

Native Vegetation Credit Register (NVCR): Process to establish a native vegetation credit site on private land.

Process step:	Supporting notes
<p>1. Site assessment and preparation of required documentation Engage an NVCR Service provider - accredited site assessor (the assessor) to conduct a site assessment including a gain scoring assessment. The NVCR only accepts site assessment and other documentation from accredited site assessors, they can also work with you to understand the process and management commitments you would need to undertake to create native vegetation credits.</p> <p>The assessor will (in accordance with the requirements and standards of the NVCR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check eligibility of the site to become a native vegetation credit site • assess native vegetation and gain scoring assessment to determine the habitat units the site could be eligible for, and • prepare data & documentation required by the NVCR, including a site management plan and landowner agreement. <p><i>The assessor will charge fees to undertake this work. See to the NVCR list of Service Providers to find site assessors.</i></p>	<p>See Sections 6.5 & 9 of the <i>Guidelines</i> and the <i>Native vegetation gain scoring manual (Version 2)</i>. Available at: https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/native-vegetation/native-vegetation/offsets-for-the-removal-of-native-vegetation</p>
<p>2. Native Vegetation Credit Register: Quality Assurance The assessor will submit the required assessments and documents from step 1 to the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) for quality assurance. DELWP will check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the eligibility to become a native vegetation credit site • that the site assessment, site management plan and any other documentation created in step 1 meet the requirements and the standards of the NVCR. <p>Once the package has passed quality assurance DELWP will, for your records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the assessor confirmation of quality assurance approval. • Provide the assessor the final native vegetation offset report which informs the type and number of native vegetation credits that the site would be eligible to create in the NVCR. <p><i>DELWP charge fees to the site assessor to undertake this quality assurance. The cost depends on the complexity of the quality assurance and how many times the package needs to be quality assured before it meets the NVCR standards.</i></p>	<p>The NVCR list of Service Providers includes accredited site assessors that can be contacted, find this at: https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/native-vegetation/native-vegetation/offsets-for-the-removal-of-native-vegetation</p>
<p>Site is eligible to become a native vegetation credit site. This does not create the site nor the native vegetation credits, steps 3-4 must be completed first.</p>	
<p>3. Landowner Agreement The landowner can enter into either a DELWP agreement or Trust for Nature (TfN) offset covenant to protect and manage the site in perpetuity. The agreement or covenant is placed on the land title and binds future landowners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a DELWP agreement, DELWP will prepare 3 copies and provide for signature. <p><i>TfN and DELWP charge fees to enter into an agreement, fund the ongoing monitoring and provide assistance to implement the agreements.</i></p>	<p>See Sections 9 of the <i>Guidelines</i>.</p> <p>If you wish to enter into a TfN agreement to establish a native vegetation credit site, contact Trust for Nature for more information.</p>
<p>4. Assessor submits final signed Landowner Agreement to DELWP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either the DELWP agreements signed by landowner and, if applicable, the mortgagee OR fully executed TfN agreement. • The NVCR will conduct a final quality assurance, and if the agreement is a DELWP agreement, arrange for the Secretary to DELWP to execute the agreement. <p><i>The NVCR will charge fees to process and register the native vegetation credits.</i></p>	
<p>5. Native Vegetation Credit Register: Registration of native vegetation credits Once the agreement has been signed by all relevant parties the NVCR will generate the native vegetation credits in the landowner's name. The NVCR will provide a credit summary, detailing the number and type of credits and their ownership. Note: for TfN agreements this does not happen until after the agreement is registered on the land title. The native vegetation credits can now be traded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Once the agreement is executed by all parties the management obligations and 10 year management plan commence, whether or not any trades have occurred.</i> • The DELWP or TfN (depending on who the agreement is with) will arrange for the agreement to be placed on the land title. 	

Guidelines mean the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation* (DELWP, December 2017).