

TRANSITIONING PROJECTS FROM ANOTHER GHG PROGRAM TO THE VCS PROGRAM



Projects transferring from another greenhouse gas (GHG) program to Verra's Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program are treated as new registrations. This means they must complete the standard VCS registration process and meet the same requirements as all other VCS projects. This helps ensure a consistent and high-quality review for every project.

The registration and verification process includes the following steps:



Eligibility Requirements

The *VCS Standard* sets out the eligibility requirements for projects that were previously registered with another greenhouse gas (GHG) program and wish to register with the VCS Program. These requirements help ensure environmental integrity and prevent the double counting of credits across different programs.

The sections below summarize the key eligibility requirements for projects transferring to the VCS Program

under *VCS Standard v5.0* and later. They also include examples to help explain how the requirements apply in practice. Project proponents are encouraged to review the *VCS Standard* and the *Registration and Issuance Process* in full to understand all applicable requirements.

Important: Projects that complete registration under an earlier version of the VCS Program before January 1, 2027, are subject to different requirements.

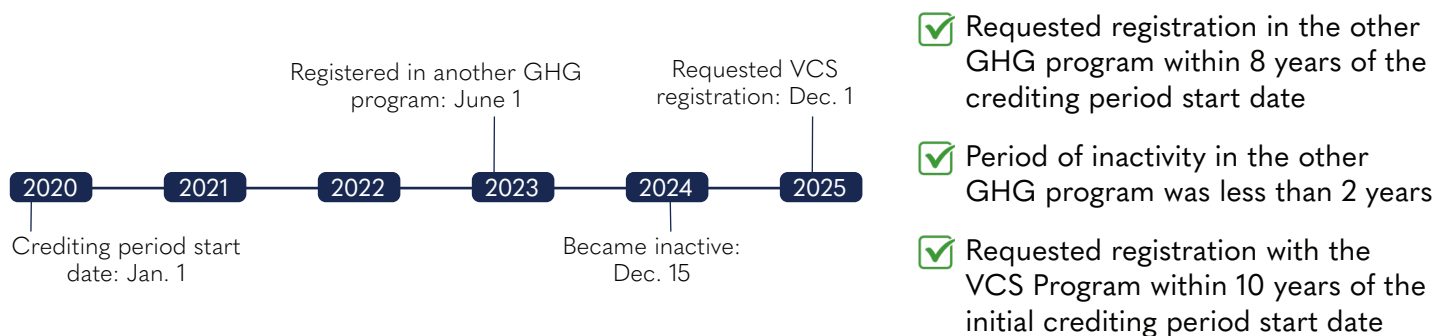
Registration Request Deadlines

One of the most important eligibility requirements is the registration request deadline. A project must have submitted its registration request to the other GHG program by a specific deadline, which depends on the project type. The project registration deadlines are as follows:

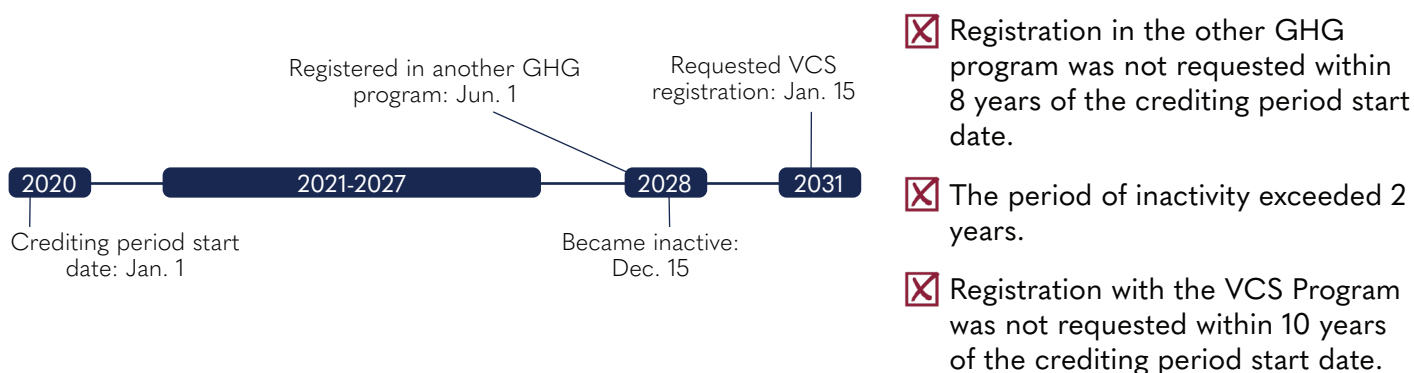
Project Type	Registration request deadline
Agriculture, forestry, and other land use (AFOLU)	Five years from the initial crediting period start date
Energy and industry (E&I), geological carbon storage (GCS)	Two years from the initial crediting period start date
Exceptions	
AFOLU projects with ex-ante annual reduction and removal estimate of 20,000 t CO ₂ e or less	Eight years from the initial crediting period start date
Afforestation, reforestation, and revegetation (ARR), rewetting wetland ecosystems (RWE), and improved forest management (IFM) projects of any size (exception does not apply to Logged to protected forest [LtPF])	Eight years from the initial crediting period start date
E&I projects applying a new VCS methodology	Four years from the initial crediting period start date and within two years of the approval of the new methodology

- A project must request registration with the VCS Program within 10 years of the initial crediting period start date,* as defined in the VCS Program Definitions, regardless of when the project started crediting with the other GHG program.
- A project cannot have been inactive** for more than two years in another GHG program before requesting registration with the VCS Program.

Example of an ARR project that is eligible for registration with the VCS Program:



Example of an ARR project that is **not** eligible for registration with the VCS Program



Other Key Eligibility Requirements

- A project must notify the other GHG program of its intent to register with the VCS Program and submit proof of this notification with its registration request.
- A project must use the most recent version of the VCS Program rules, and the most recent version of the applicable methodology, modules, and tools.
- A project must demonstrate regulatory surplus and conduct a baseline re-assessment (including any adjustments to baseline emissions) that reflects the current conditions.

*Initial crediting period start date: The start date of the project's first crediting period, when GHG emission reductions or carbon dioxide removals begin. Additional criteria may be specified in the applicable methodology. See VCS Program Definitions, v5.0 and later.

**Date of project inactivity: The end date of the last monitoring period for which GHG emission reductions or carbon dioxide removals are credited. After this date, the project is considered inactive under the applicable GHG program. See VCS Program Definitions, v5.0 and later.

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