

A guide to certifications & standards Buro Seating adhere.

At Buro, we stand proudly behind all of our chairs.

With every chair we proactively work with a range of certifications & standards to ensure our products are of the highest quality & safe for the user and the environment.

The information that follows explains in detail the certifications & standards Buro adhere.

GreenGuard & GreenGuard Gold

We are committed to upholding and improving our **GreenGuard Certification**. Ensuring that our products have zero to low chemical emissions limits. Our products are scientifically tested for prolonged exposure in environmental chambers to meet rigorous emissions standards for chemical exposure and pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), formaldehyde and phthalates.

The **GreenGuard Gold Certification** (formerly known as GreenGuard Children & Schools Certification) offers even stricter certification criteria, considers safety factors to account for sensitive individuals (such as children and the elderly), and ensures that a product is acceptable for use in environments such as schools and healthcare facilities.

Source: GreenGuard Environmental Institute

ISO Standards

International management qualifications accredited to businesses conforming to stringent **quality, environmental and safety** management and practises. Buro is dedicated to working with manufacturers who have achieved international business management qualifications such as; [ISO9001](#), [ISO14001](#) & [OHSAS 18001](#).

ISO9001 - Quality Management Certification

An internationally recognised set of standards ensuring a manufacturer is focused on continual improvement, quality control, environment & customer satisfaction.

ISO14001 - Environmental Management Certification

An internationally recognised set of standards identifying requirements for an environmental management system. It sets out a framework a manufacturer can follow to identify impacts on the environment, define controls to prevent and reduce pollution and ensure compliance with legal requirement.

OHSAS 18001 - Occupational Health & Safety

Compliance with OHSAS 18001 enables a manufacturer to demonstrate a system is in place for occupational health and safety and staff welfare.

For more info visit: [iso.org](https://www.iso.org)

AFRDI

The Australasian Furnishing Research and Development Institute (AFRDI) is an independent not-for-profit organisation that provides standards, testing, product certification and research for buyers and sellers of furniture.

New Zealand and Australian furniture standards Buro has achieved;

- **AS/NZS 4438** (Level 6 - Severe Commercial)
- **AS/NZS 4688** (Level 6 - Severe Commercial)
- **AFRDI 142** Rated Load

AS/NZS 4438:1997 – Height adjustable swivel chairs

The Australian & New Zealand Standard for height adjustable swivel chairs (known as AS/NZ 4438) covers strength, durability, stability, flammability, workmanship, safety and ergonomics.

Levels 4/5/6 are considered suitable for commercial application.

AFRDI Blue Tick certification is available at Levels 4/5/6 only.

AS/NZS 4688:2000 Furniture – Fixed height chairs

The Australian & New Zealand Standard for fixed height chairs (known as AS/NZ 4688) covers strength, durability, stability, flammability, workmanship and safety.

Levels 4/5/6 are considered suitable for commercial application.

AFRDI Blue Tick certification is available at Levels 4/5/6 only.

AFRDI 142 - Rated Load

The Australian & New Zealand Standard for height adjustable swivel chairs intended to be used by people heavier than 110kg (known as AFRDI 142 Rated Load) covers strength, durability, stability, flammability, workmanship and safety. This standard is designed for weight rating for 'heavy duty' office chairs, and consists of four levels of certification;

- **135kg Single Shift** - For users up to and including 135kg, for single 8 hour shift operations
- **135kg Multi Shift** - For users up to and including 135kg, for multi shift operations
- **160kg Single Shift** - For users up to and including 160kg, for single 8 hour shift operations
- **160kg Multi Shift** - For users up to and including 160kg, for multi shift operations

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