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To NABERS Assessors

## Release of the NABERS Energy and Water for Shopping Centres Rules V3.0

In accordance with the launch of new benchmarks for small shopping centres, i.e. those with GLAR less than 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>, a new version of the *NABERS Energy and Water for Shopping Centres Rules* is now available (V3.0). This supersedes version 2.0.

### What is the transition period?

As the changes to the Rules only relate to small shopping centres, all ratings must use the version of the Rules current at lodgement. Version 3.0 is released and current on 1 July 2019. Ratings lodged prior to 1 July will proceed with old version.

### Where do we find the new version of the Rules?

Version 3.0 of the Rules will be available for download from 1 July 2019 on the NABERS website:

<https://www.nabers.gov.au/publications/nabers-energy-and-water-shopping-centres-rules>

### What are the changes?

The changes made to the rules are:

- Section 1.1.3: Updated the 'Minimum criteria to rate a shopping centre under NABERS'**. Shopping centres of all sizes can be rated under the extended shopping centre benchmarks. However, the National Administrator does not guarantee accuracy of the Energy rating results for centres with a GLAR of less than 5,000 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Section 3.5.2:** Ruling for Partial Servicing has been integrated in this section.
- Section 4:** Hours of Service is a required input for NABERS Water Ratings for small shopping centres (GLAR less than 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Section 4.2.3:** Extended hours of operation is not a required input for NABERS Energy and Water Ratings for small shopping centres (GLAR less than 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Section 5:** Trading Days is a required input for NABERS Water Ratings for small shopping centres (GLAR less than 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Section 8:** Counting food court seats is required for NABERS Energy Ratings for small shopping centres (GLAR less than 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Section 9.2.2:** The total area of centrally serviced gymnasiums is a required input for NABERS Energy Ratings for small shopping centres (GLAR less than 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>).

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## What is new in NABERS Rate?

Changes have been introduced in NABERS Rate to enable the rating of small shopping centres (GLAR less than 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>). The new functionality is only relevant to small shopping centres. Large shopping centre functionality (GLAR larger than or equal to 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>) remains unchanged.

To rate a small shopping centre, please follow the steps from Figure 1 before entering any data into NABERS Rate. As you follow these steps, new tabs will appear to capture the required additional inputs for small shopping centres. New tabs and functionality are shown in Figures 2 - 4.

