

# GECA



GECA & GBCA's Green Star program - Recognition & Contribution

Good Environmental Choice Australia



## How do GECA certified products contribute to Green Star and their credit Points?

### A strong history...

Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA) was the first ecolabel recognised under the Green Building Council of Australia's Green Star program. And today, we still remain strong partners in collaborating in pursuit of a sustainable future.

The GECA ecolabel has provided architects, building industry professionals, procurement managers and consumers with an independent, reliable and credible way to make environmentally preferred choices since 2001.

GECA is recognised under the GBCA's criteria for Evaluating Product Certification Schemes.

### What Green Star Categories and Credits apply?

The following pages detail each of our standards, recognised by GBCA's Green Star program and detail the tools and credits they apply to. Making it easier to specify for all Green Star projects.

This enables GECA certified products to earn Green Star points for Green Star projects certified under the previous Green Star legacy rating tools as well as under the recently launched new suite of Green Star rating tools for a high level of categories and credits.

For the Green Star Sustainable Products credit, all GECA standards (with the exception of also having a Level B Furniture & Fittings standard along with our Level A Furniture, Fittings, Foam & Mattresses) are considered to be at the highest performance level (Level A).

## Recognised GECA standards under the Green Star scheme, include:

- Adhesives, Fillers and Sealants
- Carpets
- Cleaning Products
- Floor Coverings
- Furniture & Fittings
- Furniture, Fittings & Foam
- Furniture, Fittings, Foam & Mattresses
- Hard Surfacing
- Panel Boards
- Paints and Coatings

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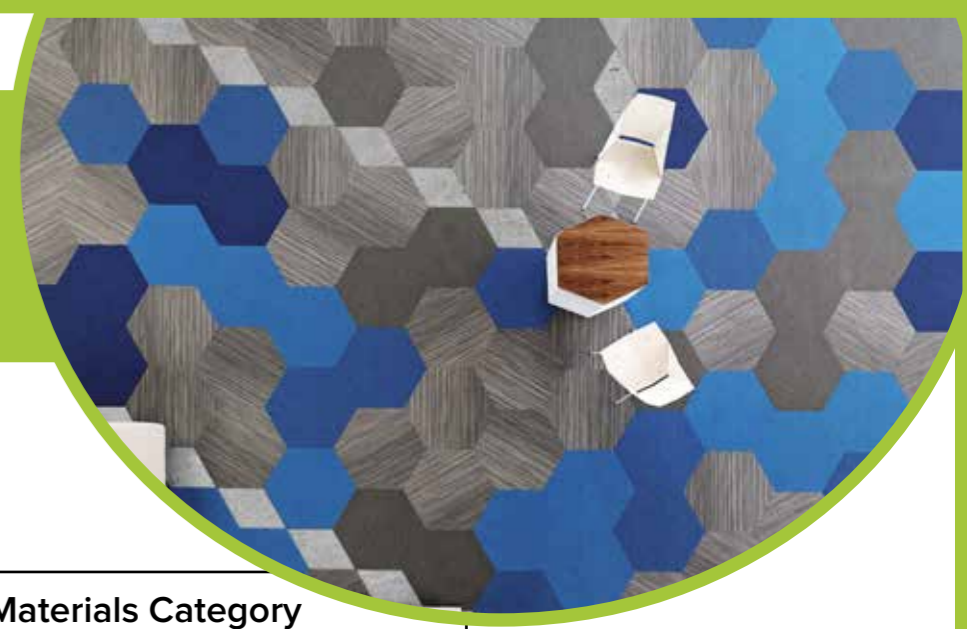
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# Carpets (Level A), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

This standard is applicable to natural fibre carpets such as wool; synthetic polymer fibre carpets comprising of nylon and nylon blends, olefin (polypropylene), polyester, acrylic and polyamide; and blends composed of materials that fit into the above fibre types.



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Building design and construction

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**Credit 13: Indoor Pollutants - IEQ Category**

**13.1.2A Carpets**  
Where at least 95% of all internally applied paints, adhesives and sealants and carpets meet stipulated total VOC limits. The product is certified under a recognised Product Certification Scheme (listed on the GBCA website). The certificate must be current at the time of project registration or submission and list the relevant product name and model.

**1 Green Star credit point**

**Credit 21: Sustainable Products - Materials Category**

**21D Third Party Certification**  
Third party certifications schemes assessed and recognised by GBCA as on their website at Levels A, B & C. Sustainability Factors (highest SF=1.0, i.e. 100% weighting) used in calculations for the various levels. Level A – 1.0 (100% weighting) Level B – 0.75 (75% weighting) Level C – 50% (50% weighting).

**Up to 3 Green Star credit points**

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Building design and construction

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**Credit 22: Construction & Demolition Waste - Materials Category**

**22 A & B: Waste**  
Where construction waste going to landfill is reduced by a number of initiatives such as to achieve compliance e.g reuse or by implementing waste avoidance measures like incorporating design solutions that make use of modular and prefabricated installations.

**Up to 1 Green Star credit point**

**Credit 22: Construction & Demolition Waste - Materials Category**

**Innovation Challenge - improving Green Star benchmarks**  
When the construction and demolition waste is 5kg/m<sup>2</sup> of gross floor area

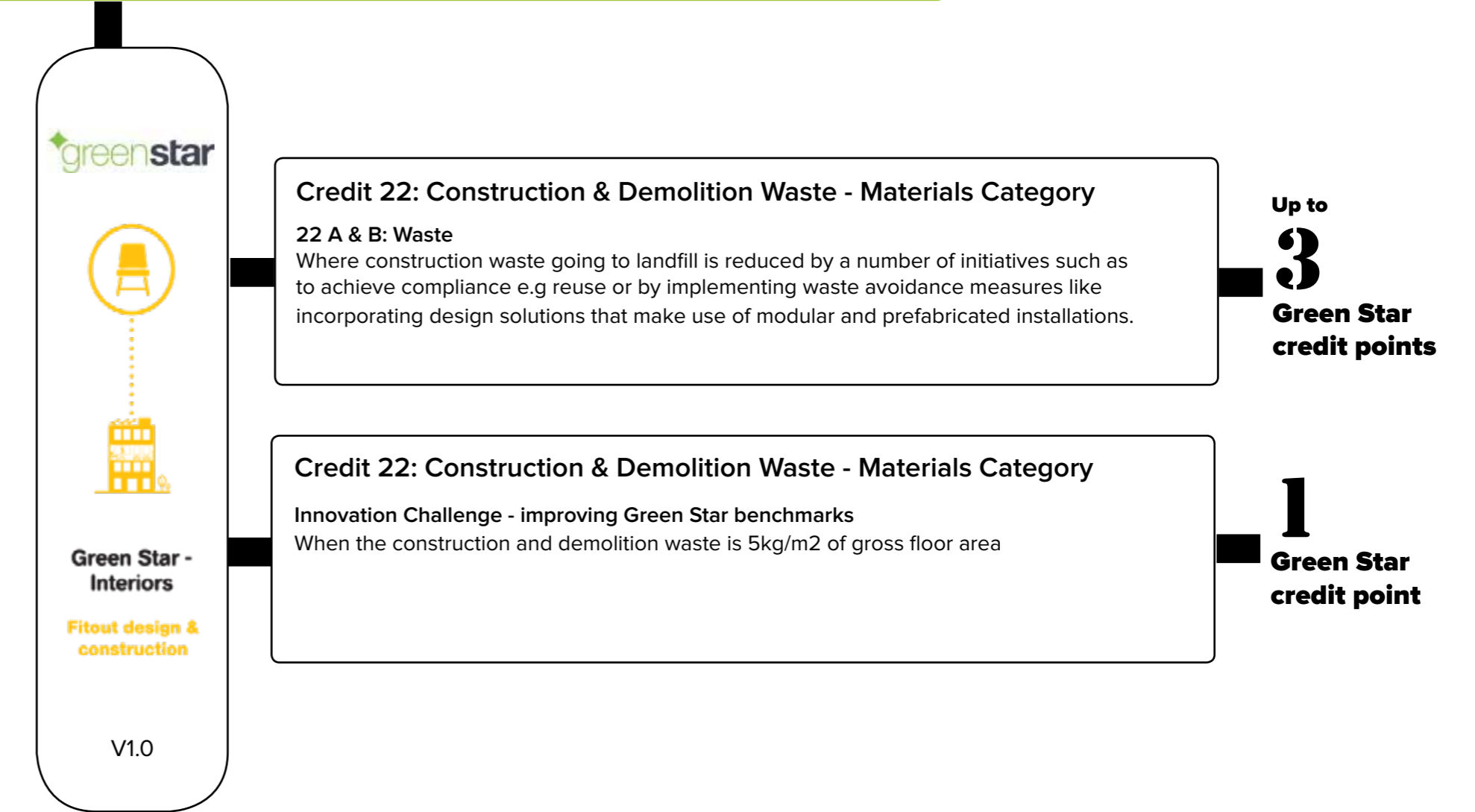
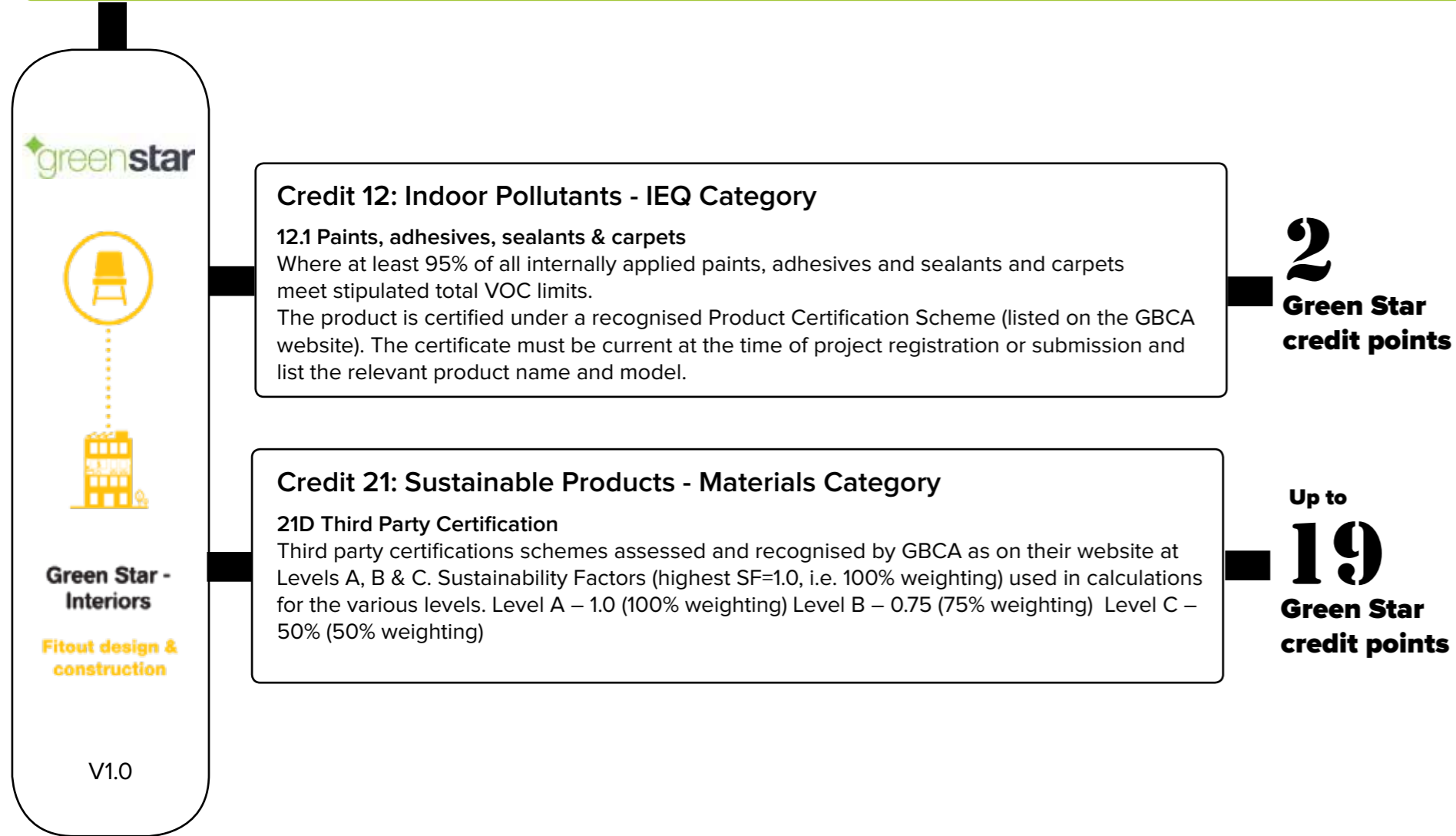
**1 Green Star credit point**

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## Carpets (Level A), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

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### Credit 21: Procurement & Purchasing - Materials Category

#### 21.3 Refurbishment Materials

At least 75% (1 pt) or 50% (0.5 pt) of all refurbishment materials have been purchased in accordance with the sustainable procurement framework (third party Ecolabelling can be considered the highest level).

