mark Accredited Professional	GMAP Green Mark Advanced Accredited Professional
GMAP(FM) Green Mark Accredited Professional (Facilities Management)	
Tier 3	
GMA Green Mark Associate	<i>*No change</i>

- 5 The following conversions will be made for qualified Green Mark Professionals:
- Green Mark Professionals with dual qualifications will retain their highest qualification tier and be converted to the new unified qualification (e.g. a professional with GMAAP(FM) and GMAP qualifications will be converted to GMAAP).
 - Green Mark Professionals with GMAP(FM) or GMAAP(FM) will be converted to GMAP or GMAAP respectively.

Green Mark Project Requirements for New Applications

6 The Green Mark project requirements for GMAAP application has been updated to reflect the unification of qualifications. There are no changes for GMAP project requirements.

Green Mark Advanced Accredited Professional (GMAAP)

Pathway 1

- THREE (3) Green Mark Building Certifications (new building, existing building, recertification or in-operation) completed within the immediate past 5 years, which have achieved any of the following ratings:
 - GoldPLUS / Platinum
 - SLE/ ZE/ PE
 - GoldPLUS SLE/ GoldPLUS ZE/ GoldPLUS PE
 - Platinum SLE/ Platinum ZE/ Platinum PE

Pathway 2

- TWO (2) Green Mark Building Certifications (new building, existing building, recertification or in-operation) completed within the immediate past 5 years, which have achieved any of the following higher tiered ratings:
 - Platinum
 - GoldPLUS SLE/ GoldPLUS ZE/ GoldPLUS PE
 - Platinum SLE/ Platinum ZE/ Platinum PE

Pathway 3

**Only for Facilities Management personnel involved directly in the operations & maintenance of an existing building*

- One building with TWO (2) Green Mark Building Certifications (existing building, recertification or in-operation) completed within the immediate past 5 years, which have achieved any of the following ratings:
 - GoldPLUS / Platinum
 - SLE/ ZE/ PE
 - GoldPLUS SLE/ GoldPLUS ZE/ GoldPLUS PE
 - Platinum SLE/ Platinum ZE/ Platinum PE

E.g. Building X (i) attained GM for existing building and (ii) attained GM for in-operation 3 years later

- HR's letter detailing the applicant's job description, employment duration and their appointment and involvement in the two Green Mark Certifications.

Implementation Timeline

7 The unification of Green Mark Professional qualifications was first announced on 26th February 2024 during an SGBC Industry Briefing webinar and will take effect from 13th January 2025. Green Mark Professionals may retrieve their updated certificates from the Green Mark Professionals (GMP) portal from 13th January 2025 onwards. The GMP portal can be accessed at www.gmp.sgbc.online or via SGBC's corporate website at www.sgbc.sg/sgbc-certifications/gmp-qualification.

8 New applications submitted from 13th January 2025 onwards will have to comply to the new requirements while applications that are currently in-progress will be honoured until 31st March 2025. In-progress applications that are not completed by 31st March 2025 will be subject to the new requirements.

For Clarification

9 We would appreciate if you could convey the contents of this circular to relevant members of your organisation. For any queries concerning this circular, please contact SGBC at gmp@sgbc.sg. Thank you.