



Complete Renewal of BOMA BEST® Update Fall 2015

BOMA BEST® is currently in the midst of a complete renewal.

1. New Brand

At BOMEX® 2015, **BOMA BEST® unveiled its new brand**, which was developed with deep industry input and which has been received enthusiastically.

Components of this new brand include a new logo as well as new certificate aesthetic and associated promotional material. The program recognizes building achievement through five new certification levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Certified.



Our new BOMA BEST® brand:

- Communicates your environmental achievements unambiguously thanks to focused and simplified visual language.
- Rewards your building's environmental performance via an intuitive, five-level recognition system.
- Reinforces the mandate of BOMA BEST®: to create a sustainable environment one building at a time.

2. New Software Platform

BOMA BEST® will soon be available on a **new cutting edge software platform**. The new platform will be flexible, user-friendly and highly customizable to meet your needs. Beyond BOMA BEST® certifications, key components of the platform will also include:

- Ongoing Building Management Access so that users can continue updating all metrics once certification has been achieved;
- Continuous benchmarking and monitoring of utilities;
- Enhanced reporting capabilities;
- Portfolio view for multiple buildings;
- Visible scores and scenario generation to project a proposed initiative's impact on the total BOMA BEST® score.

Users will be able to transfer their information or start new certifications directly in the new system. We will offer training on the new tool which will be launched in mid-2016.



3. BOMA BEST® 3.0

To stay up to date with evolving industry standards, BOMA Canada is currently developing a brand new questionnaire – **BOMA BEST® 3.0**. Led by Stantec, this new questionnaire will replace the current BOMA BEST® v2 as the go-to standard for building certification in Canada.

Stantec has been tasked with performing a complete overhaul of the assessment – including all categories, BEST Practices, questions and scoring. Extensive stakeholder engagement throughout the development process is ensuring that BOMA BEST® 3.0 remains “by the industry, for the industry”.

Our overhaul includes a new questionnaire for the Office, Light Industrial, Open Air Retail and Shopping Centre modules. In addition to this, a Universal module will be developed, further increasing the accessibility of BOMA BEST® for all users.

Among many other changes, the new modules will include energy normalization and new benchmarking methodologies for energy and water.

BOMA BEST® 3.0 will be available in mid-2016 on the new software platform.

4. Additional Assessment Protocols

BOMA Canada is working on new certification assessments.

BOMA BEST® for Sustainable Workplaces is focused on certifying tenant activities rather than the building itself. This assessment recognizes tenants which are actively participating in environmental initiatives within their workplaces. It also provides buildings owners and managers with a great tool to further engage tenants in contributing to the building’s environmental objectives. We have successfully completed pilot projects in St. John’s, NL and Toronto, ON and are currently leading further pilots. This assessment will be released in early 2016.

BOMA Canada is also developing a **Resiliency Assessment Tool** with help from a diverse group of stakeholders including representatives from insurance companies, government and the commercial real estate industry. This new program aims to provide building owners and managers with guidance on how to minimize risks associated with short and long term extreme weather events such as flooding, wind, heat and cold. Our new program will assess equipment vulnerabilities as well as prompt best practices, planning and performing risk assessments.

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