The GEOSA Network

The GEOSA Network is a group of independent sustainability professionals around the world, each highly qualified, experienced and trained on GEO programmes.

GEO Sustainability Associates are accredited by GEO to undertake onsite verification visits for golf clubs who apply for the GEO Certified™ ecolabel. Verification is the primary role for GEOSA, but they can also support and promote sustainable golf through advisory and education.*

GEOSA are a vital part of golf’s international ecolabel, as 3rd-party on-site verification is a critical aspect of credibility to meet today’s expectations and standards.

If you’re interested in playing a part in golf’s growing sustainability movement as a GEOSA, you can apply at golfenvironment.org.

1. Click GET INVOLVED from the top menu and then SUPPORT NETWORK to read about GEOSA. Click BECOME A GEOSA, lower left of the page.

2. Register for a GEOSA account and upload your CV/resume.

3. If eligible, you’ll be invited to a workshop for appraisal and training before being invited to be part of the accredited network.

*If advisory service provided, another GEOSA must perform verification.

Qualifications

Most GEOSA are environmental and sustainability professionals practicing in the field as advisers, consultants, project managers, or educators; it is not a requirement to be working in the golf industry exclusively.

GEOSA applicants should have at least four years practical experience in one of the following professional areas:

- Environmental and sustainability based consultancy/NGO/education and research institutions
- Corporate responsibility based duties in business
- Land management, including estate management, forestry and countryside protection
- Government agencies with relevant environmental and sustainability focus

All GEOSA must have a recognized academic and/or vocational qualification in environmental or sustainability related fields, including:

- Physical, biological and social sciences
- Environmental management systems
- Conservation and countryside management
- Landscape architecture
- Urban and land planning
- Resource management
- Environmental engineering
- Corporate responsibility based business administration
- Agronomy, irrigation and drainage.