

BREEAM fact sheet



The Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) from the UK is the world's foremost method for assessing the sustainability of buildings. It was launched as long ago as 1990. Around the world, 200,000 buildings are certified in accordance with this method and almost 1 million are registered for certification.

BREEAM is a building certification system. It certifies buildings. But the **use of Schüco systems** can help to **ensure** that the relevant criteria are **successfully fulfilled** or **improve the degree to which they are fulfilled**. Here, criteria in 10 different categories with varied weightings are assessed: **Management** (12%), **Health and Wellbeing** (15%), **Energy** (19%), *Transport* (8%), *Water* (6%), **Materials** (13%), *Waste* (8%), *Land Use and Ecology* (10%) and *Pollution* (10%).

Altogether, by **using Schüco systems** in combination with other building components, it is possible to obtain **up to 46 points** in the overall evaluation (156). The **achievability** of these criteria is **analysed and verified** by the independent and qualified consulting engineers **Drees & Sommer**.

Certificates are awarded with the grades **Outstanding** (from a degree of fulfillment of 85%), **Excellent** (70-84%), **Very Good** (55-69%), **Good** (45-54%) and **Pass** (30-44%). To date, approx. 1.2 million buildings have been certified and pre-certified.

For the United Kingdom, BRE Global operates different assessment schemes:

BREEAM UK New Construction	BREEAM In-Use	Code for Sustainable Homes
BREEAM UK Communities	EcoHomes	BREEAM UK Refurbishment

For special cases/projects, it is possible to develop new assessment schemes

For international projects (in countries without National Scheme Operators (NSOs):

BREEAM International New Construction	BREEAM In-Use International
BREEAM International Refurbishment	Communities Bespoke International

Countries with an NSO (National Scheme Operators operate BREEAM methods adapted for local conditions in individual countries)

National Scheme Operator	Country
BRE Global	UK and general international projects
Dutch Green Building Council	Netherlands (BREEAM NL)
Instituto Tecnológica de Galicia	Spain (BREEAM ES)
Norwegian Green Building Council	Norway (BREEAM NOR)
German Private Institute for Sustainable Real Estate (Deutsches Privates Institut für Nachhaltige Immobilienwirtschaft - DIFNI)	Germany (BREEAM DE) Austria (BREEAM AT)
Swedish Green Building Council	Sweden (BREEAM SE)

<http://www.bre.co.uk/>

National Scheme Operators online:

National Scheme Operator	URL
BRE Global	http://www.bre.co.uk
Dutch Green Building Council	www.dgbc.nl
Instituto Tecnológica de Galicia	www.ig.es
Norwegian Green Building Council	http://ngbc.no
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Swedish Green Building Council	https://www.sgbc.se