

## BREEAM In-Use

### What is BREEAM In-Use?

BREEAM In-Use is a scheme aimed at reducing the running costs and improving the environmental performance of existing buildings, relevant to commercial, industrial, retail and institutional buildings.

The scheme enables an organisation and their advisors to appraise their buildings' current performance and highlight areas where improvements can be made. It is based on self-assessing the performance of a portfolio using the online BREEAM In-Use tool. Licensed BREEAM In-Use Auditors will be able to verify the self assessment and can also issue the certificate.

The BREEAM In-Use tool also enables Key Performance data to be uploaded and calculates performance against 12 key performance indicators, including carbon dioxide emissions per employee, water consumption per square metre, proportion of waste recycled etc.

As the BREEAM In-Use database becomes populated, detailed benchmarks will be available for the first time. This will allow comparisons with other buildings not simply in terms of the overall rating but on individual questions. These comparisons will also be much fairer and informative than ever before as they can take into account other factors such as type, age and location of the building.



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For more information and to discuss BREEAM In-Use assessments



### Benefits of BREEAM In-Use;

- Reduce operational costs
- Enhance the value and marketability of property assets
- Give a transparent platform for landlords, owners and tenants to negotiate building improvements
- Provide a route to compliance with environmental legislation and standards, such as energy labelling and ISO 14001
- Give greater engagement with staff in implementing sustainable business practices
- Provide opportunities to improve staff satisfaction with the working environment, with the potential for significant improvements in productivity
- Demonstrates commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Improve organisational effectiveness
- Provide a genuine badge of proven sustainability

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