

EnergyTag



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## Introduction and Aims

EnergyTag maintains two standards:

- The [Granular Certificate Scheme Standard](#), details how **GC Issuers** should administer a robust GC Scheme.
- The [Granular Certificate Matching Standard](#), details how **Claim Verifier** should properly verify GC Matching Claims.

To ensure robust implementation and maintain the value of the EnergyTag standards and brand, any claims by GC Issuers or Claim Verifiers to be “EnergyTag compliant” or “EnergyTag Accredited” with associated use of the EnergyTag trademark can only be made after accreditation by EnergyTag. EnergyTag recognizes the importance of having clear and streamlined accreditation processes in the early stages of this developing market to ensure adoption of our standards is both robust and seamless.

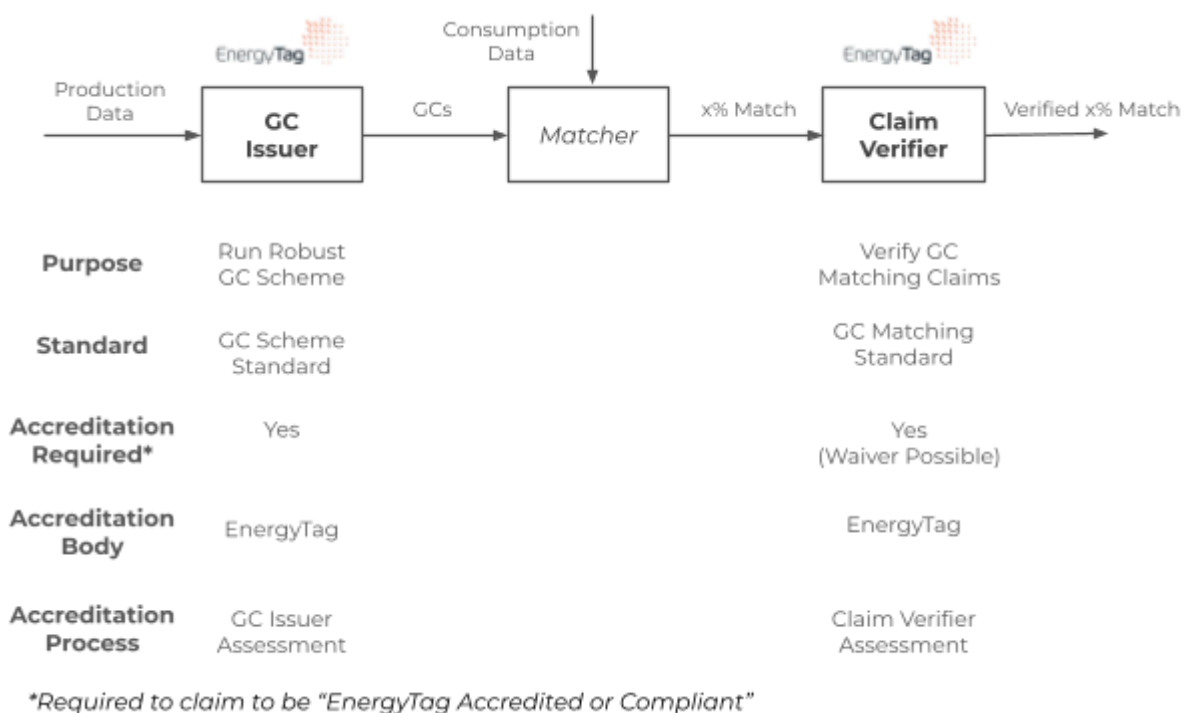
## Usage and Claims Relating to EnergyTag Standards

The EnergyTag standards are open source and published under the [Creative Commons 4.0 license](#). **The use of our standards is free** and organizations may use them as they wish.

