



BREEAM 2011 Updates

With HRS Services providing BREEAM assessments as one of the many services they offer. HRS have put together the following key point with regarding the changes to BREEAM.

Below is a summary of the Key Changes:

- Reclassification and consolidation of a number of credits
- New standards for sustainable procurement and post construction operational aftercare
- New and updated reporting requirements for building life cycle CO₂ emissions, construction and operational water consumption, construction waste volumes and VOC emissions
- New benchmarks for construction waste and water consumption
- Updated approach to assessing and quantifying service life planning stakeholder participation, life cycle impacts and recycled aggregates
- Setting new benchmarks and assessment methodology for energy efficiency and operational carbon emissions, including benchmarks that encourage the zero carbon hierarchy and reward carbon negative buildings. The basis for awarding credits for the reduction of CO₂ emissions credit will follow the energy hierarchy of: 1. Reduced energy demand (built form/fabric efficiency), 2. Reduced energy consumption (systems efficiency) and 3. Reduced carbon (use of low and zero carbon energy)
- BREEAM 2011 will be applicable to all schemes except for Data Centres (only released in 2010)
- BREEAM 2011 version will now be referred to as BREEAM 'New Construction' scheme. For now, refurbishments and fit outs should continue to be assessed under the 2008 scheme until BRE global have developed a standalone scheme to cover refurbishments and fit out assessments
- BREEAM weightings and ratings remain unchanged

If you have any queries about any of the above, please contact Rebecca Oxley direct 0114 220 3123 or email rebecca.oxley@hrsservices.co.uk

Alternatively please call HRS technical helpline on 0800 030 4391 where one of the HRS BREEAM Consultants would be happy to discuss and advise what level of consultancy would be required.

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