2025 GRESB Building Certification Evaluation Form

For a certification scheme to be recognized by GRESB, the scheme must first meet the 5 minimum requirements and is then evaluated based on a set of predetermined criteria and themes to establish the tier of the certification.

The evaluation process is listed below:

1. **The 5 minimum requirements for a certification scheme to be recognized by GRESB are:**
    - **Real estate and sustainability focused, and certified at asset-level**
    - **The assessment process and criteria documents/information are available and robust**
    - **The technical development of the scheme is overseen by a governance body**
    - **The certification is based on a technical documentation review and/or on-site assessment**
    - **The certification process is conducted by an independent, third-party and qualified professional**

2. **Once the 5 minimum requirements are met, the scheme is evaluated to determine how many themes the certification covers.**

Directions for completing the form:

1. **Complete all fields in the below tables.**
2. **Thorough descriptions are required for each of the 5 requirements.**
3. **Insert checks to for each of the criteria the certification covers.**

Upon completion of this evaluation form, please email it to info@gresb.com for review.

Building Certification

Brand:	
Certification scheme name:	
Website of the scheme:	
Is the scheme obtained at the time of design, construction, and/or renovation or for standing investments that hold an operational certification?	Design/Construction: ☐ Interior: ☐ Operation: ☐
Certification duration:	
Expiration/recertification requirements:	
Levels of certification:	

Contact Details	
Organization Name:	
Affiliation:	
Individual contact name:	
Email:	
Telephone:	
Website:	
Head office address:	

Minimum Requirements			Check
1	Real estate and sustainability focus, certified at asset-level	The certification must be relevant to real estate and sustainability and must be represented at the asset-level.	☐
		Describe the real estate and sustainability focus, as well as the asset-level requirements of the scheme:	
2	The assessment process and criteria document/ information are available and robust	Includes an overview of the certification process, requirements, prerequisites, credits, topics, criteria, etc. The information must be either publicly published (online) or readily available upon request.	☐
		Provide hyperlink or PDF of the information:	

3	The technical development of the scheme is overseen by a governance body	A governance body ensures the quality and relevance of the scheme. This entity can be an advisory board, steering committee, accreditation, etc.	☐
		Describe the governance structure used for the technical development of the scheme:	

4	The certification is based on a technical documentation review and/or on-site assessment	Documentation review and/or on-site assessment ensures compliance with the requirements of the scheme.	☐
		Describe the review process:	

5	Assessment is conducted by an independent professional/third-party reviewer (assessor/auditor)	The professional/third-party reviewer must be qualified for providing the certification. The qualification can be a scheme-specific training program, qualification requirements, designated credential, etc. Schemes that are solely based on self-assessment are not valid.	☐
		Describe the reviewer's credentials and independent, third-party nature:	

Themes	Criteria		
Energy	Energy efficiency	The specification and design of energy efficient building solutions, systems and equipment.	☐
	Renewable energy	Promotion of on-site renewable energy, including PV panels, solar thermal, etc.	☐
	Zero energy or carbon neutral design	Low or zero energy/carbon technologies.	☐
	Greenhouse gas emissions management	Monitoring energy use and reduction methods of CO2.	☐
Water	Indoor water management	Indoor water efficiency, recycling, monitoring, and equipment.	☐
	Outdoor water management	Outdoor water efficiency, recycling, monitoring, and equipment.	☐
Materials & Waste	Waste reduction and management	Includes recycling, managing hazardous/non-hazardous waste, and contamination during construction and/or operation.	☐
	Materials selection	E.g., material LCA, responsible sourcing, purchasing policy, material efficiency, natural material, hazardous materials, etc.	☐
	Emissions & pollutions control	Prevention and control of pollution and emissions, including air pollutants, surface water run-off, hazardous waste, etc.	☐
Site	Land use	Site selection, brownfield redevelopment, surrounding density, heat island reduction, etc.	☐
	Ecology	Habitat/ecological protection, biodiversity, xeriscaping/native plants, etc.	☐
	Transportation & Accessibility	Public transportation accessibility, bicycle facilities, EV charging, parking footprint, etc.	☐
Health & Wellbeing	Indoor environmental quality	Examples include, but not limited to, visual comfort, indoor air quality, water quality, thermal comfort, and acoustic comfort.	☐
	Physical	Examples include, but not limited to, public space, outdoor space, active design, and on-site health & well-being facility.	☐
	Tenant/Employee	Occupant satisfaction, health promotion, stakeholder education and engagement, etc.	☐
Other	Management	Sustainability management practices/actions through the different stages of the building (e.g., design, construction, integrative planning, commissioning, handover, operational and aftercare activities).	☐
	Resilience	E.g., emergency preparedness towards existing and future climate changes.	☐
	Social equity	Issues include, but not limited to, affordable housing, modern slavery, labor standards, fairness and inclusiveness, etc.	☐
	Innovation	Innovative products and processes enhancing the sustainability performance of an asset	☐

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Reviewed by:	
Date:	
Tier:	