

GREEN SEAL STANDARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION, GS-20

Application Form

CERTIFICATION PROCESS:

Project Stage	Description	Documentation Needs	Fees
Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)	Green Seal will provide a standard NDA to enable sharing of confidential information during the project. [subject to review by applicant]	Executed Non-Disclosure Agreement	Any desired changes made to the NDA will be done at an hourly rate after one free round of edits and review.
Stage I Pre-Application	Applicant will provide preliminary information describing the product. Green Seal will then provide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a cost estimate • a tailored Application form, if necessary • Contract for review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Pre-Application form by client (Sections 1-4 of this form) • Client submits payment of \$250 	\$250, to be credited toward Stage I Full Application
Stage I Full Application Establishing Criteria for Certification or Validation	Green Seal's Science & Standards Department develops specifications that are unique to each application, setting requirements to determine performance and any environmental benefits and drawbacks. Each applicant will then have the option to review these requirements prior to the period of public comment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant submits Full Application with 2/3 payment. • Signs Stage I Contract • Applicant provides documentation or clarifications needed to develop requirements. 	Application Fees are determined based on the complexity of the product.
	Once the criteria are finalized, the applicant can decide whether to apply for a review of their application (Stage II).		
Stage II Review of Application for Certification or Validation	Green Seal's Certification Department verifies that applicant has met all the specifications established in Stage I ¹ . Certification is granted upon successful completion of Stage II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign Review Contract for Stage II with 1/3 remaining fee • Documentation to support claims listed in Criteria 	Verification Review Fees are determined based on the complexity of the product On-site audit may be required, included in fee except out-of-pocket expenses

¹ For products that are not innovative, a Validation of specific benefits will be issued instead of Certification.