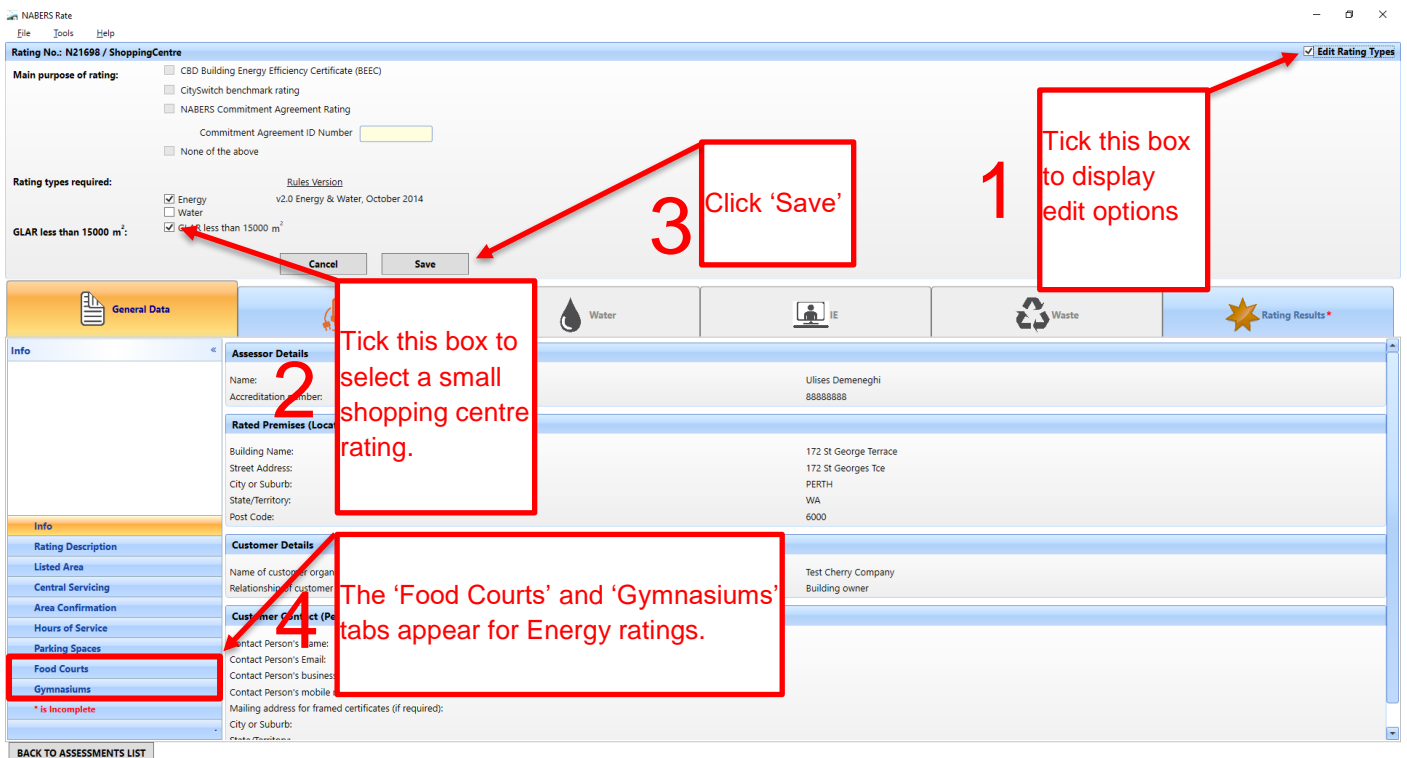


Figure 1. Selecting small shopping centre rating in NABERS Rate.

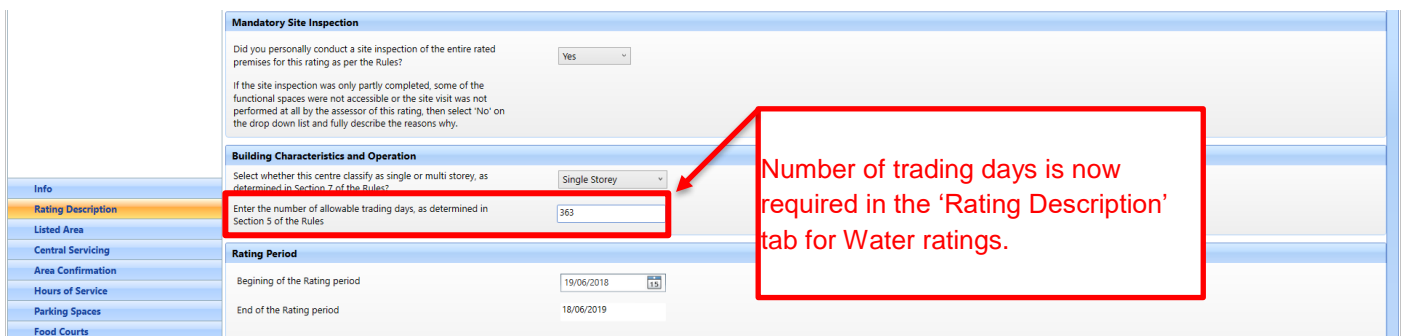


Figure 2. Entering trading days in NABERS Rate.

