

HIGG INDEX VERIFICATION


Verify your Higg Facility Environmental Module (Higg FEM) self-assessment to improve the credibility and comparability of your sustainability scores. Use trusted, verified information for benchmarking and goal setting.

HOW DO I VERIFY MY HIGG FEM SELF-ASSESSMENT?

- 01 Contact a Higg FEM verifier in your region.
- 02 Schedule a verification.
- 03 Post your verified Higg FEM assessment (vFEM) to Higg.org by **December 31.**



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIGG INDEX VERIFICATION AND A FACTORY AUDIT?

-  Higg FEM Verification is not a pass/fail audit; it's simply a means to verify you understood and answered your Higg FEM self-assessment questions correctly. There are no corrective action plans or follow-up visits.
-  SAC members are committed to using Higg FEM to evaluate facility environmental performance. Verified scores provide them the trusted information they seek, reducing the need for multiple, proprietary audits.



**A Generalist Verifier
 evaluates a factory's Higg
 FEM self-assessment**



**A Chemical Specialist
 verifier is needed if:**

- ✓ Any chemical process is selected in the applicability, **except spot cleaners.**
- ✓ A facility reaches Higg FEM Level 2 or 3 in the chemicals section.

BENEFITS OF HIGG FEM VERIFICATION

- ✓ Ensure your scores are accurate and comparable, so you can set goals based on benchmarked data.
- ✓ Reduce multiple requests for audits from your customers, saving you time and money.
- ✓ Share your Higg Index scores publicly (*coming soon*).

COST OF VERIFICATION

- ✓ Facility pays \$165 USD to allocate a verified Higg FEM 2019 assessment

Cost of verification is negotiated by the organization requesting verification (brand, retailer, or manufacturer) and the verifier's company.

