

BREEAM: why it's the most widely used green building rating system in the world.



What is BREEAM In-Use?

BREEAM In-Use is a benchmarking and certification method available to all existing commercial and residential buildings, regardless of size, age or performance level. The methodology allows for an independent assessment of physical asset performance and management performance. Certification is conducted by an independent, third-party licensed Assessor.

BREEAM is the world's first green building rating system, developed by BRE (Building Research Establishment) in 1990. Today, it is the most widely used program with over 2,200,000 registered projects and over 570,000 certified assets in 86 countries.

About BRE

BRE is an international, multi-disciplinary, building science organization with a mission to improve buildings and infrastructure through research and knowledge generation and their application.

BRE has been raising the standards of the built environment since 1921. Our multi-disciplinary teams include leading experts – working in world-class facilities – in virtually every element of the built environment. Our long heritage of putting progressive thinking into practice means that our customers and partners, wherever they are in the world, trust us to deliver.

BRE is part of the BRE Trust, which uses the profits we make from our services to fund new research and education programs.

Why certify with BREEAM?

Client flexibility balanced with rigor and credibility

The flexibility of the standard allows for assessment of any building, regardless of age, type or industry sector.

Focus on building performance outcomes

BREEAM In-Use encourages progressive improvement of an asset's performance, delivering improved asset value, employee health and wellbeing, and sustainable use of resources over time.

Integration of human health and environmental performance

BREEAM In-Use integrates human health with environmental performance, providing the foundational approach to health and wellbeing that underpins occupant activities to promote health and wellness.

Linking environmental performance and financial value

The integration of resilience for tomorrow alongside environmental performance from today seeks to protect asset value for the future.

Cost-effective process that delivers operational and market value

Low-cost benchmarking allows ownership and management to understand performance and certification provides a pathway to provide assurance on the performance of their assets.

Getting Started with BREEAM USA

It's easy to get started with BREEAM:

1. Register your asset on the BREEAM In-Use online platform
2. Benchmark the performance of your asset
3. Receive an instantaneous unverified score
4. Achieve certification by hiring a licensed BREEAM USA In-Use Assessor to verify performance

Program Fees

BREEAM In-Use is applicable to nearly any existing Commercial assets and all Residential assets. The program is broken down into 2 Parts:

Asset Performance

The built form, construction, fixtures, fittings and installed services.

Management Performance

The operations and management of the building.

As each Part is independently scored and assessed, clients can determine where they would most value understanding their performance and select which Part(s) they wish to complete.

Benchmarking

Performance Measurement

\$1,000* per building

Register your building using the BREEAM In-Use online platform at breeaminuse.breeam.com. Benchmark building performance against the BREEAM In-Use standard and receive an unverified BREEAM rating and information to help drive performance improvements in your asset.

**Purchase of one Performance Measurement at \$1,000 allows for unlimited access to the question sets for all Parts of BREEAM USA In-Use and dynamic scoring functionality for up to 12 months or until the assessment is submitted for certification, whichever is sooner.*

Certification

The certificate is valid for three years.

Assessment Fees

Set by the Assessor

These are the fees charged by the Assessor to verify the performance for certification depending on building size, breadth of the verification needed and evidence availability. Client chooses the Assessor and the contract/fees is negotiated between Client and BREEAM Assessor. A list of all licensed Assessors can be found online (www.breeam.com/usa/findaUSAAssessor/).

Certification Quality Assurance

\$1,250 per Part

Assessment certifications undergo a rigorous quality assurance process by BRE Global before the certificate is issued. BREEAM Assessor pays fee directly to BRE Global with certification request.