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Responsible Sourcing in BREEAM
Evaluation and differentiation of certification schemes – Phase 2

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Recap on Phase 1

- '*Criteria for the evaluation of responsible sourcing schemes v3.0*' set:-
  - A RSCS evaluation methodology, and
  - minimum criteria for recognition in BREEAM.
- RSCS self-assessed against the criteria and were verified by BRE.
- Results are published on BRE website.
- All RSCS temporarily awarded a score of 5 on a 10 point scale because no methodology agreed for differentiation.
- EMS schemes score 1 or 2

Criteria for the evaluation of responsible sourcing certification schemes within BREEAM v3.0

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Recap on how RSCS scores are used in BREEAM

- The BREEAM Assessor verifies the RSCS score for each construction product then, using the MAT1 tool,
  - Categorises the materials according to
    - The location in the building (roof, ceiling)
    - The type of material (timber, metal)
  - Enters details for each material (2 routes)
    - Route 1: Based on worst RSCS scores (score)
    - Route 2: Based on quantity-weighted RSCS scores (RSCS score and quantity)
- BREEAM issue credit award is the sum of the material category scores compared with the total possible score.
- There is a cut-off for small quantities of products

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Phase 2 – Expanding the scoring RSCS

- Existing minimum criteria form the RSCS score level 5 baseline
- Sustainability impacts split to ‘critical’ and ‘responsible’
- Setting further minimum criteria for subsequent RSCS score levels
- Setting minimum scores for each RSCS score level

RSCS score level	Minimum for sustainability issues criteria	Minimum for other criteria	Minimum criteria score
5		Existing minimum criteria	39
6	Critical = 1		47
7	Responsible = 1 Critical = 2	All = 1	55
8	Responsible = 2		63
9		All = 2	70
10	Reused materials (in-situ / on site)		

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Phase 2: Splitting the sustainability issues

RED = Critical Amber = Responsible

Renewability

Recycling and recycled content

Harvesting or extraction impacts

Greenhouse gas emissions

Equality in respect of gender, ethnicity, religion, political persuasion

Community relations

Energy usage

Safe and healthy working conditions

Biodiversity

Working hours and holidays

Transport impacts

Land remediation

Corruption

Eco-toxicity

Freedom to join trade unions (freedom of association)

Waste management

Skills and training

Complaints and prosecution

Child labour

Slave labour

Water usage

Fair wages

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Phase 2 – Different label/mix versions

- Currently, the published RSCS table scores are based on a particular % mix or 100% mix, indicated by different labels.
- Where a scheme does not have different label/mix versions, no action is necessary.
- Where a scheme has different versions, we must:
  - Clarify the existing label/mix version evaluated, or
  - Assess other label/mix versions (recommended).
- This is to avoid users assuming that the RSCS score indicated applies to all label/mix types from the operator.
- Evaluate other label/mix versions is optional but recommended and will incur a cost.
- Unevaluated versions are not eligible for use in BREEAM

Mixed content

100% of content