

Best Environmental Practice PVC



Information for Applicants



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Introduction

This document provides information for potential applicants looking to achieve Best Environmental Practice PVC (BEP) certification for products and/or materials they produce or distribute, and use of the Best Environmental Practice PVC Trademark ('Trademark'). This document outlines the application and registration process for BEP certified products/materials.

The Green Building Council of Australia's ('GBCA') Best Practice Guidelines for PVC in the Built Environment, first issued in April 2010, addresses opportunities for the minimisation of environmental and health impacts of the PVC life cycle. An Auditor Verification Guidance document, produced in collaboration with the Plastics Industry Pipe Association (PIPA) and the Vinyl Council of Australia (VCA), provides the means by which auditors are able to establish compliance with the Best Practice PVC Guidelines for PVC in the Built Environment.

Best Environmental Practice PVC is recognised in the Responsible Products Framework in Green Star, the GBCA's internationally recognised sustainability rating and certification system for built environment projects. The Responsible Products Framework is currently used to recognise initiatives that a product or manufacturer can comply with for the purposes of contributing to a building project's Green Star certification.

To demonstrate compliance with the Guidelines, products must be independently verified by a qualified third-party auditor.

Further information on Best Environmental Practice PVC ('BEP PVC') and to access a copy of the Guidelines, please visit <https://www.vinyl.org.au/in-greenstar>.

Recognising Best Environmental Practice PVC Products

Project managers, specifiers, architects, designers, and engineers seek a way of identifying Best Environmental Practice PVC products in the marketplace for use in projects.

The Trademark assists in this process by giving clear and credible recognition to PVC products that have been independently assessed and found compliant with the Guidelines.

The online Registry is a readily available directory of compliant products. Product manufacturers and suppliers are encouraged to promote their Best Environmental Practice PVC compliant products using the Trademark.

Best Environmental Practice PVC Registry

The VCA maintains an online registry of Licensed Best Environmental Practice PVC products at <https://www.vinyl.org.au/in-greenstar/best-practice-pvc-product-register>.

Licensed products are recorded together with company contact details.

Use of the Trademark

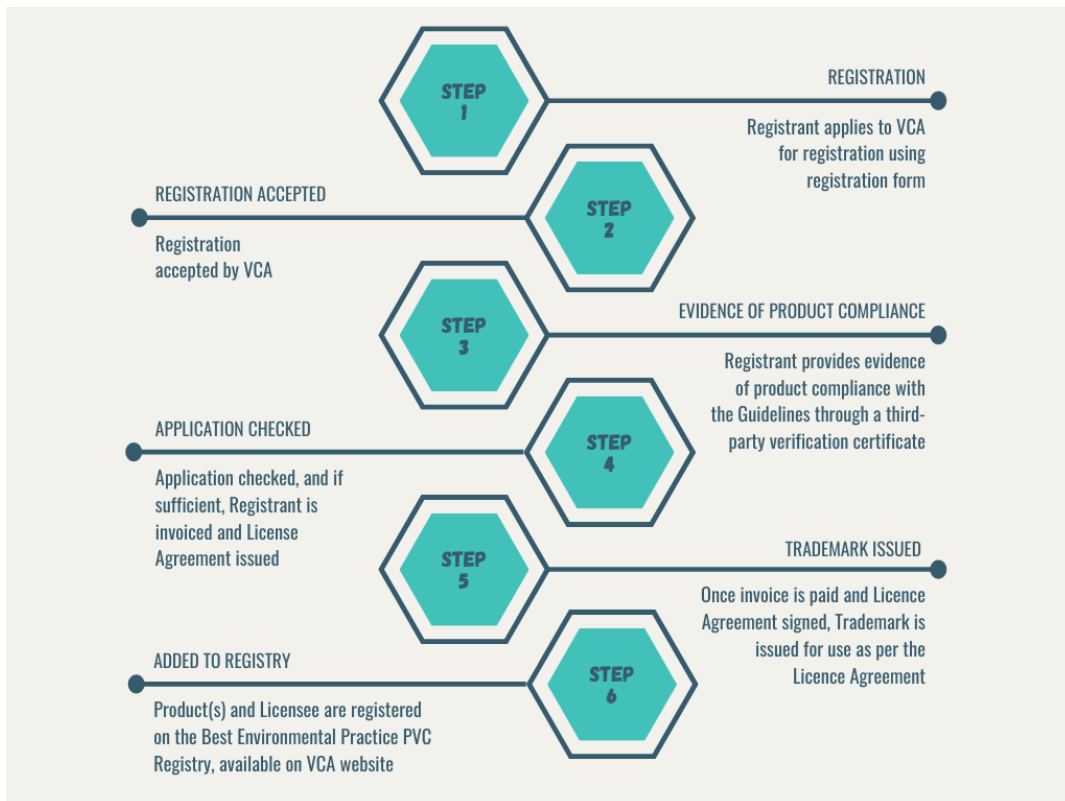
The Trademark, once issued, can be displayed on the product, in promotional materials and on samples of the product without alteration, in accordance with the Trademark Style Guide issued by the VCA.