Up to **1**  
**Green Star credit point**



### Credit 23: Waste from Refurbishment - Materials Category

#### 23.0 Waste to landfill diversion

This credit only applies to materials as described in Credit 21 - "Procurement and Purchasing".

Up to **2**  
**Green Star credit points**

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Building operations and maintenance

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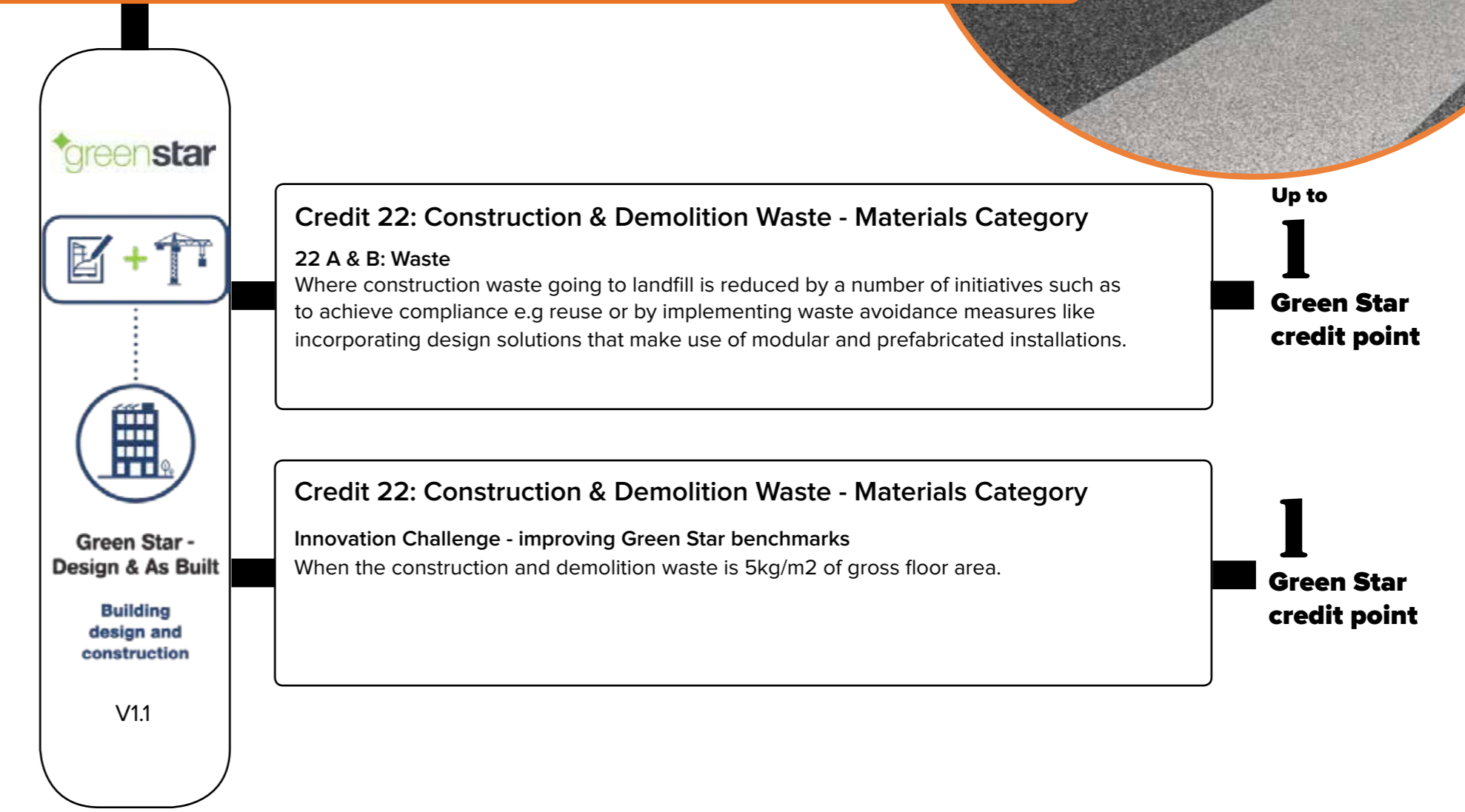
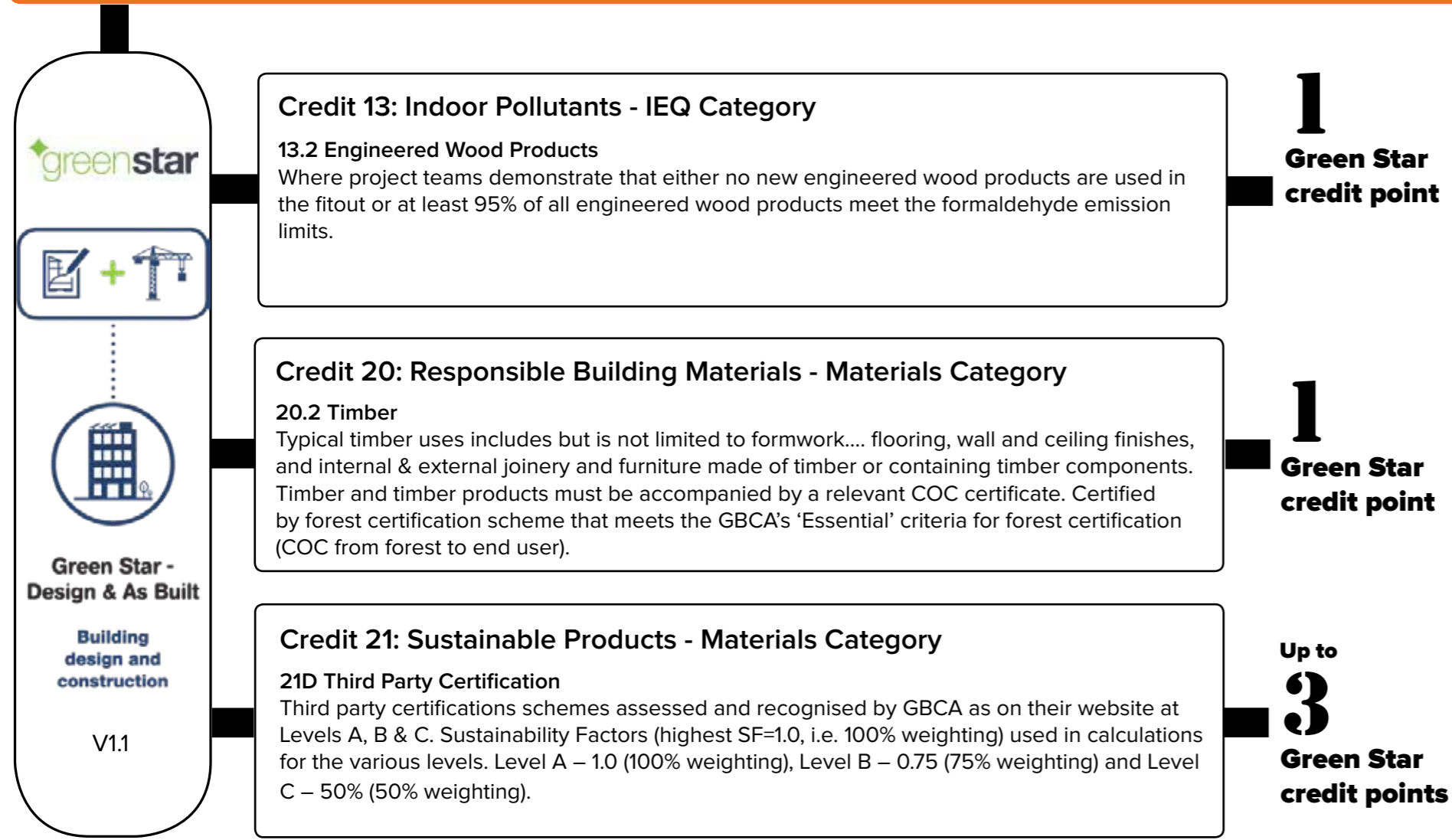


