



Third Party Certification of Electronics Recyclers

Three nationally recognized third-party certification programs for electronics recyclers - [Responsible Recycling Practices \(R2\)](#), [Recycling Practices \(R2\)](#), [e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment®](#), and [R2/RIOS](#) - have answered the question of how to define environmentally sound management of electronic equipment. The electronics recycling industry is responding to the availability of national certification and many recyclers are now certified.

Using a recycler certified to either standard meets the Challenge requirement for environmentally sound management of electronic equipment. There are three programs to which recyclers can become certified:

- [e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment®](#)
- [Responsible Recycling Practices \(R2\)](#)
- [R2/RIOS](#)

What is Third-Party Certification?

Third-party certification is an assessment carried out to ensure compliance with a publicly available technical specification, such as R2, e-Stewards, or R2/RIOS. Importantly, the assessment is carried out by an independent, third party organization that is qualified and licensed to issue certification when the assessment is successfully completed.