The Trademark may not be altered, distorted, or over-printed. The colours of the Trademark cannot be altered but the Mark may be used in black only or white only.

The Trademark can be accompanied by an explanation of the criteria met under the Best Environmental Practice PVC compliance system.

The Licensee must not use the Trademark in connection with products that cease to meet the Best Environmental Practice PVC criteria.

Licensee Application Process





For more information on Best Environmental Practice PVC, including the Guidelines, registration, the Trademark and how Best Environmental Practice PVC can work best for your company, please contact info@vinyl.org.au.

Licence Mark Registration Fees

Licence Registration Fee	The fee a company (Registrant) pays on application or renewal of application to be registered as a Licensee.	A\$300 p.a.
Product Registration Fee	The fee paid by the Licensee for the use of the Trademark in respect of all compliant BEP PVC products covered by a verification certificate (including renewals). Includes listing on the online BEP PVC register and certificate.	VCA Member: \$650* Non-Members: A\$1,500* *For each year of validity of the Verification Certificate



Registration of Product(s)

1. The Registrant must become a Licensee registered with the Vinyl Council of Australia (VCA) for the purposes of the Best Environmental Practice PVC (BEP PVC) Licence and the use of the Best Environmental Practice PVC Trademark ('Trademark').
2. A Licensee must apply for registration of its legal entity with VCA using the Licence Registration Form supplied. Applications made to VCA must use the forms provided and must be signed by an officer of the organisation making the registration application.
3. An annual Licensee Registration Fee shall apply to cover administration costs.
4. Evidence of compliance to the Best Environmental Practice PVC Guidelines, Criteria and Verification Evidence Requirements for Best Practice Manufacturing of PVC Products v2.0' ('the Guidelines') must be provided for each unique product range, where the "product range" is defined as a set of products having identical composition as the BEP PVC compliant component. Evidence consists of a true copy of the third-party verification certificate of compliance issued in accordance with the Guidelines.
5. When a product registration is accepted by VCA a Product Registration Number will be issued along with Trademark.
6. Product Registration Fees may apply as dictated by the Board of Directors of VCA, to cover the costs

incurred in administration, marketing, and other elements of maintenance of Trademark.

7. A Licensee must be a registered legal organisation and comply with relevant Australian / New Zealand regulations.
8. Licensee registrations are not transferable to another organisation. Product registrations are not transferable.
9. The period of validity of registration corresponds to the term of the Licence, itself determined by the audit certificate issued.
10. The Licensee must reapply for a Trademark Licence after registration expires. The Licensee can withdraw a product registration at any time with written notice of such withdrawal to VCA.
11. There is no process of review of the Licensee declarations by VCA other than confirmation of the completeness of the compliance evidence and validations provided. The VCA claims no expertise in relation to the compliance of products to meet BEP criteria, the liability for which is taken up by those who verify the product declarations.
12. The details of the product registered and the Licensee will be recorded in the BEP Registry on the VCA web site maintained by the VCA.
13. VCA reserves the right to terminate the use of a Trademark by a Licensee and registration of the Licensed Product.