GECA certified Modulyss Carpet



# Floor Coverings (Level A), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

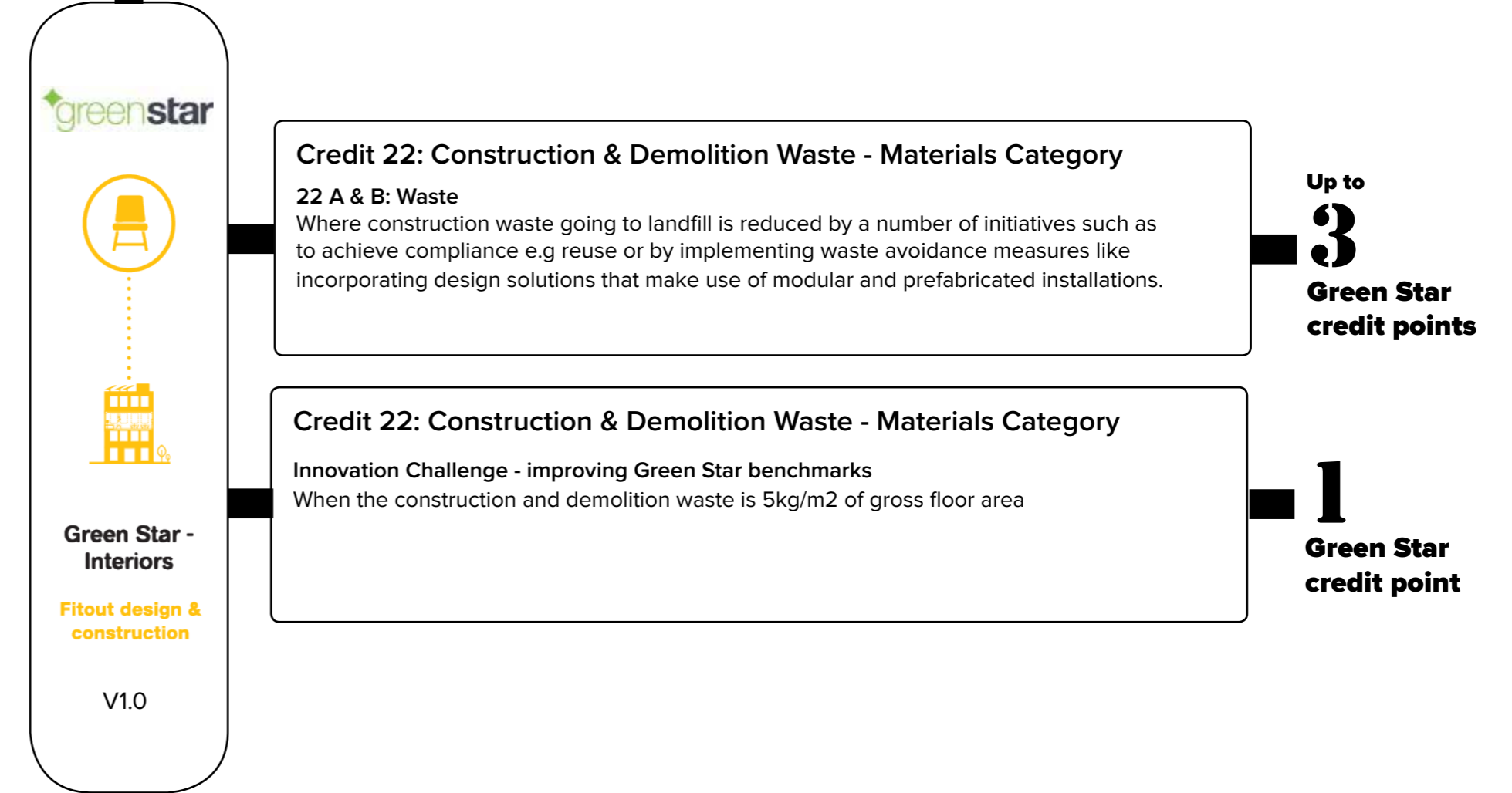
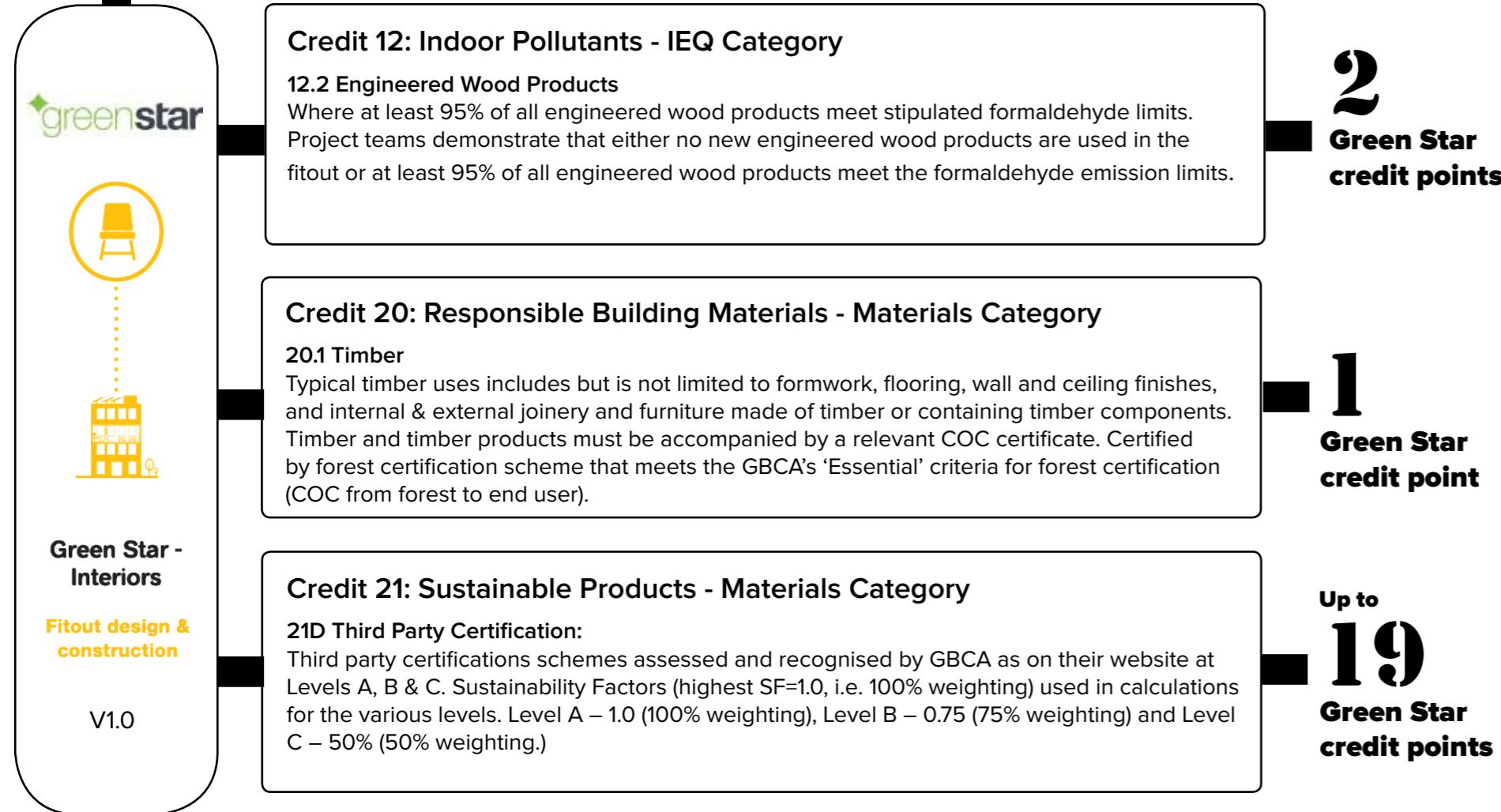
Is applicable to a range of floor coverings and carpet underlays that are laid on top of a foundation of concrete or wooded beams, and are not part of the building structure. Includes materials such as parquet, wooden planks, engineered wood products, bamboo, cork, rubber, vinyl and linoleum that are fixed to the floor and laid on top of an underlying foundation of concrete or wood beams. It does not include floor coverings that are applied in a liquid state.





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### Credit 21: Procurement & Purchasing - Materials Category

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Up to  
**1**  
Green Star  
credit point



### Credit 23: Waste from Refurbishment - Materials Category

#### 23.0 Waste to landfill diversion

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Up to  
**2**  
Green Star  
credit points

Green Star -  
Performance

Building  
operations and  
maintenance

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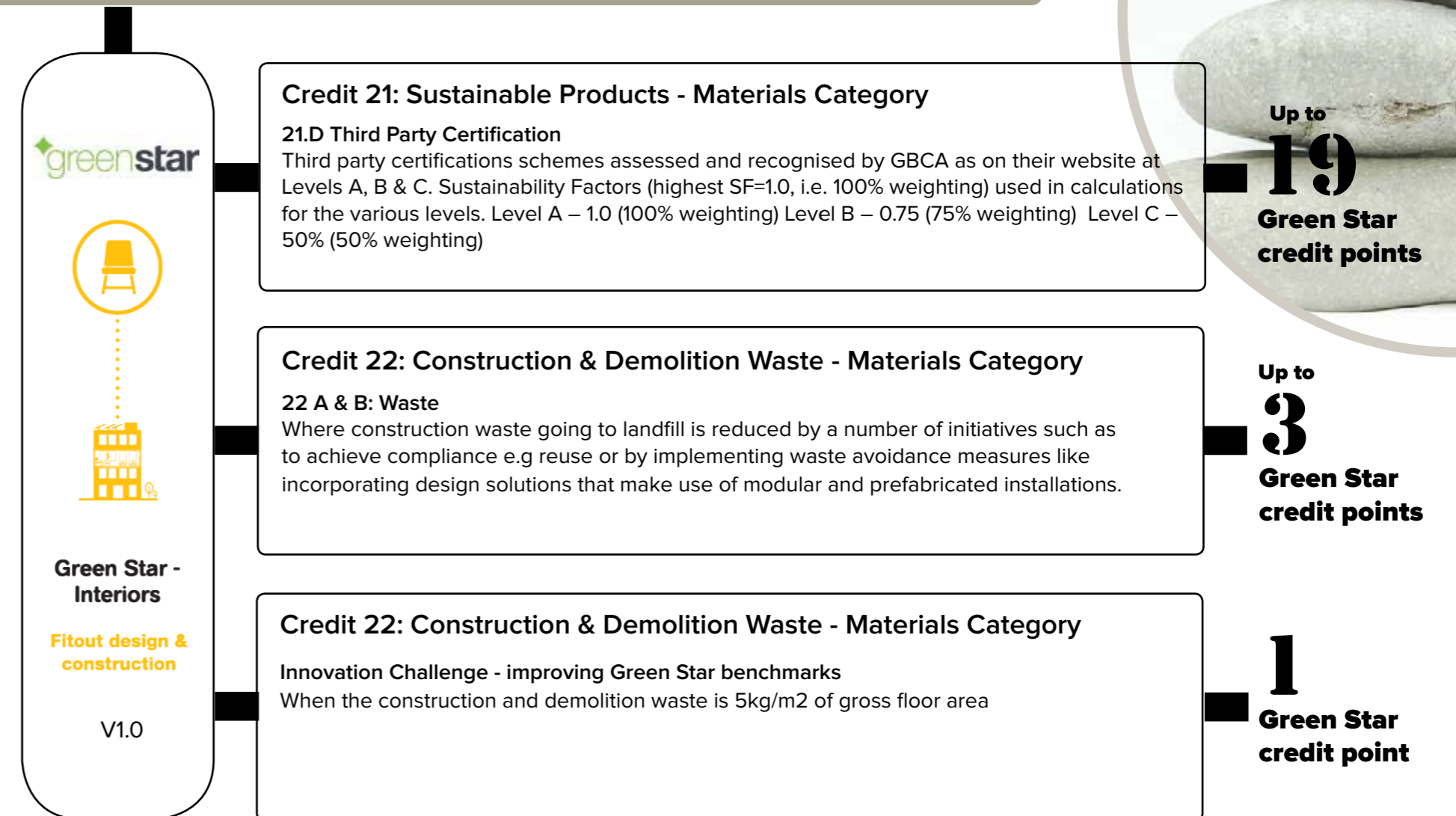
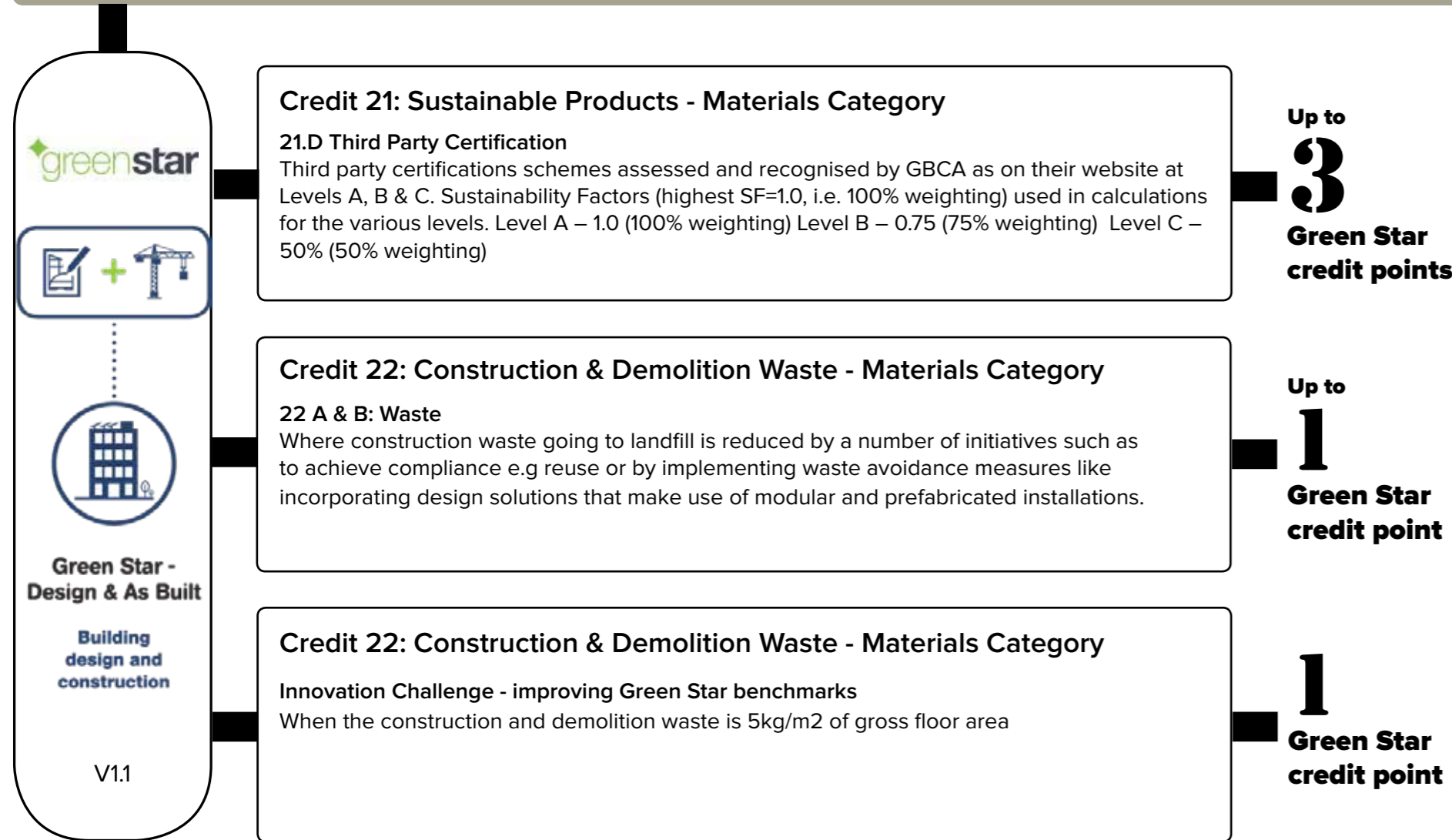
Kebony GECA certified flooring products