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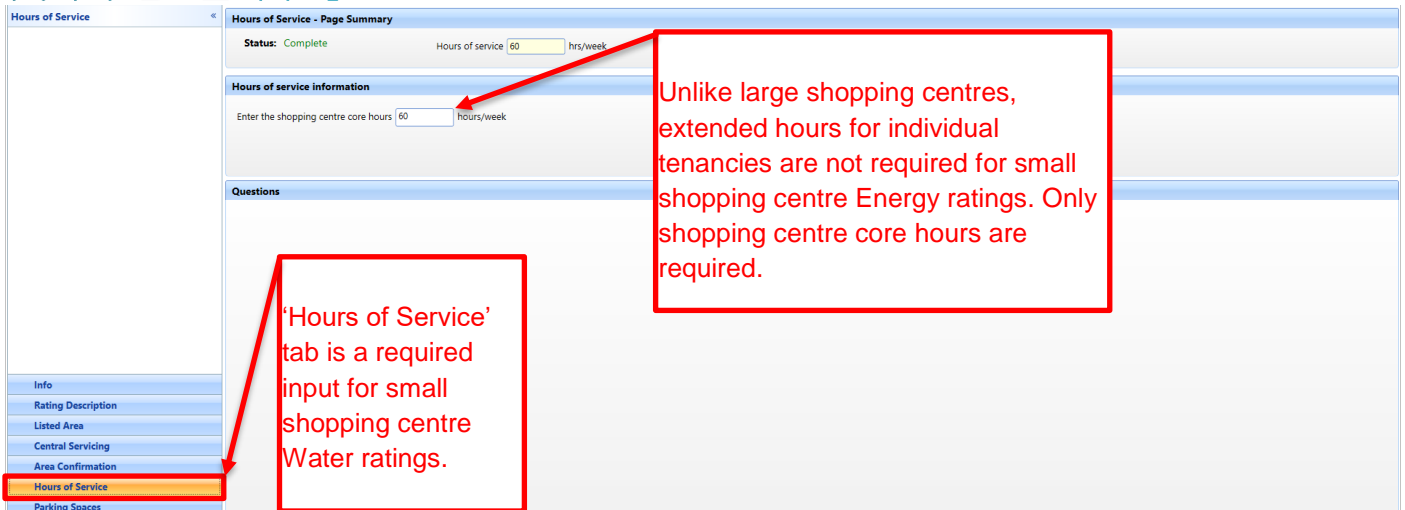


Figure 3. Entering 'Hours of Service' in NABERS Rate.

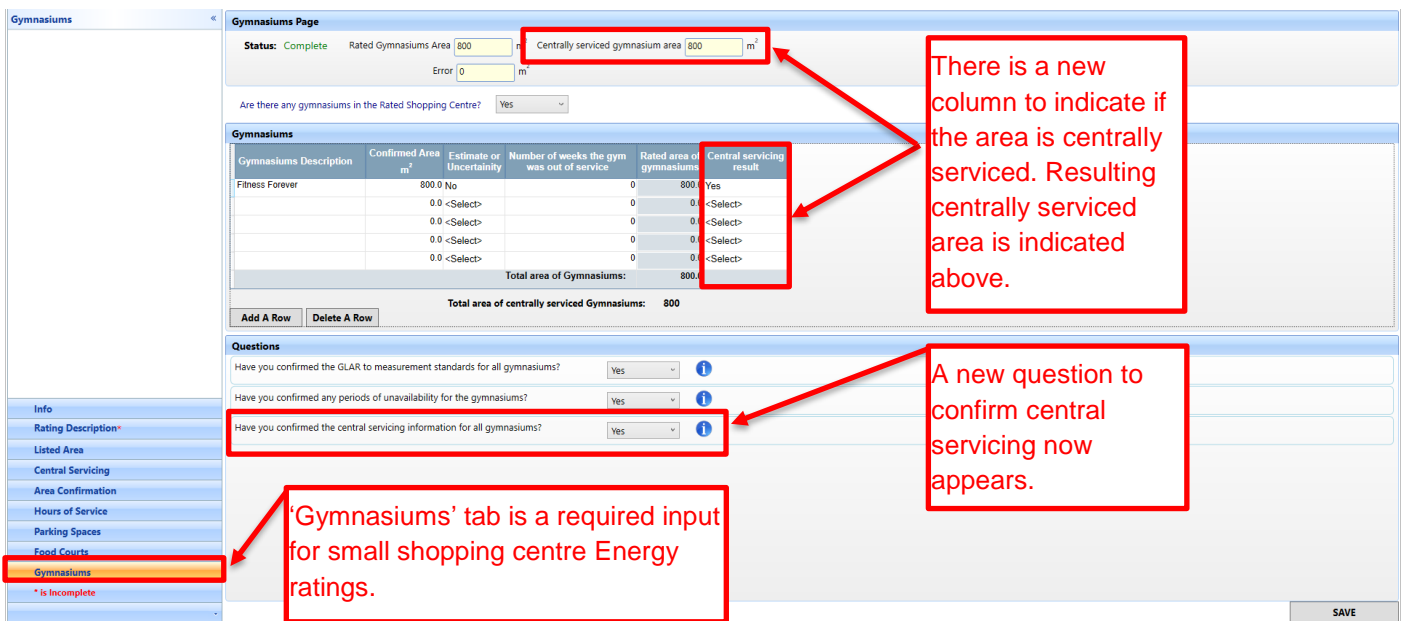


Figure 4. Changes in the 'Gymnasiums' tab in NABERS Rate.

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