

Policy Update

Cradle to Cradle Certified® Version 4.0
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Context notes

- The Institute's primary aim remains to accelerate certification adoption overall, and facilitate the transition of current certified products to Version 4.0
- We have reviewed the policy and timeline of the transition, with a view to supporting the transition of companies that previously started their journey with Version 3.1

NEW CERTIFICATION PERIOD FOR VERSION 4.0

For full Cradle to Cradle Certified® certifications and C2C Certified Material Health Certificates:

- The certification period for products certified to Version 4.0 will be three years instead of two years.
- The expiration dates for Version 4.0 certificates (including pilot certifications) already issued will be extended to allow for a three-year certification period.

NEW TRANSITION POLICY

For full Cradle to Cradle Certified® certifications and C2C Certified Material Health Certificates:

- Existing certification holders with products certified to Version 3.1
 - Products may be re-certified to Version 3.1 one more time. Assessment summary forms (ASFs) for this Version 3.1 re-certification must be submitted no later than 31 December 2024.
 - Version 3.1 certificates already issued in 2022 for less than two years will be extended to allow for a full, two-year certification period.
- Existing certification holders applying to certify new products
 - Products should be certified to Version 4.0 but may certify to Version 3.1 and then re-certify to Version 4.0. ASFs must be submitted no later than 31 December 2023. All Version 3.1 certifications will be valid for two years.
- New certification holders applying to certify new products
 - Products must certify to Version 4.0

Thank you