

## BCA Universal Design Mark

Universal Design (UD) means “design for all” and helps to make our built environment more inclusive.

Introduced in October 2012, the BCA Universal Design Mark is a voluntary certification scheme that promotes Universal Design and encourages the building industry to incorporate it in their developments and projects. The Award recognises developments and projects where their developers and architects pursued a design philosophy that enables everyone – the young, the old and persons with different abilities – to enjoy inclusive living in familiar surroundings with their loved ones

This scheme assesses projects at their design stage, facilitating the incorporation of Universal Design at the start of their development. Once completed, the development or project will be awarded a display plaque, indicating one of the four Universal Design Mark ratings: Certified, Gold, Gold<sup>PLUS</sup> or Platinum. For on-going projects, Universal Design Mark ratings will be determined based on design and indicated as Certified (Design), Gold (Design) or Gold<sup>PLUS</sup>(Design).

### Categories

- Non-Residential (New)
- Non-Residential (Refurbished)
- Residential (New)

### Judging Criteria

- Process
- User-friendliness
- Design Integration
- Accessibility and Inter-Connectivity
- Safety
- Operations and Maintenance