



BREEAM HE 2009

BRE ARE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A NEW VERSION OF BREEAM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION BUILDINGS

The BRE are currently developing a version of BREEAM specifically for the Higher Education Sector. The new version of BREEAM will avoid the need to use the Bespoke version which is expensive and slow to implement. Twelve new build schemes are currently being piloted with the new scheme.

The new scheme will apply to both new build and refurbishment projects and will follow the format of other BREEAM Assessment systems awarding credits in the following categories;

- **Management**
- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Energy**
- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Materials**
- **Waste**
- **Land Use and Ecology**
- **Pollution**

The credits in each category are being tailored specifically to higher education buildings and covers all types of buildings with the exception of residences and sports buildings.

Specific requirements for laboratories are being developed because the SBEM method is not appropriate for these types of buildings. BRE are intending to modify SBEM to take account of highly serviced buildings such as laboratories, but this will take some time. In the interim additional credits will be available to compensate for the higher energy use of laboratories.

BREEAM HE TIMETABLE

- **Development of Assessor Manual - Complete**
- **Piloting Schemes - From Dec. '08 to March '09**
- **Review and modifications - From April '09 to June' 09**
- **Assessor training - From October '09**
- **Full Launch - July '09**

Benefits of a Higher Education Specific BREEAM

A BREEAM specifically designed for Higher Education will reduce both the cost and time taken to carry out an assessment under the Bespoke Assessment. It will also enable those responsible for Higher Education projects to benchmark their building against others in the same sector.

The new BREEAM will assist design teams in setting targets for sustainability at the early design stages against consistent and universally accepted standards.

Involvement of Silcock Dawson

Acting on behalf of some of our University Client's and drawing on our specialist expertise in laboratory design, together with our experience in BREEAM Assessments and long term working relationships with many universities, Silcock Dawson & Partners have been actively involved in the development of the new BREEAM HE Assessment through consultations and workshops as part of the external development team.

We have also provided specialist advice on one of the twelve pilot schemes assessments carried out on one of our Client's buildings.

We will be happy to talk to you in detail about the new BREEAM discipline and whether it may be relevant for any HE development in which you may be involved.

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