



**City of Seattle**  
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**PRIORITYGREEN**  
Streamlining Sustainable Development

## Priority Green Expedited Application for Seattle DCI Alternative Path Projects

### Instructions

1. Review page 2 that shows the minimum requirements. Contact [jess.harris@seattle.gov](mailto:jess.harris@seattle.gov) or [SDCIprioritygreen@seattle.gov](mailto:SDCIprioritygreen@seattle.gov) with any questions or to discuss the requirements.
2. Property Owner or authorized representative must complete and sign this application to apply for Priority Green Expediting.
3. If you have a scheduled intake appointment but would like an earlier intake date, contact us via email above.

Seattle DCI Project Number	
Project Address	
Property Owner or Authorized Representative Name	
Business Entity	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Phone	
Email	

By signing below, I agree to design, build and complete the project to the Seattle DCI Priority Green Alternative Path requirements (or other Priority Green accepted green rating). Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (DCI) agrees to shorten initial plan review target dates, provide a single point of contact and priority processing of your permit to shorten overall permitting time.

1. I understand that at any time the design fails to meet the Seattle DCI Alternative Path requirements the owner must notify Seattle DCI, and the application will no longer receive the benefits of Priority Green.
2. I understand that Seattle DCI is required to inspect the building prior to occupancy to check that all Seattle DCI Alternative Path requirements are met. Contact [jess.harris@seattle.gov](mailto:jess.harris@seattle.gov) or [SDCIprioritygreen@seattle.gov](mailto:SDCIprioritygreen@seattle.gov) for an inspection at least 3 days prior to final building inspection.
3. I understand that the Priority Green requirements will be conditions of the permit
4. I understand that this agreement survives a transfer of property or project ownership

Print Property Owner or Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SDCI Staff Only





## What I need to provide to apply for Priority Green Expediting

Provide all information at least 2 weeks prior to construction intake appointment and send to [jess.harris@seattle.gov](mailto:jess.harris@seattle.gov) or [SDCprioritygreen@seattle.gov](mailto:SDCprioritygreen@seattle.gov)

### Minimum Requirements

- Complete and sign Priority Green Expedited Application (page 1)
- Residential-** achieve extra energy efficiency credits to estimate annual energy use at least 15% lower than allowed in 2015 Seattle Energy Code (SEC) as demonstrated via Table 406.2 Additional Energy Efficiency Requirements:

Dwelling Unit Size	Code Minimum Requirement	Priority Green Requirement	Total Credits
Small Dwelling Unit less than 1500 SF of Conditioned Floor Area	1.5	1.5	3
Medium Dwelling Unit 1500 – 5000 SF of Conditioned Floor Area	3.5	2.5	6

- Commercial--** estimated annual energy use at least 15% lower than allowed in 2015 SEC as demonstrated by one of the following;
  - Prescriptive Option- space heating type other than electric resistance or fossil fuel, high performance glass, and dedicated outdoor air. Space heating is not electric resistance or fossil fuel combustion and vertical fenestration has a maximum U-value of 0.31 (column A Table C402.4), and use dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS) per C403.6. Project cannot use options C406.6 DOAS or C406.8 Enhanced Envelope to comply with C406.
  - Energy Model Option- submit model showing an annual energy use of at least 15% less than allowable by section C407.3 Performance-based compliance.
  - Performance Option- reduce energy use by at least 15% by using C401.3 Target Performance Path. Reduce target EUI to at least 15% below targets in C401.3.2
- All Projects**
  - Use WaterSense plumbing fixtures or other comparable strategies to reduce water consumption
  - Demonstrate At least 75% recycling of construction and demolition material
  - Use Low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) interior paints, adhesives, caulk, floor finishes, sealant in interior spaces
  - Use No Added Urea Formaldehyde (NAUF) in interior spaces (CARB II is acceptable)
  - No dwelling unit greater than 2200 SF of conditioned gross floor area. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis if energy and material requirements are addressed.



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## Process Requirements

- If a Master Use Permit is required (not including Streamlined Design Review), the MUP application must be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to construction intake or anticipated construction intake to allow initial review of land use application prior to construction review.
- At time of intake provide notes and/or details on the permit plan set that clearly describe the strategies used to meet requirements.

## Recommendations

- Use an Integrated Design Process to understand the relationships between technical systems, natural systems and occupants within a building project, its site, its context, and its use. Engage all key project team members for the purpose of making cost- and environmentally-effective integrated decisions throughout the design and construction process.
- Apply for Seattle City Light incentives today