

What is GEO Certified?

- Golf's most widely regarded and credible sustainability distinction
- A strong statement about your commitment to fostering nature, conserving resources and building community - confirming you are meeting
- A credible and highly regarded platform for communications about your social and environmental value.

Credible recognition for sustainability in golf

Why choose GEO Certified?

- Widely-endorsed and recognised
- Practical approach, easy-to-use online tool and guidance
- Internationally accredited by the top accreditation body for certifications
- Credible platform for your communications

What is required?

- Use the online programme OnCourse to complete a self-assessment of your best practices and provide some annual data.
- Host a review by an independent verifier, necessary to meet credibility codes.
- Meet the International Standard for Sustainable Golf - a list of practical criteria considered to be a fair standard of best practice.



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For more information, visit sustainable.golf/certification

What are the steps to get ready for Certification?

Use OnCourse to:

www.getoncourse.golf

- 1 Review each of the three sections of **best practices**. For each topic, tick all actions or situations that currently apply at your facility. Select "complete at this time" at the end of each topic, even if no practices apply to you.
- 2 Input the last complete calendar year of data into annual data section (3-years if renewing certification)
- 3 Be sure you can tick all of the actions marked with a green flag, as they are required for certification.
- 4 Create a minimum three example highlights, sharing projects or achievements.
- 5 Upload any supporting documents into File Storage.
- 6 Request an **initial review** of your OnCourse. Contact our Certification Manager, Richard@sustainable.golf. He will advise if everything seems ready, and then appoint a Verifier for you to **arrange verification** with.

What are the costs?

- Certification is every three years, and in most countries, five years after two certifications.
- Administration fee to GEO is USD350 | GBP300 | EUR315.
- Verification fee is based on a guide price given to the accredited Verifiers and varies a bit by country and size of facility. Guide price for 18-hole facility is USD 1250 | GBP 950 | EUR 1150 plus expenses. Contact GEO for more specific costs for your situation.



Get on your way to golf's sustainability distinction