

VBAS PRE-ASSESSMENT

CHECKLIST

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Section 1 Objective, Potential Applicant, Use and Reference

Objective

This VBAS Pre-Assessment Checklist is used to help owners of buildings understand whether they are eligible and ready to make applications for building certification

Use

Building owners / Managers shall go through this VBAS Pre-Assessment Checklist before submission of application for building certification and/or appointment of VBAS Assessor(s). <u>This checklist</u> <u>shall be duly completed and submitted together</u> with the application form for Building Certification

Potential Applicant

Building owners / Managers who are interested to join the VBAS

Reference

Applicants are advised to read this VBAS Pre-Assessment Checklist in conjunction with the Guidebook for Building Certification. The Guidebook can be downloaded at http://vbas.hkhs.com

Section 2	re-Assessment Checklist
Part 1	Assess the eligibility criteria of joining the VBAS
Part 2	Review whether there is any MBIS & MWIS (for windows in common parts only) Statutory Notice(s) served by the Building Authority (BA)
Part 3	Review whether there is any Statutory Order(s) / Notice(s) (other than the notice(s) mentioned in Part 2) served by the BA
Part 4	Prepare for Assessment of Building Safety Category (Elements 1 – 6)
Part 5	Review whether there is any Privately Owned Elements
Part 6	Prepare for Assessment of Building Management Category (Elements 7 – 10)
Part 7	Self-Evaluation for Award of VBAS certificate
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Part 1 Eligibility Criteria of Joining the VBAS

1.1 – Building Type

- Private domestic building / development <u>OR</u>
- Private composite (domestic & commercial) building / development

1.2 – The Applicant

- Owners' Corporation OR
- Owners' Committee <u>OR</u>
- Mutual Aid Committee <u>OR</u>
- Property Management Company <u>OR</u>
- Registered owner of a single-ownership building

1.3 - Scope of Certification

With DMC:All building block(s) and all common parts covered by the same DMC or sub-DMC(Multi-owned)for phased development.OR

With DMC: Individual building blocks which are solely owned by a single owner while others (Single-owned were sold to individual owners and the single owner opts to join VBAS buildings in independently:
 Mixed Development)

All the whole building block(s) and all parts solely owned by the single owner, if the DMC/sub-DMC(s) can define the boundary of the separate ownership. **OR**

Without DMC:All building block(s) and all common parts covered by the same occupation
(Single-owned)Permit (OP) or other instrument; or

All building blocks and all common parts in the same phase of development having different OPs.

<u>Remark:</u> The application may also cover all privately owned elements including privately owned external walls and the associated projections, unenclosed balcony and verandah that is connected to the individual premises, and signboards, if any.

If the building(s) has/ have privately owned elements but fail(s) to complete the assessment regarding <u>ALL</u> privately owned elements, "VBAS Premium Certificate" will not be awarded. (Details refer to Part 5)

<u>Note:</u>

Please put a " \checkmark " in the appropriate box when the requirements as stated are satisfied.

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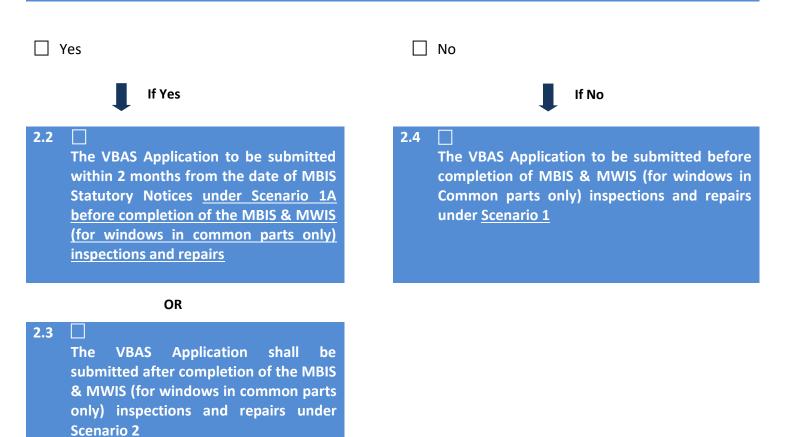
☐ Single Application: All building blocks, privately owned elements (if any) and all common parts within the scope of certification of the same estate or development are included in the same application; <u>OR</u>

Phased Application: The building blocks, privately owned elements (if any) and all common parts split in various phases within the scope of certification of the same estate or development as proposed by the Applicant and accepted by the Panel Secretariat;

The demarcation of phases shall be based on OP, DMC or Sub-DMC, other instruments or discernible structures such as road or fence, etc.

