

Capability Statement

BREEAM Assessment for Educational Buildings

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Introduction

Now that a HE specific scheme is available, all new buildings supported by public funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England, Scottish Funding Council, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales and central Government are expected to meet at least the BREEAM 'Excellent' Standard. Many organisations also require BREEAM 'Very Good' for refurbishment projects.

Certification of Schemes

Certification of schemes is only available through a licensed assessor.

A new-build or major refurbishment project can be assessed at design or post construction stage. Formal certification requires a licensed assessor to submit verified evidence to BRE (for QA purposes) who will issue an interim or final certificate depending on the assessment stage. BRE also provide a tool to assist clients in preparing information for assessments.

There are five pass categories:

- Pass (30%)
- Good (45%)
- Very Good (55%)
- Excellent (70%)
- Outstanding (85%)

The new OUTSTANDING category requires compliance with certain minimum performance standards and the publication of a case study so that the project will act as an exemplar for the industry.

Higher Education Specific Standard

A HE specific standard was launched at the beginning of September 2009 as an enhancement to the existing Education scheme.

From 1st January 2010 anyone qualified under the former Education standard will be required to undertake additional training in order perform HE assessments. Even then, a special license will be required to undertake HE assessments. BREEAM HE is applicable to most non-residential HE buildings including research laboratories.

“ A practice with strong interpersonal and change management skills, they will spend time and energy working with hearts and minds and, if necessary conflict, to meet the objectives set. Thier integrity is of the highest level and is a refreshing and welcome change from the “norm” in the industry. “

Mike Phipps- Former Bursar, University of Bristol

Our BREEAM Service

Our consultant is one of the first qualified BREEAM Education Assessors. He has extensive experience in the Education and Higher Education sectors and can provide BREEAM assessment services to the whole of the Education sector (schools, FE & HE).

Provelio are able to offer a number of services for projects to be assessed under the BREEAM Education and Higher Education schemes:

- Feasibility stage consideration of assessment strategy e.g. make sure the client has defined and understood the standard to be achieved and that the client and design team are agreed on whether a multi-building project should be assessed as a composite project or individual buildings.
- Pre-assessment advice on development proposals. Ensure that the client and design team are aware of the requirements of the target standard, information required for certification and how the project might score.
- Advice on institutional context issues which will affect scoring of the project e.g. ensure that the project consultation process meets the BREEAM criteria.
- Advice on maximising BREEAM scores and how to minimise any additional cost implications.
- Registration of projects with BREEAM.
- Design stage assessments in accordance with BREEAM procedures and obtaining formal BREEAM interim classification.
- Formal post construction assessments and BREEAM certification either by review of interim assessments or new assessment.

Although some environmental legislation differs across the UK, we can offer Education and Higher Education assessment services throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Most types of buildings usually found on school, college or university sites can be assessed with the exception of residential buildings.

Other Provelio Services

Our broad range of professional and technical skills allows us to offer an extensive services portfolio, which can be tailored to suit specific client needs.

Estates

- Strategy Advice and Planning
- Business Change Management and Benefits Realisation
- Investment Appraisal and Business Cases
- Procurement and Framework Advice
- Risk Management

Organisation

- Organisational Review
- Management Systems and Processes
- Roles and Responsibilities Analysis
- Training
- Organisational Health and Safety Management

Facilities Management

- Hard and Soft Services
- Performance Management
- Procurement and Contract Administration
- Space Analysis
- Statutory Compliance
- Health and Safety Management

Programme and Project Management

- Strategy, Controlled Delivery, Evaluation and Feedback
- Procurement and Contract Advice
- Value and Risk Management
- Infrastructure, Engineering and Specialist Equipment Management
- Intervention, Recovery, Project Assurance and Audit Services
- CDM Consultancy Services

Development Management

- Development Strategy
- Town Planning Management
- Commercial Structures
- Fund Monitoring

Our Approach

The key to the successful delivery of any service is our approach both as individuals and as a company. Our simple ethos is focused on being honest, clear and straight talking.

We are confident that as a company we can collectively utilise our theoretical and practical knowledge to provide the best solution for any client. We provide a unique, specialist and completely independent service and are dedicated to working alongside our clients to aid them in any way possible.

We are a professional and highly skilled consultancy with a proven track record in both the public and private sectors.

Our Experience

Provelio has extensive experience of working with a wide range of clients within both the public and private sectors.

A range of illustrative case studies that highlight some of the recent commissions we have undertaken can be provided upon request.

Our People

Provelio's competitive advantage is in the quality of our staff. As a company, without exception, all staff are committed to a process of continuous professional and personal development. We are proud of our enviable record of examination success, the provision of internal and external training opportunities and staff retention statistics. Most importantly, this is substantiated by the positive feedback and repeat business that occurs when clients genuinely wish to re-appoint us.

As we grow and develop, our knowledge and experience continues to expand and the knowledge sharing activities within the company provide an ideal base upon which to improve our service delivery to each of our clients.

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