# Hard Surfacing (Level A), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

This standard is applicable to hard surfacing products for interior or exterior use that do not provide any structural function. Including but are not limited to, natural stone, agglomerated stones, concrete paving units, terrazzo tiles, ceramic tiles, clay tiles and glass tiles.





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credit point



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Green Star  
credit points

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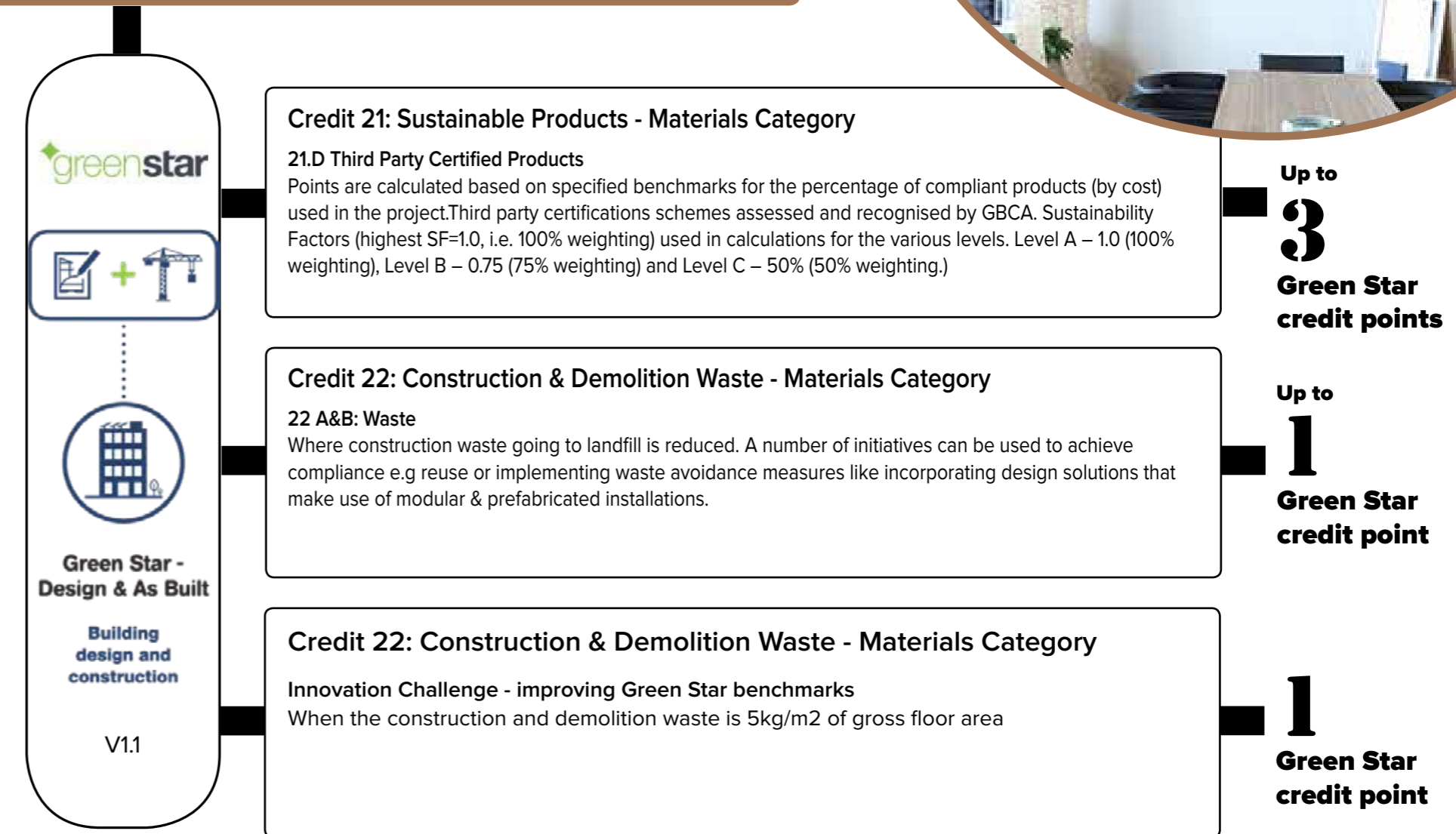
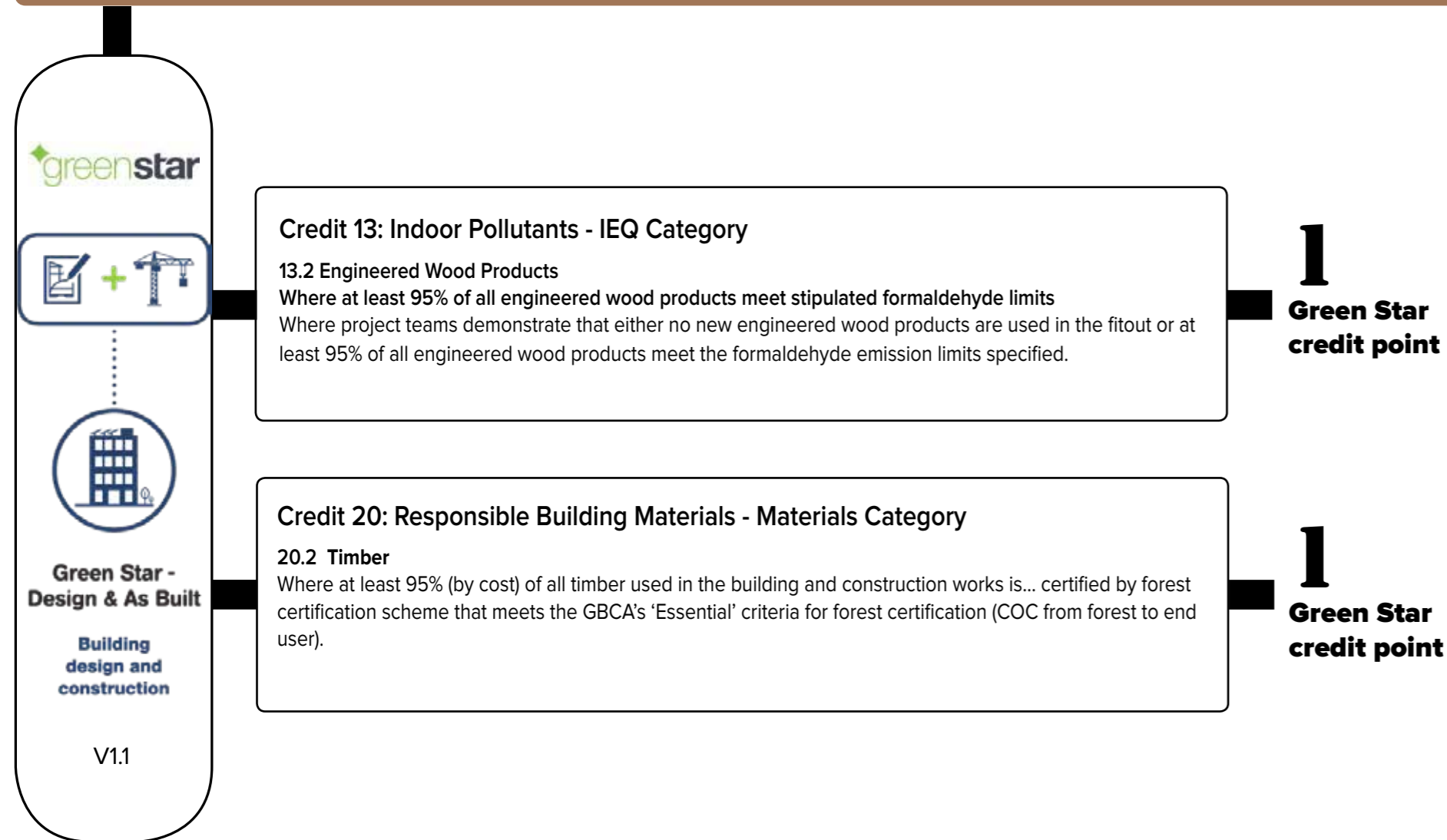
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# Panel Boards (Level A), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