Part 2 Any MBIS & MWIS (for windows in common parts only) Statutory Notice(s) served by the BA?

2.1 – Any MBIS & MWIS (for windows in common parts only) Statutory Notice(s) served by the BA on the Owners' Corporation or all owners of the Building / Development to be assessed?



Part 3 Any Statutory Order(s) / Notice(s) served by the BA other than the Notice(s) mentioned in Part 2?

3.1 – Any Statutory Order(s) / Notice(s) (Other than the Notice(s) mentioned in Part 2) served by the BA on the Owners' Corporation or All Owners of the Building / Development to be assessed?					
	Yes 🗌 No				
	If Yes				
3.2 -	– Compliance to Statutory Order(s) / Notice(s)				
	The Statutory Order(s) / Notice(s) has / have been cancelled, withdrawn or discharged on compliance (Details of the Statutory Order(s) / Notice(s):				
)				

Remark:

VBAS Certificate / Premium Certificate will not be awarded unless the aforementioned Statutory Order(s) / Notice(s), if any, has / have been cancelled, withdrawn or discharged on compliance.

Part 4 Preparation for Assessment of Building Safety Category (Element 1-6)

4.1 - Application under Scenario 1 & 1A (Application <u>before</u> Completion of MBIS & MWIS Inspections and Repairs)

APPOINTMENT OF VBAS ASSESSOR

- Prepared to appoint / Already appointed
 VBAS Assessor (List 1) for assessment of
 Building Safety Category (Elements 1-6)
- OR 4.2 Application under Scenario 2 (Application <u>after</u> Completion of MBIS & MWIS Inspections and Repairs)

DOCUMENTS READY FOR SUBMISSION

- □ In possession of copy of
 - MBIS Inspection Report,
 - MBIS Completion Report (if repair is required),
 - MWIS Inspection Report (for windows in common parts only),
 - MBIS Detailed Investigation Proposal and BA's endorsement letter (if any)

AND

 In possession of Compliance Letter for MBIS & MWIS (for windows in common parts only) /Acknowledgement Letter for Voluntary Building and Window (for windows in common parts only) Inspection issued by the BA

Remark:

- (1) Applicant shall join the VBAS and complete the building assessment and Assessment Report for Building Management Category (Elements 7-10) within 3 months from the issue date of both the Compliance Letters for MBIS & MWIS (for windows in common parts only) as well / Acknowledgement Letters for both the Voluntary Building and Window (for windows in common parts only) Inspection as well.
- (2) Building assessment for Building Safety Category shall be exempted

<u>Note:</u> Please put a " \checkmark " in the appropriate box when the requirements as stated are satisfied.

Remark:

Assessment of Building Safety Category and Building Management Category and the Assessment Report prepared by VBAS Assessor shall be completed within <u>12</u> months from the date of acceptance of application under Scenario <u>1</u> or within <u>12</u> months from the date of MBIS Statutory Notice under Scenario <u>1A</u> for building certification. Submission of Assessment Report shall be made <u>within 3 months</u> upon completion

Part 5 Checklist for "Privately Owned Elements" Items

5.1 - Checklist for "Privately Owned Elements" Items

- (1) "Privately Owned Elements" including the privately owned external walls & the associated projections, balconies / verandahs and signboards, if any, are ones of the building elements required for building assessment under the Building Safety Category for obtaining "VBAS Premium Certificate". Applicants for the VBAS shall get to know if "Privately Owned Elements" exist in their estate/development and its ownerships. Please check if the following item(s) exist:
 - Privately owned external wall(s) & the associated projection(s);
 - Privately owned balcony(ies);
 - Privately owned verandah(s);
 - Privately owned signboard(s) erected on building(s);
 - No Privately Owned Elements
- (2) Applicants have to coordinate with all owners for <u>a consensus to carry out</u> the building inspection and (if necessary) repair of their estate/development, including the common parts and the "Privately Owned Elements" (if any), in order to fulfill the requirements of Building Safety Category for obtaining "VBAS Premium Certificate" under the VBAS. Please note that the requirements of inspection/repair of "Privately Owned Elements" are same as those of MBIS & MWIS.
- (3) 'VBAS Premium Certificate' shall be the prime certificate for the buildings to achieve. If the building(s) has/have "Privately Owned Elements" but fail(s) to complete the assessment regarding <u>ALL</u> "Privately Owned Elements" required by "VBAS Premium Certificate", 'VBAS Certificate' can be awarded if the following requirements are achieved:-
 - Able to complete the assessment of <u>ALL</u> common parts on the Building Safety Category as required by the current CoP for MBIS & MWIS; and
 - Able to satisfy a minimum set of criteria complying with related statutory and basic requirements in building management and maintenance as described in Annex 1.
- (4) For the award of 'VBAS Certificate', additional award of 'Quality Labels' will <u>not</u> be considered.
- (5) If any building(s) fail(s) to have the assessment and repairs of <u>ALL</u> "Privately Owned Elements" be completed under the VBAS, if any, the Panel Secretariat will not accept any part submission regarding the "Privately Owned Elements" for examination. Instead, the VBAS Assessor concerned will be required to make submissions of all those "Privately Owned Elements" completed by him / her to BD in a bundle, as and when appropriate. BD may then follow up <u>ALL</u> "Privately Owned Elements" under the MBIS & MWIS.

