

Steel Snapshot





Steel Sustainability Australia (SSA) Certification Program

WHAT

The Steel Sustainability Australia (SSA) certification program certifies steel fabricators, roll formers, and reinforcing processors to best practice sustainability standards in the sourcing, manufacturing, fabrication and processing of their finished steel products.

HOW

The SSA program offers 3 levels of certification with ascending compliance requirements to Environmental Social Governance (ESG) criteria in the sourcing and manufacturing of finished steel products.

SSA steelwork facilities are independently assessed by desktop audit to the compliance requirements annually. Certifications are issued by the steelwork facility and cover all the steel products manufactured at that facility (unless product exclusions have been stipulated).

WHO

Australian Steel Institute (ASI) is the owner and Program Manager of the SSA program. ASI is a member-based organisation representing the entire steel supply chain in Australia. It supports steel producers, distributors, fabricators and contractors by providing leadership and support in marketing, education, advocacy and compliance.

WHERE

The SSA program is open to any steelwork business downstream from crude steel (semifinished products) manufacturing mills that manufacture or process finished steel products being sold into Australia. This includes fabricators, roll formers and reinforcing processors.

WHEN

The SSA program was launched in 2023 and has been open to applications since late January 2023.

Evolution

ASI's Steel Sustainability Australia (SSA) program replaces the Environmental Sustainability Charter (ESC) program. The former ESC certified structural steel fabricators against environmental management standards. The SSA certification program takes a whole supply chain approach by independently verifying steel producers (supplying the steel feedstock) and certifying steel suppliers against best practice environmental, social and governance (ESG) indicators.

Green Star

ASI's Steel Sustainability Australia (SSA) program is a recognised initiative under the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) Responsible Products Framework and Green Star Buildings rating tool.

- SSA Level 2 = 'Good Practice'
- SSA Level 3 = 'Best Practice'

WHY

There is an increasing focus on decarbonisation, product stewardship and the responsible sourcing of steel as the demand for more sustainable construction materials grows.

The SSA program assures certified steel products are more sustainably manufactured and sourced through responsible and ethical supply chains.

Specifying and procuring from SSA-certified suppliers supports end users of steel in meeting their embodied carbon reduction and sustainability targets.

Apply

Apply for certification



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