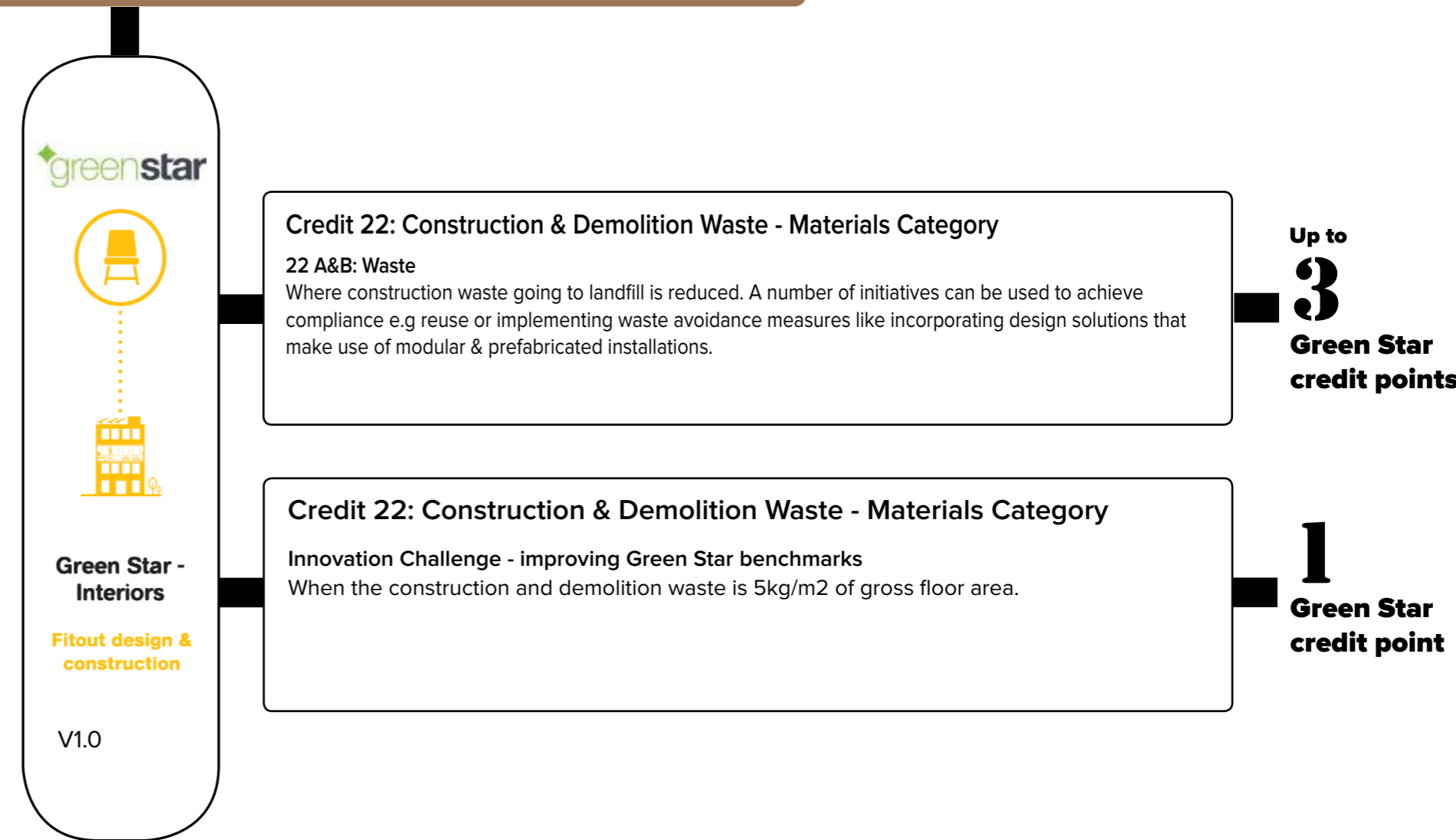
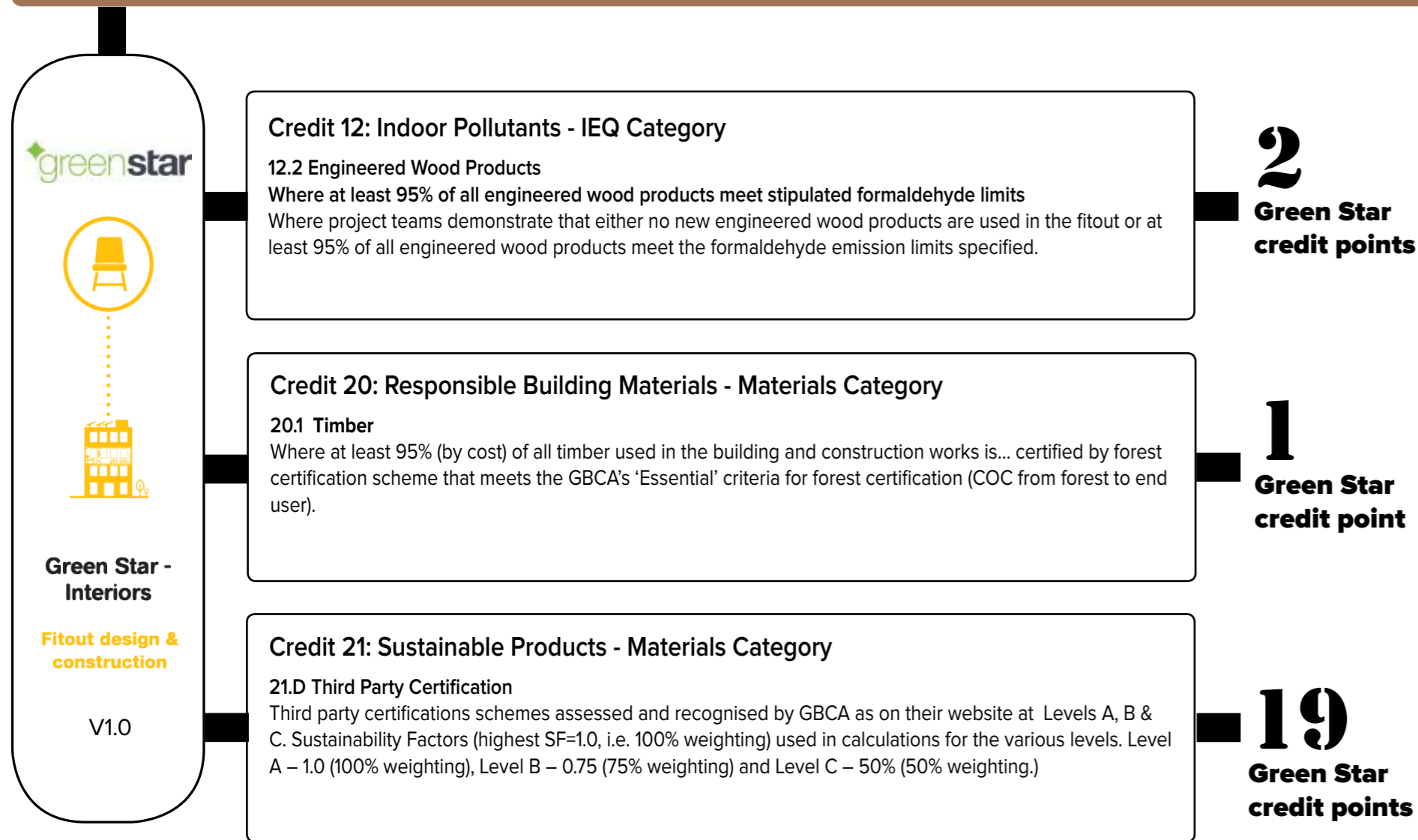
Products covered by the standard include particle boards, edge glued panels, fibre cement boards, plasterboard, gypsum board, ceiling tiles, and boards made from plastics and other materials.





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**Green Star - Performance**

Building operations and maintenance

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### Credit 21: Procurement & Purchasing - Materials Category

#### 21.3 Refurbishment & Maintenance Materials

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Up to  
**1**  
Green Star credit point

### Credit 23: Refurbishment Waste - Materials Category

#### 23.0 Waste to Landfill Diversion

Where a percentage of waste from refurbishments is diverted from landfill is reduced during the performance period.

Up to  
**2**  
Green Star credit points

### Credit 23: Refurbishment Waste - Materials Category

#### Innovation Expanding the Scope of the Credit

Where the scope is expanded to include furniture and interior furnishings not owned by the building owner and not currently covered by these requirements.

**1**  
Green Star credit point

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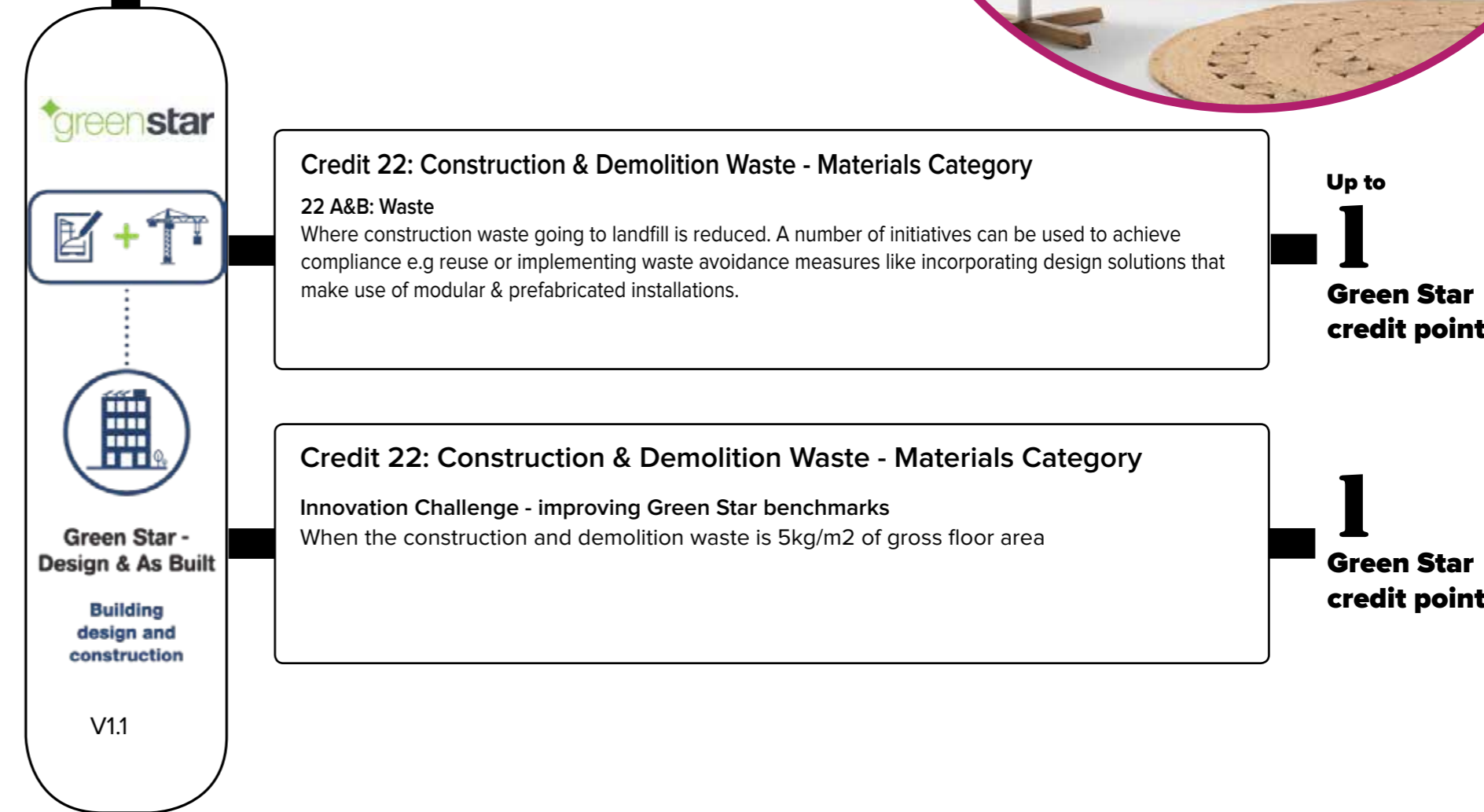
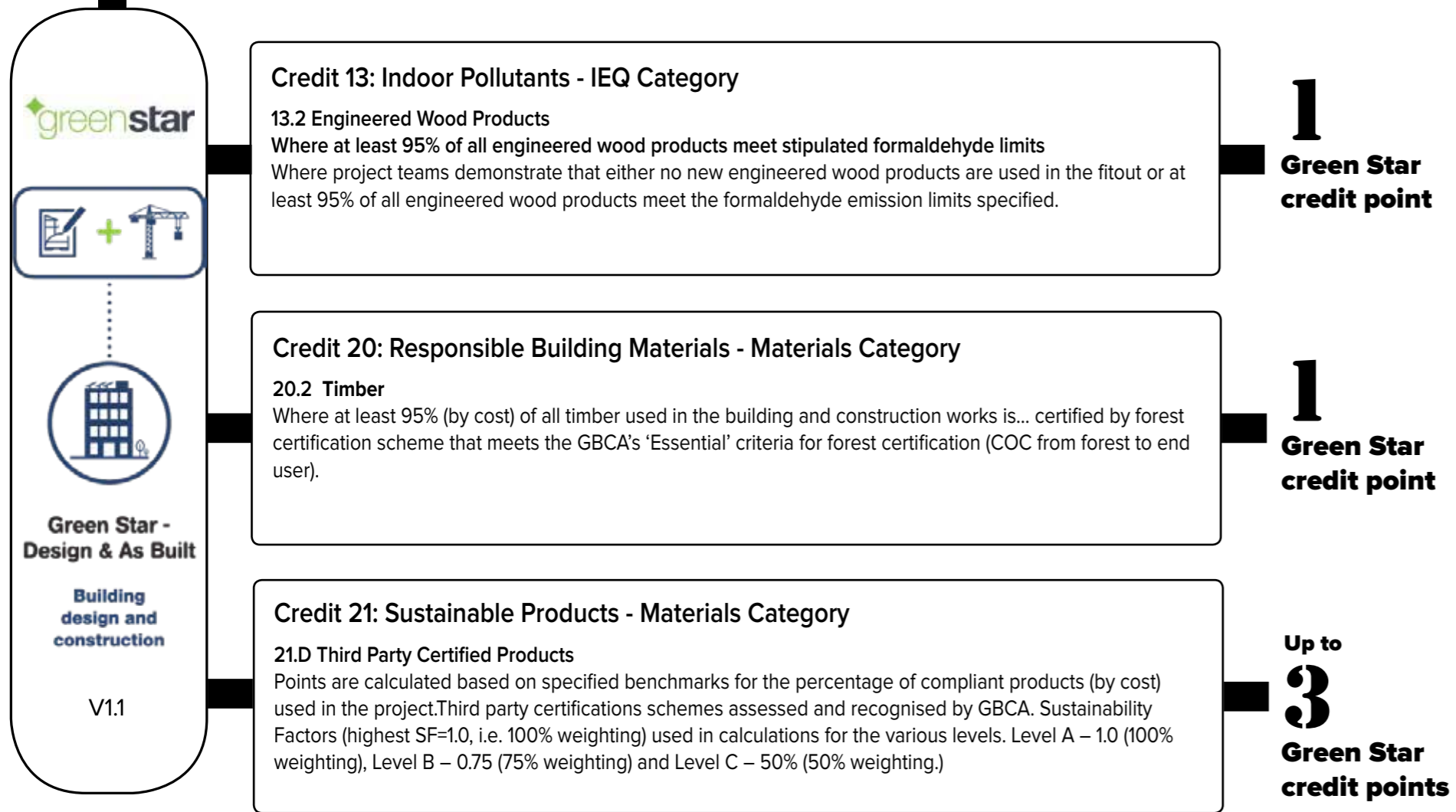


