

# CLIMATE ACTIVE CARBON NEUTRAL BUILDING CERTIFICATION



Demonstrate your building's  
sustainability excellence with a carbon  
neutral certification



# ABOUT CLIMATE ACTIVE CARBON NEUTRAL BUILDING CERTIFICATION

Many buildings are now looking beyond NABERS Energy to full carbon neutrality for their buildings.

NABERS Energy is a great way to track and manage the emissions from the energy used to power your building, but carbon neutral goes a step further, recognising other sources of carbon emissions created from the building's operations, including energy, water, waste and refrigerants.

Once these emissions have been measured, they can be managed and offset to ensure your building has no negative impact on the climate.

If we are to tackle the climate crisis, managing these additional environmental impacts is vital.

NABERS offers a pathway to achieve Climate Active Carbon Neutral certification, a world-leading, government-backed certification that is aligned to national and international greenhouse gas accounting protocols.

If you have a NABERS Energy rating of 4 stars or above and use carbon offsets to cancel the building's emissions, you can achieve a Climate Active certification. You can choose to use renewable energy for your stationary energy consumption instead of carbon offsets.



## WHAT TYPE OF BUILDINGS CAN GET A CERTIFICATION?

NABERS currently offers Climate Active certification for all building types except for apartment buildings, hospitals, data centres and office tenancies. NABERS hopes to expand certification into these sectors in the future.

## WHY DO IT?



DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP



REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



ENHANCE CORPORATE REPUTATION



IDENTIFY EMISSIONS SAVINGS



VERIFY AND VALIDATE INTERNAL CARBON ACCOUNTING



INCREASE BUILDING VALUE



ATTRACT PREMIUM TENANTS



INCREASE RENTAL YIELDS



REDUCE VACANCY RATES



LOWER ENERGY BILLS



# YOUR SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

## VALIDATE AND COMMUNICATE

We provide cost-effective, high-trust and independent validation of your sustainability data, ensuring you can be confident in reporting it publicly and communicating simply.

## COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Climate Active certification is the hallmark of a rigorous sustainability strategy. It sends a clear signal that your business is serious about addressing climate change and is committed to sustainability, innovation, and industry leadership. This will help differentiate your business from others and provide a competitive advantage in your market.

## MANAGE PERFORMANCE

The combination of NABERS Energy and Climate Active certification delivers an essential framework for annual reporting, building performance and celebrating achievement, which are integral to your comprehensive emissions reduction strategy.

## MARKET RESILIENCE

Through Climate Active, you'll be supporting initiatives around the globe committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. You'll also be better prepared for future changes in energy and water costs and waste management regulations, all while improving your building's resilience to climate change.

↓ Carbon Neutral certified: Henry Deane Plaza, Sydney, NSW, Australia.

# JOIN THE LEADERS

## LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

*"We have been rating our commercial assets with NABERS Energy, Water, Indoor Environment and Waste, so achieving carbon neutrality using the NABERS pathway was a logical step for us in working towards net zero carbon by 2028 in development and operation. Obtaining Climate Active certification using the NABERS pathway is a straightforward process and is now business as usual for us."*

— **Marine Calmettes**,  
Sustainability Manager - Corporate and Investment  
Property, Frasers Property Australia



# OUR PROMISE

## LOW RISK AND ASSURANCE

Certification is all or nothing, so if you have a 4 star NABERS Energy rating and are committed to offsetting the rest, you can be assured you'll reach your desired target.

## SIMPLIFIED DATA GATHERING

Our accredited assessors will help you with the required data and creating your carbon account so you can achieve your carbon neutral goal.

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Concerned about the cost of going carbon neutral? Certification has a high return on an investment, as it converts your building into a premium product. In today's context of climate change and drought, investors prefer buildings with sustainability credentials.

## STEPS TO CERTIFICATION



### 1. GET READY

Visit NABERS website.

Obtain 2-3 quotes from a NABERS accredited assessor to understand scope of work (site hours and consulting hours).

Seek internal approval from senior management.

Consider setting public sustainability targets to secure approval and to reflect in the public disclosure statement.



### 2. GATHER YOUR DATA

Provide all key inputs required for your NABERS Energy and Climate Active certification as per the NABERS rules and Climate Active guidelines. The assessor will help you with what you need to provide. Hint: NABERS Water and Waste ratings are not required but will make this even easier to achieve.



### 3. ACHIEVE CLIMATE ACTIVE CARBON NEUTRAL BUILDING CERTIFICATION

Organise access for your assessor to conduct site visits to validate your certification.

Once the rating has been submitted and checked, buy high quality offsets to demonstrate zero overall carbon emissions.

Achieve certification.



### 4. RE-NEW CERTIFICATION

Your certification lasts for 12 months. Re-new certification annually to track activity.



## GET YOUR CLIMATE ACTIVE CARBON NEUTRAL BUILDING CERTIFICATION

Visit our website

[www.nabers.gov.au/ratings/climate-active-certification](http://www.nabers.gov.au/ratings/climate-active-certification)

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## ABOUT NABERS

NABERS is a national initiative managed by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on behalf of the Federal, State and Territory governments of Australia.

At NABERS, we know that environmentally friendly buildings are better for the bottom line, better for our staff, customers and communities and better for the planet. NABERS provides simple, reliable and comparable sustainability measurement you can trust across building sectors like offices, apartments, hotels, data and shopping centres, and more.

Over the last 20 years, we have proven that "What gets measured gets managed." Our customers have saved an average of 30-40% on their energy over 10 years. Our rating system has driven financial growth and solid returns in portfolios across sectors through achievement of sustainability objectives. A NABERS rating helps you to accurately measure, understand and communicate the environmental performance of your building.

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