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Dear Sir/ Madam

## **CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES/ ASSOCIATIONS**

### **REVISED BCA GREEN MARK CRITERIA FOR USER-CENTRIC SCHEMES – NEW BCA GREEN MARK FOR INTERIORS (GMI) SCHEME**

#### **Objective**

1 This circular informs the industry of the revised BCA Green Mark criteria for user-centric schemes.

#### **Background**

2 As part of the Singapore Green Building Masterplan (SGBMP), BCA regularly reviews the industry standards and requirements to meet our collective sustainability goals. Given that tenants and users can account for approximately 50% of total building energy consumption, we are updating the following five (5) BCA Green Mark criteria to ensure their continued robustness and relevance.

- BCA-HPB Green Mark for Healthier Workplaces
- BCA Green Mark for Retail
- BCA Green Mark for Restaurants
- BCA Green Mark for Supermarkets
- BCA Green Mark for Laboratories

3 As announced on 06 Jun 2024, the Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC) has been working with BCA to review the Green Mark User-Centric schemes to update its relevance for a broader base of application for interior spaces. In the past year, BCA and SGBC have been conducting walkthroughs with projects that have stepped forward to refine the criteria.

#### **New BCA Green Mark for Interiors scheme**

4 The new BCA Green Mark for Interiors (GMI) scheme will harmonise the current user-centric schemes and aims to address climate change through enhanced energy efficiency and carbon reduction measures. It also incorporates other sustainability aspects crucial for interior spaces. GMI will complement the existing Green Mark scheme for new and existing buildings while appealing to a broader range of projects and users seeking to implement sustainable fit-outs and operations.

5 With Energy Efficiency as the pre-requisite, the new GMI scheme encompasses four key sustainability themes: Health & Well-being, Resource Management, Smart Integration, and Low Carbon, adopting a similar framework to the current Green Mark scheme for buildings. Projects demonstrating exceptional performance in these areas can earn corresponding sustainability badges, recognising their achievements. A copy of the GMI criteria can be found on BCA and SGBC's websites.

## Implementation Timeline

6 GMI will come into effect on **01 Nov 2025 (Effective Date)**. All projects (new and existing projects) applying for Green Mark certification on or after the Effective date will be assessed under GMI. Projects that were previously certified under any of the five (5) Green Mark user-centric schemes will be assessed under GMI if they come in for recertification after the Effective Date. Projects with Green Mark applications submitted before the Effective Date must complete the assessment and receive the Green Mark Letter of Award (LOA) by 31 Dec 2025.

Timeline	Description
Now – 31 Dec 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion period for existing GM user-centric scheme applications</li><li>• The final date of issuance of GM user-centric scheme Letters of Award (LOAs) shall be 31 Dec 2025</li><li>• Projects that are unable to obtain their LOAs by 31 Dec 2025 will be automatically transferred and assessed under the new GMI scheme</li></ul>
31 Oct 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing date for GM user-centric scheme applications to BCA</li></ul>
01 Nov 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effective Date of BCA Green Mark for Interiors (GMI) scheme</li><li>• Applications for GMI scheme to be sent to SGBC</li></ul>

## Scheme Administration

7 To more effectively deliver value to the industry, SGBC will assist BCA to administer the GMI scheme from the Effective Date. In this regard, interested applicants shall submit the GMI applications and other related enquiries directly to SGBC.

## For Clarification

8 We would appreciate if you could convey the contents of this circular to members of your organisation. For clarification, please submit your enquiry through BCA's Online Feedback Form at <https://www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform/> or contact the following officers.

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