**However, for an organization to make claims** to be “EnergyTag Compliant” or “EnergyTag Accredited” and use the EnergyTag logo, **EnergyTag Accreditation is required**. Accreditation by EnergyTag brings several advantages:

- Encourages harmonized implementation of the standards,
- Protects EnergyTag’s reputation as a standard,
- Avoids poor quality implementation that could damage standards,
- Recognition on the EnergyTag website for Accreditation Organizations,
- Use of EnergyTag trademark by Accredited Organizations.

## Accreditation Requirements



**Figure 1 – EnergyTag Accreditation Requirements**

As shown in Figure 1 above, both GC Issuers and Claim Verifiers must be accredited<sup>1</sup> to claim to be “EnergyTag Compliant” or “EnergyTag Accredited”. Each accreditation process follows three basic steps:

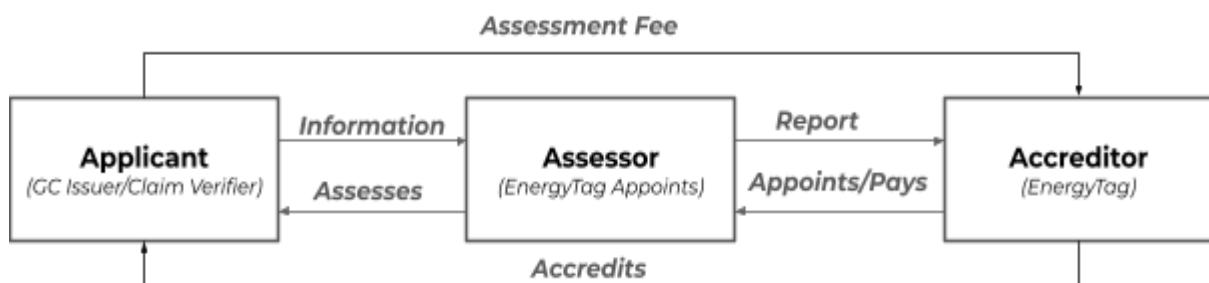
<sup>1</sup> Applicants may claim to have “EnergyTag Accreditation applied for” during Assessment process.

1. **Application** - Where the Applicant (e.g., GC Issuer or Claim Verifier) applies to EnergyTag for Assessment.
2. **Assessment** - Where the EnergyTag appointed Assessor assesses the Applicants' compliance with the relevant standard.
3. **Accreditation** - If the Assessment is Successful, EnergyTag Accredits the Applicant through the signature of the [EnergyTag Accreditation Agreement](#).

The **two Accreditation Processes** are detailed fully here:

1. [GC Issuer Accreditation Process](#),
2. [Claim Verifier Accreditation Process](#) (Proposal for Consultation<sup>2</sup>).

## Accreditation Key Roles



**Figure 2 – EnergyTag Accreditation Roles**

Figure 2 provides an overview of the key roles in the Assessment process:

- **Applicant** is GC Issuer or Claim Verifier and is responsible for:
  - Paying Assessment Fee to Accreditor after Assessment Completion,
  - Provide documentation and feedback to the Assessor,
  - Lodging an Appeal on Assessment Outcome should they wish.
- **Assessor** is appointed by EnergyTag and is responsible for:
  - Assessing the Applicant,
  - Providing a Final Assessment Report to the Accreditor.
- **Accreditor (EnergyTag)** is responsible for:
  - Accrediting the Applicant, based on the Assessor’s report,
  - Appointing the Assessor based on the Assessor selection process,
  - Pays Assessor costs for Assessment,
  - Receiving Assessment Fee from the Applicant,
  - Managing potential Appeals from the Applicant.

<sup>2</sup> Not yet finalised, taking comment until April 10 2024

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Any conflicts of interest held by the Applicant, Assessor, or the Accreditor shall be declared and remedied before the commencement of the Assessment.

## **Future Versions**

EnergyTag acknowledges that Accreditation is still in the early stages. Therefore, the process described in these documents may evolve. EnergyTag remains open to feedback about the process.

## **Revision History**

- Document created: 4-March-2024.
- Last reviewed: 4-March-2024.