

2026/2027 TOBY Criteria Updates

Universal Updates

1. Cleaned up/Reformatted language for non-criteria specific sections:
 - Old Sections: Starting The Process, Category Description, Eligibility Requirements, Mandatory On-Site Building Inspection, Entry Fees, Judging/Data/Deadlines, Universal Portfolio Requirements, Portfolio Specifications
 - New Sections: Introduction, Category Description, Eligibility Requirements, Mandatory On-Site Building Inspection, Entry Fees, Judging Process & Key Deadlines, Universal Portfolio Requirements, Portfolio Specifications
2. Moved the office space requirement to the category description from the eligibility requirements.
3. Eligibility Requirement - #6
 - Added 55% average occupancy requirement.
 - Added Canadian entries must be leased and physically occupied for at least one full year by June 15 prior to the Canadian competition year.
4. SEP Scoring – All criteria to follow same scoring structure below.
 - Entrants will be scored based on their ENERGY STAR SEP score generated within the last 12 months:
 - Score < 70: 0 Points
 - Score 70-74: 1 Point
 - Score 75-79: 2 Points
 - Score 80-85: 3 Points
 - Score 85-89: 4 Points
 - Score 90-94: 5 Points
 - Score > 95: 6 Points
 - *For multiple buildings, use weighted average based on square footage.
 - NOTE: Verifying engineer's signature and stamp is required for scores 70 or greater. SEP's without stamps will receive 0 points regardless of score shown on SEP.
5. Changed SEP Header Language Requirement to "This is a mandatory requirement at the regional and international levels and omitting this step or uploading an alternate document (i.e. SEP application) may result in disqualification."

Category Updates

1. Life Science buildings will receive a score of 3 points for benchmarking and uploading the Energy Star SEP.