**Endorsement recognition eligibility criteria**

1. All buildings with a [NABERS](https://www.nabers.gov.au/ratings/our-ratings/nabers-water) Office Water Rating are eligible to participate and receive program recognition. This allows program administrators to independently validate the results of high performing buildings before they are recognised as such. Copy of certificate must be supplied.
2. Endorsement application is submitted by the agreed due date.
3. An appropriate water efficiency benchmark is used to assess building performance. Refer to the *Waterwise Recognition Categories* table to determine your water use performance.
4. The endorsement application confirms all the minimum mandatory actions have been implemented:

* Minimum WELS or better rated water efficient fixtures and fittings have been installed.
* Regular monitoring of water use and leak detection via manual meter reading of sub meters, building management systems, or use of smart meters (where available) is part of business as usual.
* The creation of an ongoing water management team, with representation from across the business.
* Gardens and irrigation (where applicable) are installed and maintained to waterwise best practice and watering roster compliance.
* Relevant water efficiency education is provided for tenants to encourage waterwise behaviour (communication/newsletters, display of information; posters, stickers, workshops).
* Completion of Water Corporation water efficiency free online training by staff and contractors. Link available on request.

**Gold recognition eligibility criteria**

1. As per points 1-4 of the Endorsed recognition criteria.
2. Supply responses to meet criteria of sustainable practices & innovation implementation.
3. Supply image of building to be used for promotion in publications, social media, forums and other appropriate mediums – to the Spec: 2400 x 1900 pixels high-resolution JPEG. 300DPI.

\*Please note that Buildings participating in the Water Efficiency Management Plan (WEMP) Program are only eligible to receive recognition as part of the Waterwise Building Program Recognition Scheme.

**Platinum recognition eligibility criteria**

Customers must meet Gold recognition criteria. Eligible buildings will be invited to nominate to be considered for the Platinum Waterwise Building of the Year Award, which will be announced at the annual Waterwise Recognition Event by the Minister for Water. They will be asked to provide an outline on how their building has demonstrated leadership or innovation in water management over the last reporting year.

**Waterwise recognition categories**

There are several categories for recognition as part of the Waterwise Building Program, based on an industry baseline for performance for water-cooled and other-cooled buildings. The industry baseline is reviewed every few years to ensure best practice water use within a commercial building.

To be eligible to receive recognition a current [NABERS](https://www.nabers.gov.au/) Office Water Rating is required.

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| **Recognition level** | **Water cooled benchmark** | **NABERS water rating** | **Other-cooled benchmark\*** | | **NABERS water rating** |
| Endorsed  (Industry baseline) | 0.61 – 0.75 | 3.5 – 4.0 | 0.48 – 0.61 | 4.0 – 4.5 | |
| Gold | < 0.61  + certification or criteria | 4.0 > | < 0.48 | 4.5 > | |
| Platinum | Must meet relevant Gold criteria above, plus nominate to be considered for Platinum Waterwise Building of the Year. | | | | |

*\* other-cooled can include natural ventilation, hydronic, ground loop, geo-thermal, central system.*