

Travelife for accommodation are undertaking a review of the Travelife Standard. Travelife is committed to providing a robust and reliable accommodation certification that helps accommodations providers independently verify their sustainability credentials in areas that are of importance to consumers and travel companies, and in ways that have real-world impacts on environmental and social performance.

We are currently carrying out a review of the Travelife Standard because it has been more than 5-years since a formal review was last conducted. It is best practice to review any certification standard every 5-years to ensure that it remains relevant and considers technological and/or legislative changes. The current Travelife standard can be viewed [here](#) as a checklist that we provide to accommodation providers and auditors.

The current standard is GSTC recognised. [Click here](#) to learn more about GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Council), their criteria for accommodation and what it means when a standard is GSTC-recognised.

During this review process, we will only make changes to our requirements if at least one of the following situations apply:

1. The changes will improve the overall sustainability performance of Travelife accommodation providers but will not exclude properties simply because of their size, budget or location, who would have otherwise achieved Travelife Certification under our current requirements.
2. The changes address important and relevant sustainability issues, legislative changes or technological advances that have emerged since the last review but will not exclude properties simply because of their size, budget or location, who would have otherwise achieved Travelife Certification under our current requirements.
3. These changes are required to comply with the GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Council) [Industry Criteria for Hotels](#).

A core purpose of this review is to ensure that the Travelife standard is addressing any new areas of concern since the last standard review took place in 2014 and, because it is expected that another review will not occur before 2027, to find out if there are any other sustainable accommodation issues that stakeholders think are on the horizon that are not already covered in the current standard. Travelife will also ensure that the updated Standard matches the latest GSTC Industry Criteria for Hotels that can be viewed [here](#).

Travelife will be inviting feedback from a diverse range of stakeholders during this process between summer and autumn 2021. Travelife intends to keep the current criteria, although there may be some tweaks made to ensure they are still relevant in current conditions. For that reason, this consultation process will primarily focus on issues that have developed since 2014 and emerging sustainability topics, rather than soliciting feedback on the current criteria.

In the first round of consultation, stakeholders will be invited to complete a survey about these changes and to opt in for a second round of consultation. The results of this survey will be considered when Travelife develops a first draft of the updated Standard.

In autumn the second round of consultation will commence with those stakeholders that opted to be included in this part of the process. This will involve the changes to the standard being included with another survey soliciting feedback.

Travelife currently expects that a final version of the Standard will be published sometime in winter 2022 along with details about the implementation timeline. Travelife accommodation providers should be assured that Travelife will ensure plenty of time for them to comply with any changes that will be phased in over the 2-year Travelife certification cycle, and that any Travelife certifications issued or audits carried out before the implementation of the revised standard will be valid.

[Click here](#) visit our 2021 Standard Review webpage where you will find more information about the process, the timeline and who will be involved. We also post the latest status of the review on this page. If you have any questions about this process, then please email info@travelife.org.