

BCA *GREEN AND GRACIOUS* BUILDER AWARD



We shape a **safe**, **high quality**, **sustainable** and **friendly** built environment.

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OBJECTIVE

The **Green and Gracious Builder Award** serves to raise environmental consciousness and professionalism of builders. It recognizes the efforts of progressive builders in addressing environmental and public concerns arising from construction works and hence enhances the image of the industry. The award strongly supports BCA's efforts to encourage sustainability and environmental protection during the construction phase of projects.

CATEGORIES OF AWARD

The award will be given to firms which qualify to encourage consistent performance across their project sites. A 2-tier rating system, namely "Excellent" and "Certified" was used for the award in 2009. This year, a new 4-tier rating system has been introduced to rate performance levels in adopting best practices in construction site management. The highest tier "Star" category will serve to differentiate and recognize those builders which stand out from the rest. The "Certified" category will serve to provide basic entry level standards to encourage new entrants. The new 4-tier rating system is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: New 4-tier rating system

Score	Category
Above 90	Star
Above 75 to 90	Excellent
Above 60 to 75	Merit
50 to 60	Certified

AWARD PRESENTATION

The Green and Gracious Builder Award will be presented at the BCA Awards Night in May 2010.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Firms will be assessed on their construction projects under the following criteria:

- a. **Green (50 points):** To encourage environmentally friendly best practices such as use of recycled materials and reduction in energy and water consumption on site.
- b. **Gracious (40 points):** To encourage gracious best practices which address the public needs and concerns, such as enhanced communications, consideration for public accessibility, mitigating noise and vibrations, minimizing, if not eradicating disturbance in the vicinity and neighbourhood.
- c. **Innovation (10 points):** To recognise firms which have adopted innovative solutions or technologies to address environmental concerns, site challenges, productivity and/or minimise the concerns of the public.

In addition, **Bonus points of up to 5 points** could be given to recognise outstanding achievements by the firms, such as relevant construction industry awards obtained and the number of Green Mark projects which the firm has carried out.

The breakdown of the scoring criteria is in Table 2.

Table 2: Scoring Criteria for Green & Gracious Builder Award

Criteria	Points Available
(A) Green Practices	50
○ Company Policy	5
○ Materials (Reduce / Reuse / Recycle)	19
○ Energy	12
○ Environmental / Water	9
○ Housekeeping & Air Quality	5
(B) Gracious Practices	40
○ Company Policy	4
○ Accessibility	4
○ Public Safety	7
○ Noise & Vibration	9
○ Communications	7
○ Workforce Management	9
(C) Innovation	10
Total	100
<i>Plus: Bonus Points</i>	5
Total Possible Points	105

Further details are available in the **Green and Gracious Builder Award Detailed Assessment Criteria**.

Firms that achieve between 50 to 60 points will be rated “Certified”. Those that achieve above 60 to 75 points will be rated “Merit”. Outstanding firms that scored above 75 to 90 will be rated “Excellent”. And exceptional firms that achieve above 90 points will be rated “Star”.

VALIDITY PERIOD OF AWARD

The Green and Gracious Builder Award will be valid for 3 years. During this period, surveillance audits will be conducted on a yearly basis. Renewal audits shall be carried out by BCA every 3 years to maintain the validity of the Green and Gracious Builder Award.

FEES

The award certification and annual surveillance fees payable are in Tables 3 and 4.

Table 3: Fees for Certification/ Recertification/ Renewal Audit

Type of Audit	Fee #
Certification Audit	\$3400
Recertification Audit ⁺	\$1700
Renewal Audit	\$1700

⁺ For upgrading during validity of certification.

Table 4: Annual Fees

Type of Audit	Fee #
Surveillance Audit	\$1700*

* Annual fees are payable at the beginning of each year.

Not inclusive of GST

ENQUIRIES

Application forms for the Award are available from BCA or at BCA's website at www.bca.gov.sg. For further clarification or assistance, please contact Ms. Delfin Yeo (Tel: 6730 4470; Email: delfin_yeo@bca.gov.sg)