GECA certified BGC Plasterboard



# Furniture, Fittings, Foam & Mattresses (Level A), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

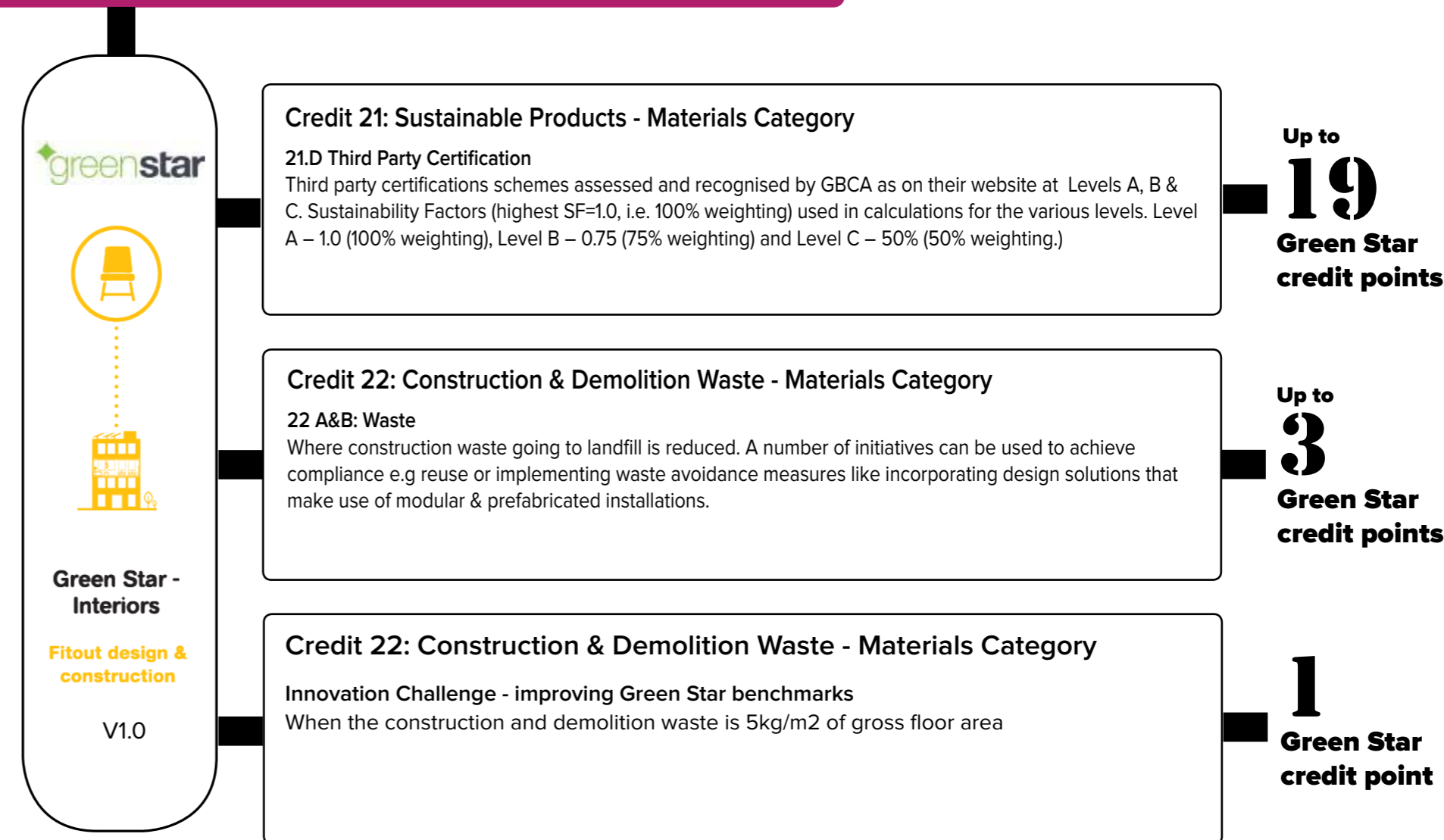
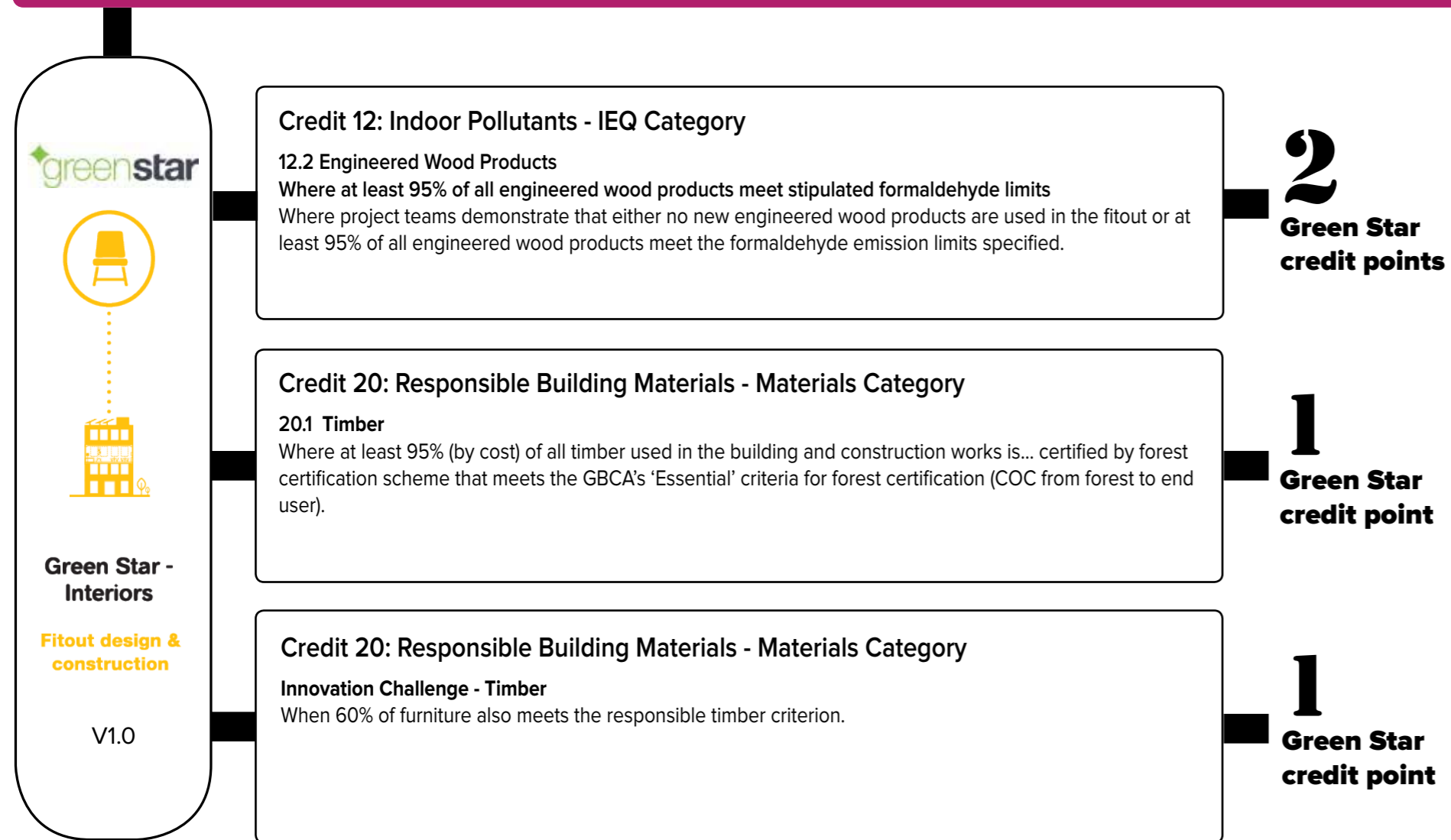
This standard is applicable to a range of domestic and office furniture including, office chairs, office desks and tables, domestic chairs, domestic desks and tables, couches, stools, bedroom furniture, fittings, foam and foam mattresses. Level A (compared to Level B) has more stringent requirements for VOC level emissions & products need to be tested as a complete finished product.





