

GSTC Amendment Document on the GSTC Accreditation Manual v2.4

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To	Accredited Certification Bodies and applicants for Accreditation Cc: Assurance Service International
Document(s) Referenced:	GSTC Accreditation Manual v2.4 dated 30 January 2018
Document Section(s) Referenced:	10. Auditor Qualifications, Knowledge and Skills 10.7 Sustainable tourism enterprises
Specific clause (s) Referenced:	10.7.3. Knowledge Competencies 10.7.3.1 Demonstrate understanding of Sustainable Tourism by passing examination set by the GSTC STTP Program.
Amendment	<p>From the date of this amendment document, the GSTC ceases to require that individuals engaged to undertake audits demonstrate understanding of Sustainable Tourism by passing examination set by the GSTC Sustainable Tourism Training Program (STTP).</p> <p>Auditors shall only successfully complete the approved GSTC Auditor Training course and examination stipulated in the following clause:</p> <p><i>10.7.2.2. Attendance at GSTC Auditor training of at least 4 days duration and focussed on auditing/assessing GSTC criteria (course must be delivered by an approved GSTC Auditor trainer and be at least the formal 3-day course covering the GSTC-HTO and GSTC Destinations; and one day "On site" focussing on evaluating/auditing sustainable tourism)</i></p>
Rationale:	The GSTC Auditor Training has been structured incorporating the content of the GSTC Sustainable Travel and Tourism Program (STTP) focusing on auditing / assessing the complete GSTC Industry Criteria for Hotels and Tour Operators.