The BCA Green Mark (GM) Pearl Award is launched in Sep 2014. This new prestigious Award recognises the strong commitment of developers/ building owners/ landlords and tenants of the same project/ building working in tandem to achieve greater environmental sustainability for their project/ building. The Award is given to developers/ building owners/ landlords who have a substantial number of tenants who are GM certified under the GM occupant-centric schemes within a base building which is GM GoldPLUS or higher.

The Awards aims to:

a) Emphasise the importance of total building performance of the building/ project
b) Accord recognition to developers/ building owners/ landlords that have made an effort and taken active steps to work with their tenants to shape their behaviour and operational practices
c) Encourage developers/ building owners to ensure that the green building is operating and performing as designed, both from the outside (i.e. common areas and building services within the developer/ building owner/ landlord’s control) and inside (i.e. tenanted spaces)
d) Recognise developers/ building owners/ landlords who demonstrate thought leadership

CATEGORY OF AWARDS

There will be two tiers of the Award – Green Mark Pearl Award and Green Mark Pearl Prestige Award.

The Awards will be given out for the following three building types:

i) Commercial offices
ii) Retail malls
iii) Business park developments

For mixed developments, applicants can choose to split up the application for the award based on each component as long as they meet the eligibility criteria. The award category of the projects shall be based on the predominant use of the building.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for the Awards, nominated projects/ buildings must meet the following eligibility criteria:

i) Local projects/ buildings must have been completed and have obtained TOP or CSC before 31 Dec 2014

ii) Base building project has been awarded the GM GoldPLUS or Platinum rating and the GM certificate is still valid as at the point of application

iii) Minimum GFA for the project/ building to be 10,000 m²
iv) **Minimum percentage of tenanted spaces** based on net lettable area (NLA) within the project/building have been **certified** under any of the five **GM occupant-centric schemes** below. These tenanted spaces must have received the Letter of Award under any of the 5 GM Occupant-Centric scheme by **28 Feb 2015**.

- GM for Office Interior
- GM for Supermarkets
- GM for Retail
- GM for Restaurants
- GM for Data Centres

v) The Awards tiers shall be presented based on **Tables 1 & 2**.

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**Note:** Areas occupied by developer/building owner/landlord’s offices can be counted as part of the NLA if they have achieved GM certification, up to a cap of 20% NLA.

vi) Minimum of 5 tenants (excluding the developer/building owner/landlord’s office) within the project/building, with at least 3 of the tenants GM certified under the GM Occupant-Centric schemes.

**New Note**: If there are less than 5 tenants in the building, the building can qualify for the Award provided that 100% of the NLA is certified under any of the 5 GM occupant-centric schemes.

vii) Developer/building owner/landlord to incorporate Green Lease as part of the tenancy agreements.
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Projects/ buildings submitted for nomination will be assessed by an Assessment Panel appointed by BCA.

The projects will be assessed based on the following criteria:

a) Satisfies all the eligibility criteria for the Award
b) Past and on-going efforts taken by the developers/ building owners/ landlords to shape tenants' behaviour and operational practices e.g. green procurement, dissemination of tenant fit-out guides, sustainable management and operation, etc.
c) Extent of incorporation of Green Lease in tenancy agreements
d) Commitment by tenants to incorporate green practices as part of their internal fit-out and operations

The decision of the Assessment Panel shall be final. The discretion of the Assessment Panel to confer or withhold an Award is absolute. No correspondence relating to any decisions will be entertained by the Assessment Panel or BCA.

PRESENTATION TO ASSESSMENT PANEL

Only nominees meeting all the eligibility criteria will be required to put up a presentation to the Assessment Panel on their nominated projects. The presentation will likely be held in Mar/ Apr 2015 and it can be in Microsoft Powerpoint, multi-media and/or video presentation highlighting the distinctive features of the project and addressing the evaluation criteria. The presentation shall not be more than 15 minutes and will be followed by a Q&A session.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

Winners of the BCA Green Mark Pearl Award will be presented with a specially-designed trophy in recognition of their outstanding achievement. In addition, building tenants who contributed to the Award will receive a certificate each to recognise their contribution to the Awards. The winning projects will receive the Award from the Guest-of-Honour at the BCA Awards Night 2015.

BCA will notify all nominees of the results which will also be released to the press. All enquiries concerning entries for the BCA GM Pearl Award shall be officially written to the following address:

The Secretariat
BCA Green Mark Pearl Prestige / Pearl Awards 2015
Building and Construction Authority
52 Jurong Gateway Road
#12-01
Singapore 608550

Attention: Ms Yew Wey Ling
Email: yew_wey_ling@bca.gov.sg
Tel: 6804 4675 / Fax: 6334 2561
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

BCA is now inviting applications for the **2015 Awards**. Applications shall be submitted using the prescribed forms enclosed. All applications must include relevant documents to support the achievements declared in the completed forms.

The duly completed forms together with all the necessary documents *(3 hardcopies required with 1 CD-Rom)* are to reach The Secretary, BCA Green Mark Pearl Awards **NOT LATER THAN 31 Mar 2015** at the following address:

The Secretariat
BCA Green Mark Pearl Prestige / Pearl Awards 2015
Building and Construction Authority
52 Jurong Gateway Road
#12-01
Singapore 608550

**BCA has the right to reject any application for which the submission does not comply with the above requirements or deadline.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applicants shall agree to abide by the following terms and conditions governing the Awards:

- **a)** All materials submitted in connection with the entries shall become the property of the Building and Construction Authority (BCA).
- **b)** Award recipients are expected to share information on their success to the building industry. This sharing of information may take the form of presentations, seminars, exhibitions and/or the hosting of company visits.
- **c)** BCA reserves the right to use any material submitted in connection with the entries in any way it deems fit, without payment of fees or royalties, and regardless of the results of the Awards. This includes, but is not limited to, the publication and/or exhibition of photographs, materials and/or names.
- **d)** Applicants shall fully indemnify BCA and hold it harmless, against any claim, liability, responsibility or damages which may result from BCA’s use of the materials submitted by the entrants in connection with their entries.
- **e)** BCA reserves the right to defer judgement if at any time during the assessment process, any development or incident arises concerning any party linked to the applicant, which is likely to result in adverse publicity to the Awards, BCA and/or the construction industry. The duration of any such deferment shall be at the sole discretion of the BCA.
- **f)** BCA reserves the right to withdraw or withhold any award, if in the opinion of BCA, the conferment of such award might result in any adverse publicity to the Awards, BCA and/or the construction industry. The duration and extent of any such withdrawal or withholding shall be at the sole discretion of BCA.