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CIRCULAR ON UPDATES TO GREEN MARK FOR INTERIORS (GMI) - CRITERIA VERSION 1.2 AND SUPPORTING RESOURCES

Purpose

1 This circular serves to inform industry stakeholders of upcoming updates to the Green Mark for Interiors (GMI) certification, which includes the launch of Version 1.2 criteria and its supporting resources.

Background

2 The GMI certification scheme was launched on 1st November 2025. Since then, SGBC has received feedback regarding criteria interpretation, as well as alternative methods to demonstrate compliance to the requirements. In this update, SGBC has incorporated the feedback into GMI certification criteria to provide further clarity on assessment requirements and improve the overall assessment process.

Key Updates

3 The key changes in GMI Version 1.2 include references to the latest editions of the applicable Singapore Standards, as well as an expansion of the allowable furniture, fixtures and equipment that can be scored for conservation or refurbishment efforts under the Low Carbon section. The changes also include minor editorial updates to improve clarity and readability of the requirements.

4 A comprehensive list of the changes made in GMI Version 1.2 is provided in the Appendix to this circular.

5 These changes have been incorporated into the following supporting resources:

- **GMI Scoresheet**
- **GMI Technical Guide**
- **GMI Gold Readiness Pathway Guide**
- **GMI Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

6 There are no changes to the GMI scheme framework or evaluation process.

Effective Date and Applicability

7 The updated GMI Version 1.2 criteria shall take effect from 2nd September 2026.

8 For existing GMI applications submitted prior to 2nd September 2026, applicants may continue to use the **previous GMI Version 1.1** criteria and supporting documents.

9 With effect from **2nd September 2026**, new GMI applications shall be assessed based on the updated GMI criteria and the latest versions of the supporting resources.

10 Applicants and project teams are advised to refer to the latest versions of the relevant documents when preparing their submissions.

Availability of Updated Documents

11 The updated GMI Version 1.2 documents will be available on the [GMI website](#) from 2nd September 2026.

For Enquiries

12 For further clarification on the updated GMI requirements, please contact the SGBC GMI team at gm-interiors@sgbc.sg.

Yours faithfully,



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Appendix: Summary of Key Changes

Section		Key Updates
General	1	Wording and detailed requirements have been updated throughout the Technical Guide to improve clarity and consistency.
	2	Additional guidance notes have been added to clarify the intent and application of selected criteria.
	3	Documentation requirements have been further clarified to identify the supporting information required for assessment.
	4	References to the applicable SS codes have been updated to the latest editions, including SS 530:2024+A1:2026, SS 554:2026, and SS 553:2026, to ensure alignment with the current standards.
	5	Innovation scoring has been updated to allow 0.5 point scoring.
Energy Efficiency (EE)	1.1b(ii)	The LEI formula has been updated to include lighting energy consumption in server and communication rooms in the TLEC.
	1.4a & b	The BSE inventory table and user instructions have been updated.
	1.4e(vi)	The EE 1b Supermarket tab in the scoresheet has been removed, with the relevant content incorporated directly into the EE section for easier reference.
Health & Wellbeing (HW)	2.2c	Low-VOC product categories for adhesives, sealants, grout, varnishes and lacquers have been consolidated under “Installation and Finishing Products” to provide clearer compliance requirements.
	2.2d	Wet area requirements have been revised to focus on exposed permanent surfaces.
	2.3b(ii)	The LED flicker requirements have been updated, including the incorporation of P_{stLM} and SVM criteria.
	2.4b(i)	The requirement for sound-absorbing dividers and wall panels within enclosed rooms has been clarified to ensure that the credit applies to physical space segregation.

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Environmental Sustainability (ES)	3.1e	The EOL Material Inventory has been enhanced with clearer guidance on the required information and supporting documents.
	3.6b	Sustainability Activities have been updated to include quantities.
Low Carbon (CN)	5.3c & d	The “less than 5 years” limitation under CN 5.3c and CN 5.3d has been removed. The Reduce and Reuse Before Recycle criteria have also been expanded to include existing M&E systems and electrical appliances.
	5.4a(v)	Scoring for individual professional development activities has been removed to focus on corporate/organisational-level achievements.