## Furniture, Fittings, Foam & Mattresses (Level A), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

This standard is applicable to a range of domestic and office furniture including, office chairs, office desks and tables, domestic chairs, domestic desks and tables, couches, stools, bedroom furniture, white furniture, fittings, foam and foam mattresses. Level A (compared to Level B) has more stringent requirements for VOC level emissions & products need to be tested as a complete finished product.





## Furniture, Fittings, Foam & Mattresses (Level A), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

This standard is applicable to a range of domestic and office furniture including, office chairs, office desks and tables, domestic chairs, domestic desks and tables, couches, stools, bedroom furniture, white furniture, fittings, foam and foam mattresses. Level A (compared to Level B) has more stringent requirements for VOC level emissions & products need to be tested as a complete finished product.

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Green Star - Performance

Building operations and maintenance

V1.0

### Credit 21: Procurement & Purchasing - Materials Category

#### 21.3 Refurbishment & Maintenance Materials

At least 75% (1 pt) or 50% (0.5 pt) of all refurbishment materials have been purchased in accordance with the sustainable procurement framework - third party Ecolabelling can be considered the highest level.

Up to  
**1**  
Green Star credit point

### Credit 23: Refurbishment Waste - Materials Category

#### 23.0 Waste to Landfill Diversion

Where percentage of waste from refurbishments is diverted from landfill is reduced during the performance period.

Up to  
**2**  
Green Star credit points

### Credit 23: Refurbishment Waste - Materials Category

#### Innovation Expanding the Scope of the Credit

Where the scope is expanded to include furniture and interior furnishings not owned by the building owner and not currently covered by these requirements.

**1**  
Green Star credit point

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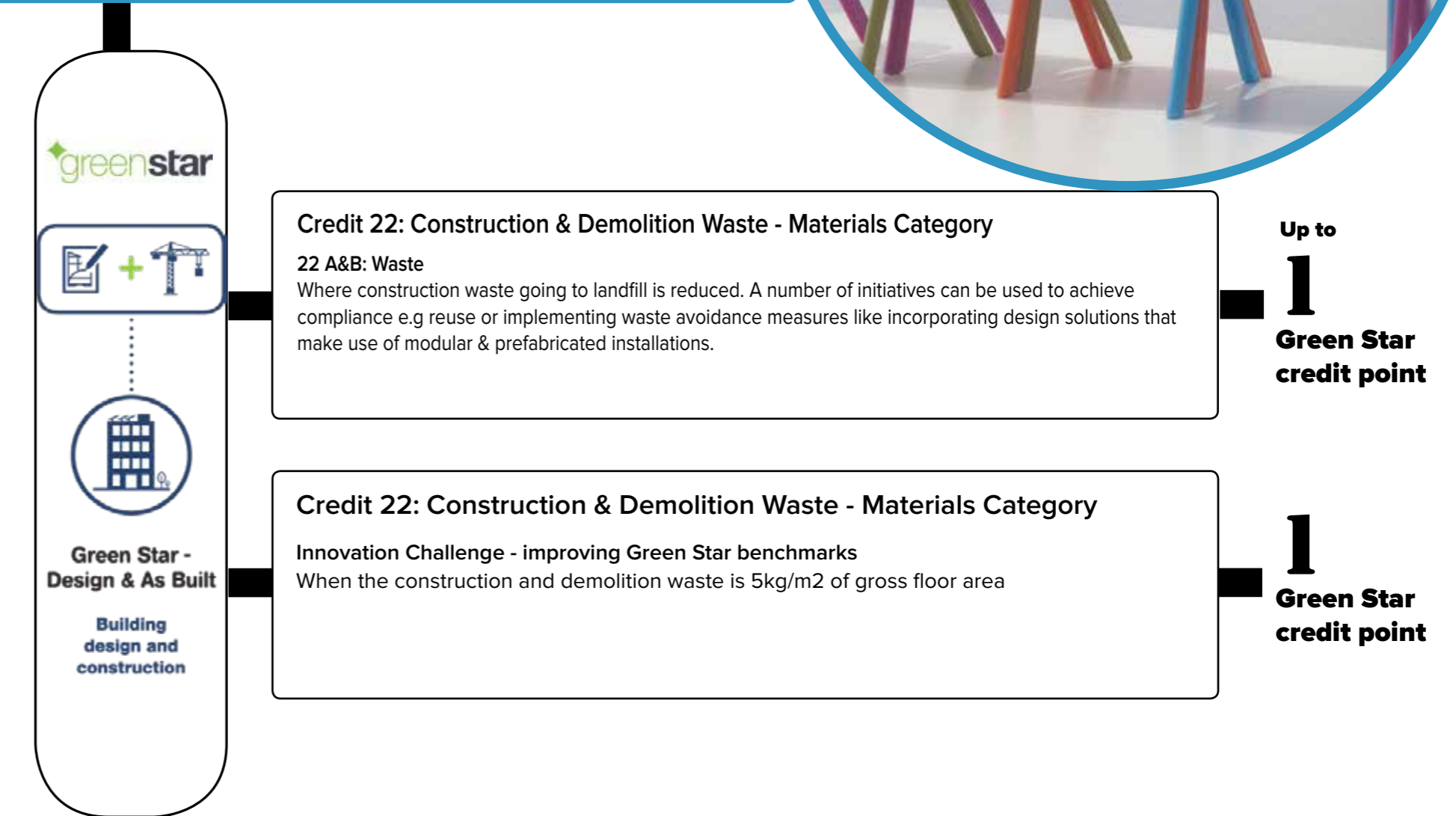
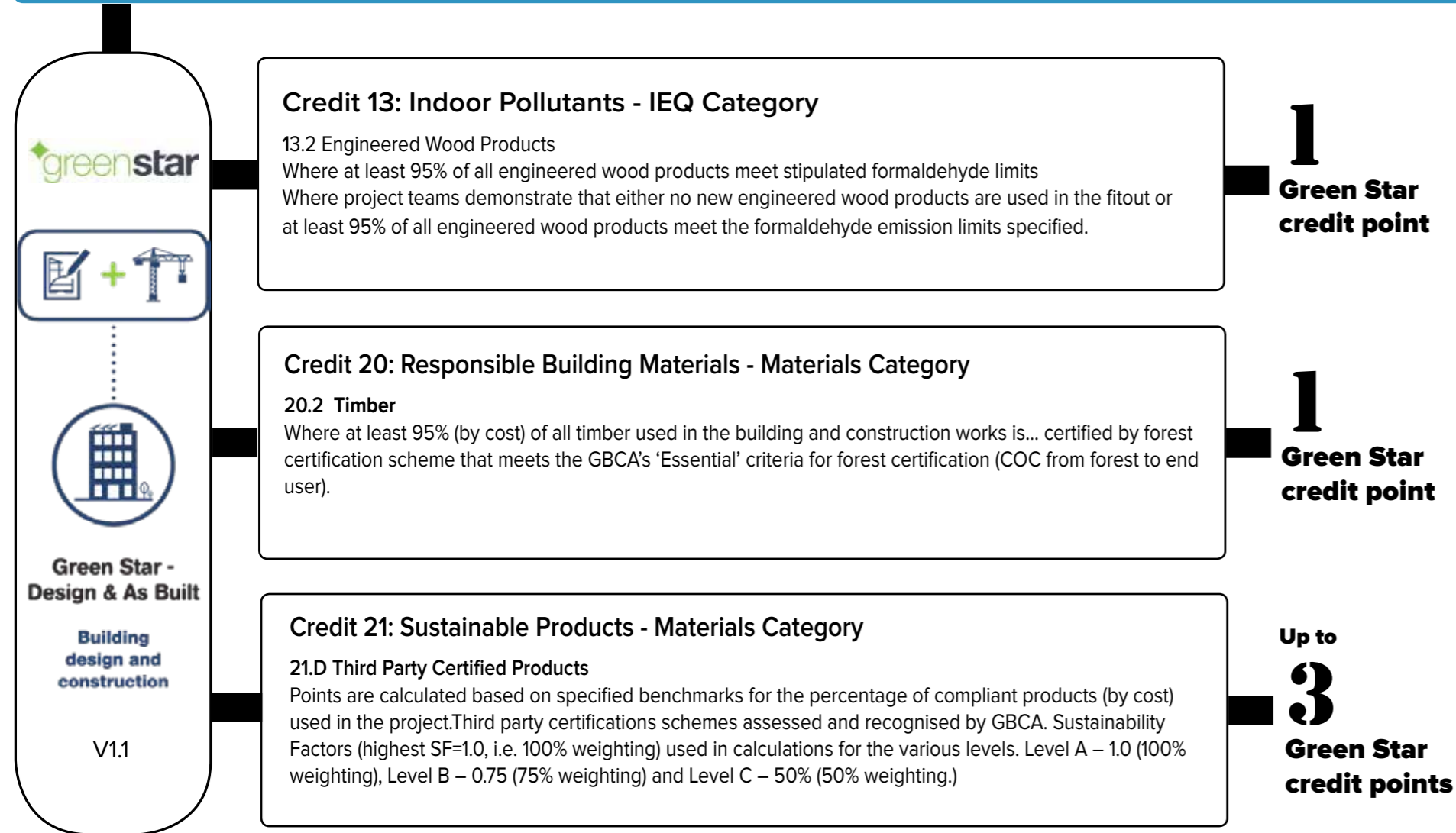
GECA certified Hub (Moroso) furniture





