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

Verifiers are accredited by GEO Foundation to undertake site-visits and remote verifications for golf facilities applying for GEO Certified®. Verification is the primary role, while these individuals can also support and promote sustainable golf through advisory and education.

They are a vital part of golf’s international ecolabel, as third-party verification meets the highest expectations and standards.

If you’re interested in playing a part in golf’s sustainability movement you can find out more information and apply at sustainable.golf.

1. Click on Who’s Involved along the top menu and then Verifier Network
2. Submit an application
3. GEO will respond and if eligible invite you for an online interview
4. Complete the training and assessment exercise, then debrief in a second interview

Qualifications

Most verifiers are environmental or sustainability professionals practicing in the field as consultants, project managers, advisors, and educators. It is not a requirement to be working in the golf industry exclusively, but a golf-specific background or experience is highly favourable.

Verifier 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 in business
- Land management, including estates, forestry and countryside protection
- Government agencies with relevant focus

All Verifiers must have a recognized academic and / or vocational qualification in environmental or sustainability related subjects, which can include:

- Physical, biological, social sciences
- Environmental management systems
- Conservation and ecological management
- Landscape architecture
- Urban and land planning
- Resource management
- Environmental engineering
- Corporate responsibility
- Agronomy