

What is Multi-Residential?

The Multi-Residential scheme is intended for use on simple multi-occupancy residential buildings which are not suitable for assessment under the standard EcoHomes scheme.

Suitable buildings

Building types that may be assessed under Multi-Residential are typically as follows:

- Student halls of residence
- Sheltered housing for the elderly (but not care homes)
- Supported housing for mentally / physically disabled
- Hostel type accommodation (such as for the homeless, women's refuges etc)

The scheme uses a standard set of criteria which was developed to allow the above types of buildings to be assessed so it should be noted that the following building types are **not suitable** for assessment under this method:

- Residential care homes or nursing homes offering extensive specialist medical support – these should be assessed under [Bespoke BREEAM](#).
- Prison accommodation blocks – these should be assessed under the BREEAM method for prisons standard set of criteria are available for such buildings.
- Military accommodation – these should be assessed under Bespoke BREEAM.
- Hotels and short stay hostels (such as Youth Hostels) – these should be assessed under Bespoke BREEAM

How do I commission a Multi-Residential assessment?

1. The first step is to establish whether the Multi-Residential criteria are suitable for use on your building. In order to do this BRE will require a set of general arrangement plans for the building. BRE will then confirm whether the building should be assessed under Multi-Residential and produce a proposal for the use of the criteria if required.

Please email building plans to Ecohomes@bre.co.uk alternatively drawings may be posted to The BREEAM Office, BRE, Watford, WD25 9XX.

Please note that where the Multi-Residential criteria are not suitable for use on your project BRE will provide guidance as to the most suitable method to be used.

2. Once the decision has been made to proceed with a Multi-Residential assessment, a signed copy of proposal acceptance form attached to the back of the proposal should be returned using a scanned copy to ecohomes@bre.co.uk, by fax to 01923 664103 or by post to the BREEAM Office at the above address.
3. On receipt of the proposal acceptance, BRE will register the assessment and issue the Multi-Residential criteria and scoring spreadsheet within 2 weeks of acceptance.

Can I use my usual EcoHomes assessor?

Due to their complexity, Multi-Residential assessments can not be carried out by all EcoHomes assessors as they need to be licensed Multi-Residential assessors. A list of suitably qualified assessors can be downloaded from the BREEAM website at:

<http://www.breeam.org/assessors/residentialbespoke.jsp>

How much does it cost?

The guidance and assessment spreadsheet are available for a fixed cost of £750 per building payable direct to BRE. For multiple buildings in different locations which have the same specification, are the same type and are being assessed for a single Client, BRE are willing to offer a reduced fee and where this is the case please contact the BREEAM office.

Please note that this cost does not include the assessment fee or BRE's quality assurance / certification fee (currently £740) which are charged direct by the assessor.

Multi-Residential process

Bespoke EcoHomes Process Diagram

