

PEARL RATING LEVELS

There are three levels of rating within the Public Realm Rating System; Pearl Rated, Green Pearl Rated and Exemplar Pearl Rated.

Within each section there are both required and optional credits. To achieve a Pearl Rating, all required credit requirements must be met. To achieve a Green Pearl rating, all required credit requirements must be met along with a minimum of 50% of the optional credits.

Exemplar public realm projects are those that are of national significance, typically because of their outstanding natural, cultural or heritage values and draw the presence and attention of large numbers of people. In recognition of their special status, Estidama invites such projects to demonstrate innovative performance against eight unique exemplar visions. Refer to the Public Realm Design Manual (PRDM) for more illustrative guidance.

Applicant Exemplar Projects must meet the requirements of the Exemplar Public Realm Approval Process within the 'Exemplar Public Realm' section of this manual. To achieve an Exemplar Pearl Rating, all the required credit requirements must be met, along with a minimum of 75% of the optional credits.

Table 1: Public Realm Rating Levels

Requirement	Pearl Rating Achieved
All required credits	Pearl
All required credits + 50% of the optional credits	Green Pearl
All required credits + 75% of the optional credits + be a site of national significance + achieve Exemplar Pearl status	Exemplar Pearl

SECTION CREDITS

The number of optional credits available in each section are presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Optional Credits Available for each Section

Credit Section	Optional Credits
IDP - Integrated Development Process	3
NS - Natural Systems	4
LS - Liveable Spaces	2
PW - Precious Water	4
RE - Resourceful Energy	2
SM - Stewarding Materials	5
IP - Innovating Practice	2
TOTAL	20*

* Total: Excludes Innovating Practice credit points which are offered as bonus credits.