

Reduced Registration Fees for Volume Certification of a Portfolio of Existing Properties

The following NEW arrangement for reduced registration fees for volume certification of a portfolio of properties under BEAM Plus Existing Buildings (EB) is effective from **1 November 2022**:

Table 1 - Volume Certification of a Portfolio of Existing Properties - **Initial Joining of the Scheme**

Total no. of properties in a portfolio	Registration fee (HK\$) per property for EB V2.0 Comprehensive Scheme	Registration fee (HK\$) per aspect per property for EB V2.0 Selective Scheme
5 or above	4,800	2,900

Table 2 - Volume Certification of a Portfolio of Existing Properties - **Renewal of Existing Portfolio Cert***

Total no. of properties in a portfolio	Registration fee (HK\$) per property for EB V2.0 Comprehensive Scheme	Registration fee (HK\$) per aspect per property for EB V2.0 Selective Scheme
5 or above #	1,600	1,000

* Properties may be withdrawn from previous portfolio but the remaining number of properties must still be 5 or above (except #).

Any portfolio certifications with 4 properties, that were certified under the initial version of the Scheme (2019-2022), can be exempted from the "5 or above" requirement, i.e. they are eligible to apply the Table 2 prices at the time of renewal.

The discounts are subject to the Terms and Conditions given in the **Appendix**.

Appendix
Terms and Conditions for Applying the Volume Certification Scheme
(Version 2 – Changes are highlighted in yellow)

- (1) The fee reduction is offered to any portfolio of properties that share common characteristics (e.g. management policy, management system, etc.) and thus are suitable for applying streamlined BEAM Plus assessment mechanism in BEAM Society Limited (BSL), namely the portfolio assessment mechanism or the pre-approved credit mechanism. Initial consultation with BSL is required to confirm the eligibility.
- (2) Definition of “property” shall be as follows: A property means a building, a group of buildings that are managed by the same management office. For example, if all buildings within an estate are managed by the same management office, they are regarded as one property. However, if the buildings are separated into several phases and they are managed by different management offices, they can be regarded as different properties.
- (3) Definition of “portfolio” shall be as follows: All properties within the portfolio shall be managed by the same property management company, or they shall be owned by the same owner (or owned by subsidiaries under the same parent company).
- (4) The discount is applicable to bulk registration of the whole portfolio of properties at the same time.
- (5) The same EB Scheme shall be selected for all properties within a portfolio. For example, all properties shall be registered to join either Selective Scheme or Comprehensive Scheme.
- (6) If Selective Scheme is selected, the same aspect (e.g. MAN) shall be selected for all properties within a portfolio.
- (7) Progressive registration of properties, this clause is deleted.
- (8) The volume certification discount cannot be applied in conjunction with other discounts such as the discount for charitable organisations, the discount for Patron Members, the discount for EB certification before expiry of NB certificate, etc.
- (9) When the above discount is used, no free plaque will be offered by HKGBC. Instead, paper certificate will be adopted. However, each property can still purchase plaque(s) from HKGBC at the unit rate published on HKGBC website.
- (10) One certificate will be issued for the whole portfolio. The names of all the properties and their assessment result will be shown on the certificate.
- (11) If the client wants to have a promotion package for each of the constituent estates/buildings, an additional fee of \$500 shall be charged for each package to cover the production cost. The Secretariat will produce a dedicated certificate together with a set of stickers/posters for the concerned estate/building. Two examples are given below:

Example One

A portfolio consists of Estate A, Estate B and Estate C. The client wants to have a promotion package for each of the estates. Additional fee of \$500 per estate, or \$1,500 in total shall be charged.

Example Two

Estate A is a constituent within a portfolio. Estate A wishes to have a promotion package for each of its buildings, and this estate has 8 buildings. Additional fee of \$500 per building, or \$4,000 in total shall be charged.

- (12) For portfolio of properties that have joined the scheme before and obtained a portfolio certificate, if the properties are re-registered for renewal before the expiry of the current certificate (the validity period of which is 5 years), they can enjoy the reduced prices stipulated in Table 2. Please note change of portfolio composition is not allowed except for withdrawal of properties that does not result in the number of properties being less than 5.
- (13) For existing portfolio certificates that contain only 4 properties, no withdrawal of properties is allowed if they are to remain eligible to apply the Table 2 prices.

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