# Furniture & Fittings (Level B), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

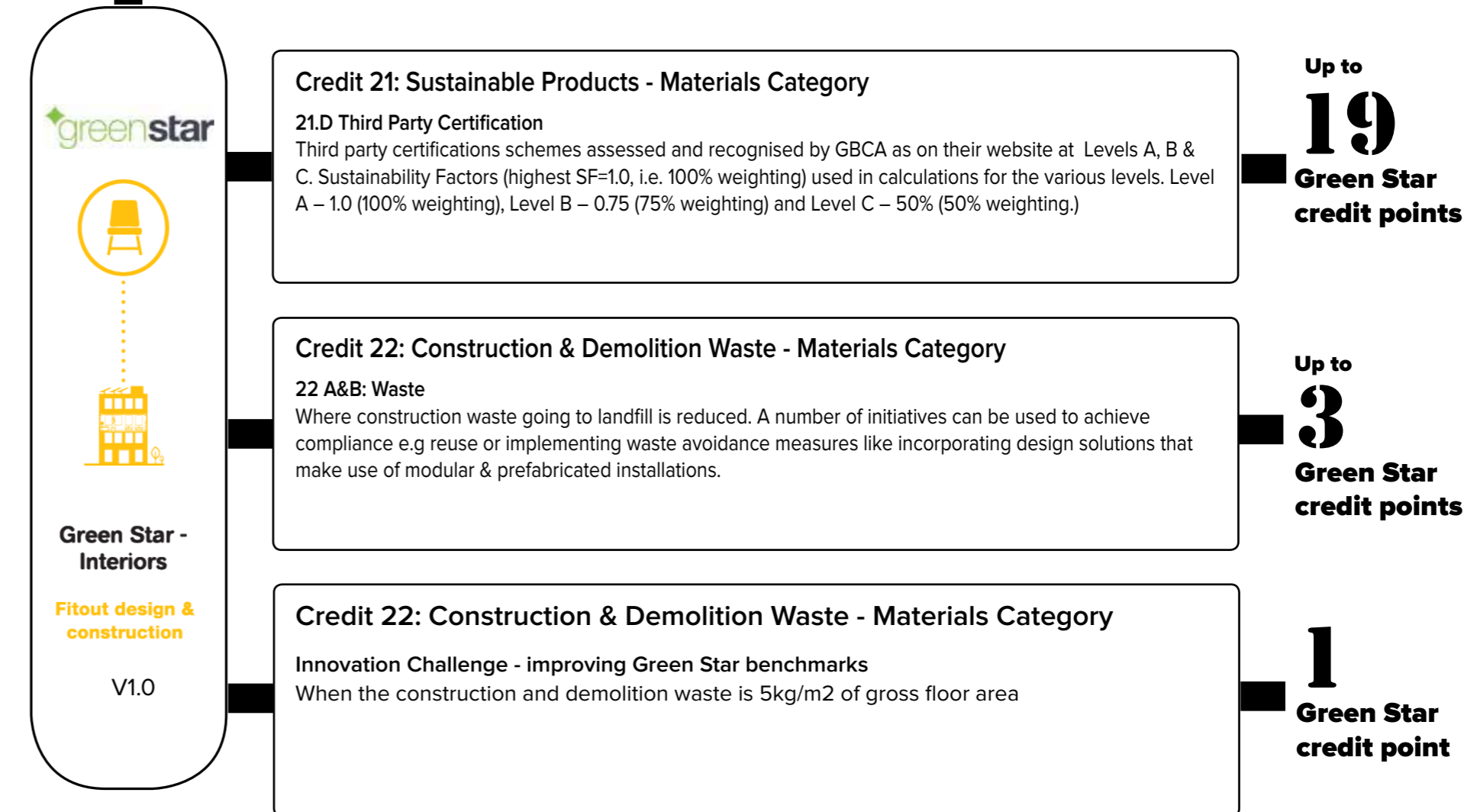
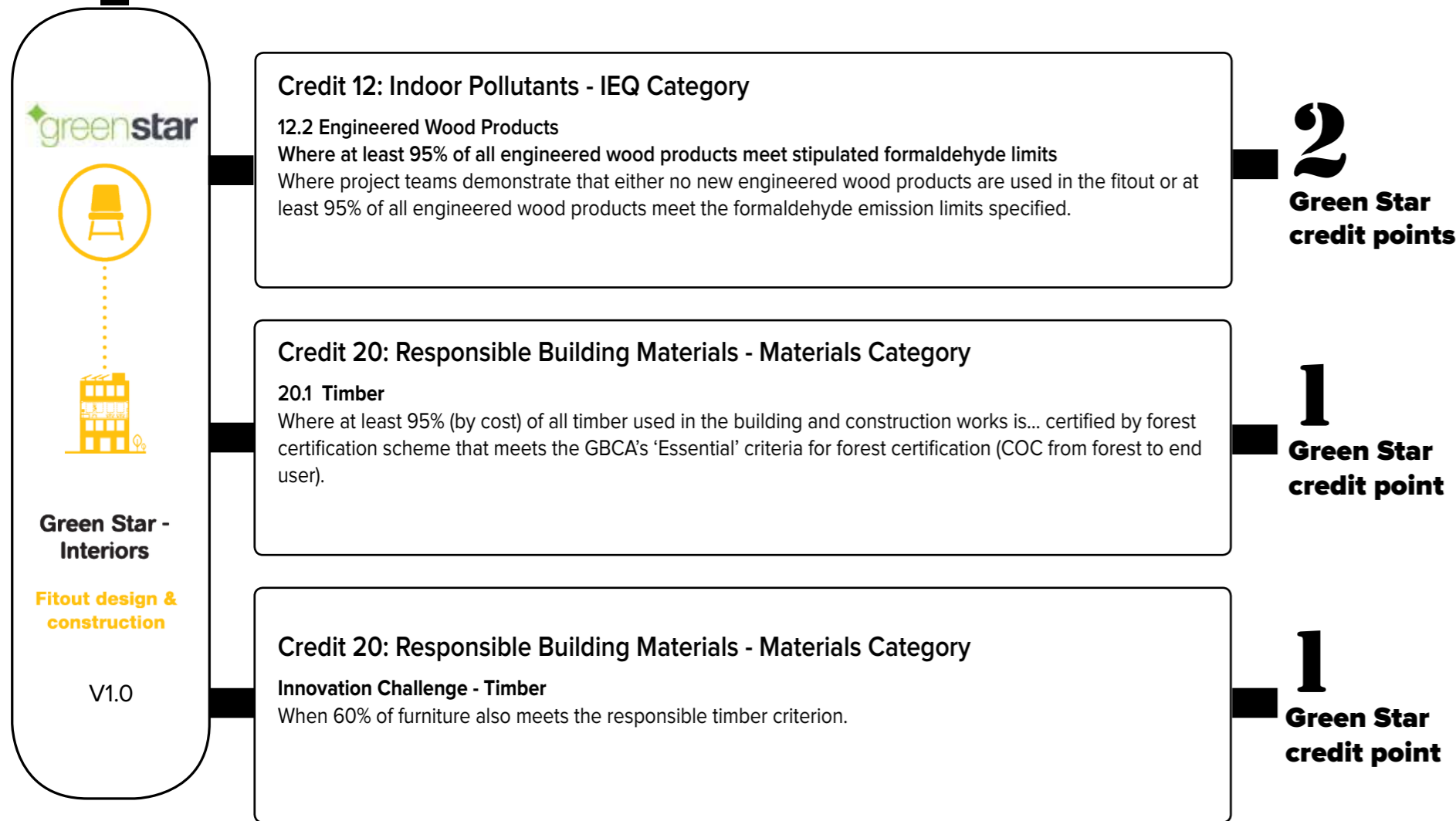
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# Furniture & Fittings (Level B), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

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Green Star - Performance

Building operations and maintenance

V1.0

### Credit 21: Procurement & Purchasing - Materials Category

#### 21.3 Refurbishment & Maintenance Materials

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Up to  
**1**  
Green Star  
credit point

### Credit 23: Refurbishment Waste - Materials Category

#### 23.0 Waste to Landfill Diversion

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Up to  
**2**  
Green Star  
credit points

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**1**  
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GECA certified Koskela furniture



# Adhesives, Fillers & Sealants (Level A), GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

Products covered by the standard include general purpose adhesives, fillers and joint sealants for building work and commercial manufacturing.



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Green Star - Design & As Built

Building design and construction

V1.1

## Credit 13: Indoor Pollutants (IEQ category)

### 13.1 Paints, adhesives, sealants & carpets

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**1**  
**Green Star credit point**

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Green Star - Interiors

Fitout design & construction

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## Credit 12: Indoor Pollutants (IEQ category)

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**2**  
**Green Star credit points**

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Green Star - Performance

Building operations and maintenance

V1.0

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**Up to 1**  
**Green Star credit point**

## Credit 23: Refurbishment Waste - Materials Category

### 23.0 Waste to Landfill Diversion

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**Up to 2**  
**Green Star credit points**

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# Paints & Coatings, (Level A) GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

This standard covers water based architectural paints (interior & exterior), student & artists paints & other water based coatings. GECA Certified paints meet the Green Star requirements of the VOC credit under indoor environment quality.



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Building design and construction

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**1 Green Star credit point**

**Credit 13: Indoor Pollutants - IEQ Category**

**13.1 Paints, adhesives, sealants & carpets**  
Innovation: Exceeding Green Star Benchmarks – Zero VOC paints where over 50% of paints (by cost) specified in the building have a maximum TVOC content of 5g/L.

**1 Green Star credit point**

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Green Star - Interiors

Fitout design & construction

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**2 Green Star credit points**

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Innovation: Exceeding Green Star Benchmarks – Zero VOC paints where over 50% of paints (by cost) specified in the building have a maximum TVOC content of 5g/L.

**1 Green Star credit point**

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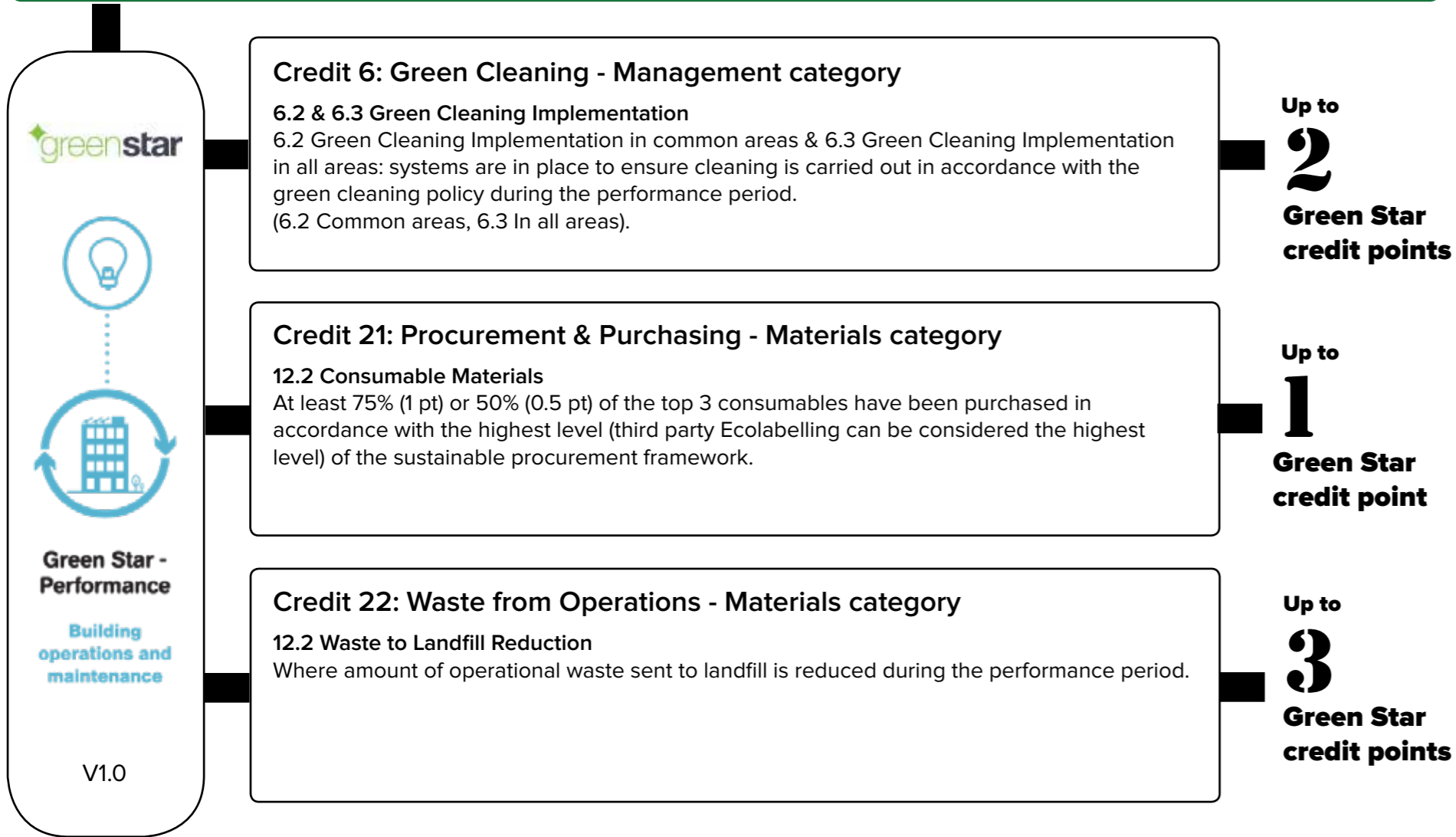
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GECA certified FX Paints

## Cleaning Products, (Level A) GECA standard & the available GBCA Green Star credit points

Cleaning Products includes general purpose cleaners, sanitary cleaners and laundry detergents for both home and commercial use and hand-dishwashing detergents.



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GECA certified Jasol cleaning products



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