

BCA GREEN MARK PEARL AWARD 2021
– ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & GENERAL TERMS OF PARTICIPATION
(Closing deadline is 16 June 2021)

THE AWARDS

The **BCA Green Mark (GM) Pearl Award** is a prestigious Award that recognises the strong commitment of building owners/ landlords and tenants/ occupants of the same project/ building working in tandem to achieve greater environmental sustainability for their project/ building. The Award is given to building owners/ landlords who have a substantial number of tenants/ occupants who are GM certified under the GM occupant-centric schemes within a base building which is GM Gold^{PLUS} or higher.

The Awards aims to:

- a) Emphasise the importance of total building performance of the building/ project covering both the building core and shell and its interior tenanted spaces
- b) Accord recognition to building owners/ landlords that have made an effort and taken active steps to work with their tenants/ occupants to shape their behaviour and operational practices
- c) Encourage building owners/ landlords 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 building owner/ landlord's control) and inside (i.e. tenanted spaces)
- d) Recognise building owners/ landlords who demonstrate environmental stewardship

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 December 2020
- ii) **Base building** project has been awarded the **GM Gold^{PLUS} 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 **5,000 m²**
- iv) **Minimum percentage of tenanted spaces** based on net lettable area (NLA) within the project/ building have been **certified** under any of the **GM occupant-centric schemes** below. These tenanted spaces must have received their Letter of Award by **15 June 2021**.
- GM for Healthier Workplaces/ GM for Office Interior
 - GM for Supermarkets
 - GM for Retail
 - GM for Restaurants
 - GM for Data Centres
 - GM for Laboratories
- v) The Awards tiers shall be presented based on **Tables 1 & 2**. For the purposes of the GM Pearl Award, occupant-centric projects certified under overseas green rating schemes can also be recognised, subjected to a cap. Please see details in **Note 1**.

Table 1: For multi-tenanted buildings (i.e. 2 tenants/ occupants or more)	
Percentage of tenanted floor space certified under GM Occupant-Centric Schemes (%)¹	Award Tier
Minimum 50% NLA (min. 2 GM user-centric projects) ¹ to be awarded any rating	Green Mark Pearl Award
Minimum 70% NLA (min. 2 GM user-centric projects), with minimum 20% NLA awarded GM Gold ^{PLUS} or Platinum rating ¹	Green Mark Pearl Prestige Award

Note 1: *Occupant-centric projects certified under overseas green rating schemes (e.g. LEED, WELL, BREEAM, Green Star) can also be recognised. For the purposes of the GM Pearl Award, the NLA for such schemes shall be capped at 10% (i.e. the NLA certified under the GM Occupant Centric Schemes should be minimally 40%). Please check with the Secretariat before submitting the nomination form if such projects are to be included.*

Table 2: For single-tenanted buildings	
Percentage of tenanted floor space certified under GM Occupant-Centric Schemes (%)²	Award Tier
100% NLA to be awarded GM Gold ^{PLUS} rating	Green Mark Pearl Award
100% NLA to be awarded GM Platinum rating	Green Mark Pearl Prestige Award

Note 2: *Areas occupied by developer/ building owner/ landlord's offices and their subsidiaries can be counted as part of the NLA if they have achieved GM certification.*

- vi) Building owner/ landlord to incorporate **Green Lease** as part of the tenancy agreements

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Past projects can only take part in the Awards once every 3 years, unless it is an upgrade to the Award tier (i.e. Pearl to Pearl Prestige).

Projects/ buildings submitted for nomination will be assessed by an Assessment Panel appointed by BCA. The Assessment Panel will use a performance-based approach to evaluate the submitted project and also assess all submissions based on the following merits:

- a) Satisfies all the eligibility criteria for the Award
- b) Past and on-going efforts taken by the building owners/ landlords to shape tenants'/ occupants' 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/ occupants 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. The Assessment Panel has the right to accord the final Green Mark Pearl Award rating if the nomination meets the critical or other performance requirements.

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 be held in end-June 2021 (date to be confirmed) 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. The winning projects will receive the Award from the Guest-of-Honour at the BCA Awards Night 2021. Winners will be informed of the details of the Awards separately.

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 2021
Building and Construction Authority
52 Jurong Gateway Road
#11-01
Singapore 608550

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

BCA is now inviting applications for the **2021 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 (**1 hardcopy required with 1 CD-Rom**) are to reach The Secretary, BCA Green Mark Pearl Awards **NO LATER THAN 16 JUNE 2021** at the following address:

The Secretariat
BCA Green Mark Pearl Prestige / Pearl Awards 2021
Building and Construction Authority
52 Jurong Gateway Road
#11-01
Singapore 608550

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