

Sustainable Procurement: A Guide to Key Certifications

When sourcing products and services, certifications can help identify suppliers who meet verified standards in sustainability, ethics, and environmental responsibility. The following list outlines key categories of certifications available in Canada to support responsible procurement decisions—from general sustainability practices to local sourcing and waste reduction.

CATEGORY	CERTIFICATION / STANDARD	LOGO
General Sustainability Broad certifications for businesses and their operations	B Corp Recognizes companies meeting high standards of social and environmental performance	Certified B Corporation
	ISO 14001 Environmental management systems standard	ISO 14001
	BC Green Business Provides annual assessment, guidance, and certification on general business operations	BC GREEN BUSINESS
Ethical & Fair Trade Certifications ensuring ethical labour and trade practices	Fairtrade Canada Ensures fair wages, working conditions, and sustainable livelihoods for farmers and workers	FAIRTRADE CANADA
	Leaping Bunny Ensure no animal testing policy across the entire supply chain	
	SA 8000 Global social certification for workplace standards	THINKING SA 8000
Eco-friendly & Sustainable Certifications focussed on environmentally safer materials and production	ECOLOGO Canada's official multi-attribute environmental certification for products and services	ECOLOGO
	Green Seal Environmental certification for cleaning products, paints, and other goods	⊗ GREEN SEAL
	Cradle to Cradle Certified For products designed with circular economy principles.	cradle to cradle



Food & Agriculture Certifications supporting organic, local and sustainable food sourcing	Canada Organic Government-regulated certification for organic food	STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P
	Certified Naturally Grown Alternative to organic certification for small-scale farmers using sustainable practices	CARTIFICATION NAMED IN COLUMN TO THE PARTY OF THE PARTY O
	Ocean Wise Canada Ensures seafood is sourced from fisheries that follow sustainable practices	OCEAN WISE
Energy & Carbon Neutrality Certifications focussed on energy efficiency and carbon impact.	Energy Star & EnerGuide For energy-efficient appliances and buildings	ENERGY STAR
	ISO 14064 Standard that provides a framework for quantifying and reporting carbon footprint	ISO 150 14064
	Carbon Trust Standard Helps Canadian SMEs measure and reduce carbon footprints	CARBON TRUST STANDARD REDUCING CO2 YEAR ON YEAR
Recycling and Waste Reduction Certifications encouraging better waste and packaging practices.	TRUE Certification for zero waste For facilities and businesses diverting 90%+ of waste	TRUE
	FSC Recycled Certifies products which are made with 100% recycled fibres	FSC www.fsc.co Record Record Fordering Record Fordering FSC** C000000
	Certified Refurbished Products that have undergone a thorough inspection, repair, and restoration process	CERTIFIED
Local & Canadian Procurement Certifications supporting domestically sourced goods	Buy Social Canada Certification Support organizations to maximize social value through procurement decisions	buy social CANADA
	Product Of Canada Verifies that all processing and labour, and a significant amount of the ingredients are Canadian	RODULT OF CAMPON

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