



Green Tier

Outside Environmental Auditors

Approval Requirements



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Statutory Requirements

Green Tier law requires that outside auditors who conduct environmental management system (EMS) audits of Green Tier participants be approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) under [§299.83\(7m\)](#). The law notes approved environmental auditors must be either accredited by an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) accreditation body or meet criteria concerning education, training, experience, and performance that the department determines are equivalent to the criteria of the ISO standard.

Exemplar Global Certification

The department has chosen [Exemplar Global](#)'s EMS Auditor certification as the primary standard for Green Tier approved auditors. Exemplar Global's program ensures that auditors meet or exceed the qualification guidelines for management systems described in ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 19011:2018.

Requirements for Exemplar Global Certified Auditors

If an auditor is Exemplar Global certified as a Management Systems Auditor, Lead Auditor or Master Auditor with either an Environmental Management Audit or ISO 14001:2015 audit scope, the DNR will recognize they have met the requirements of an outside environmental auditor under Green Tier law.

To apply to be an approved Green Tier auditor, the auditor should supply:

- A resume
- An audit log from the most recent year
- A copy of their certification from Exemplar Global

All applicants must successfully complete the Green Tier Auditor E-Learning Training course* for final approval by the Department.

Requirements for non-Exemplar Global Certified Auditors

Individual auditors not certified by Exemplar Global must supply a letter identifying their training, experience, and skills with details about how the proposed auditor satisfies these criteria:

- A certificate of successful completion of a certified environmental auditor course
- Work experience in a technical or managerial role with *direct environmental management responsibilities* in two of the last four years
- At least 20 audit days of environmental management system audit experience
- At least four complete environmental management system audits as a member of an audit team

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Green Tier will review all complete applications and send the training link within 7 days. After training successfully completed, Green Tier will advise the applicant of their decision within 30 days.

*The Green Tier Auditor E-Learning Training course complements an environmental auditor's skills by introducing you to the WI DNR Green Tier program. Green Tier is Wisconsin's beyond compliance program where we empower, support and celebrate regulated entities that want to do more than is required in regulations and who commit to continual environmental improvement through an EMS. The Training Course will be sent to you with a secure link after your application is received. The course consists of 9 modules that will take approximately 1 ½ hours to complete.

To submit documents for approval or for more information, please contact Green Tier:

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