<u>Note</u>:

Please put a " \checkmark " in the appropriate box.

Part 6 Preparation for Assessment of Building Management Category (Element 7 – 10)

6.1 – Appointment of VBAS Assessor

Prepared to appoint / Already appointed VBAS Assessor(s) (List 1 or 2) for assessment of Building Management Category (Elements 7-10)

Note: (1) VBAS Assessors (List 2) are divided into List 2A and List 2B

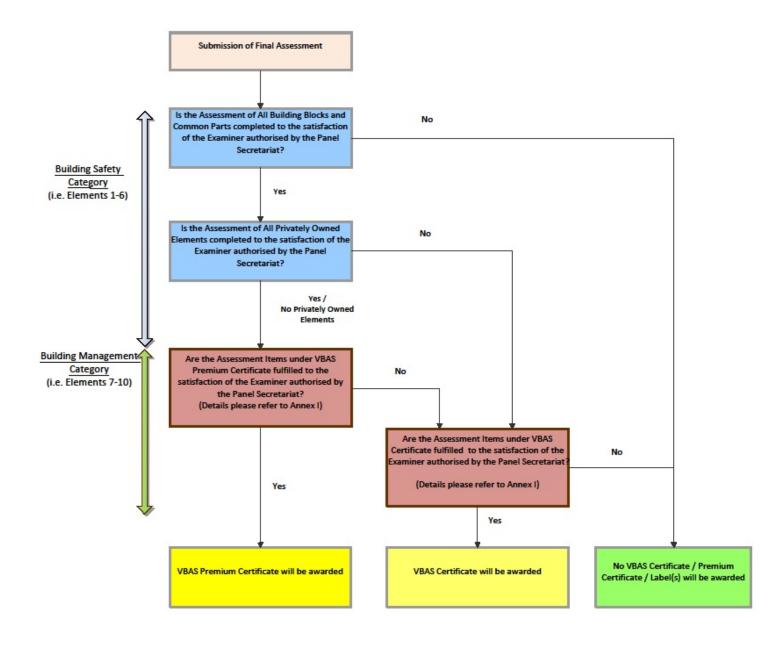
- VBAS Assessors (List 2A): restricted to assess Elements 7-10 only
- VBAS Assessors (List 2B): restricted to assess Elements 8-10 only
- (2) Appointment of the same VBAS Assessor (List 1) for both Building Safety and Building Management Category (Elements 1 10) is allowed

6.2 – Documents / Records / Plans ready

Relevant documents / records / plans listed in Document Checklist for Building Management Category (Elements 7-10) in the **Annex I** are ready

Part 7 Self-Evaluation for Award of VBAS certificate

7.1 – The following provides a self-evaluation for the possible award of the VBAS certificate



Remarks:

(1) Buildings with critical defects or deficiencies that pose an obvious or imminent danger to the safety of the occupants or public will not be awarded any VBAS Certificate and Label.

(2) Additional Quality Label(s) will be awarded with the VBAS Premium Certificate when extra distinguished performance in the areas of Building Management, Building Maintenance, Environmental Protection and Value-added Elements are observed.

(3) For award of VBAS Certificate, no additional Quality Label(s) will be awarded.

(4) The above quick guide for self-evaluation is for reference of the Applicant / Building Manager only for possible achievement; it does not imply any actual result.

Part 8 Declaration by Applicant

8.1 – DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I/We have gone through and duly completed this Pre-assessment Checklist and its Annexes, and understand the award criteria of VBAS Premium Certificate / VBAS Certificate and /or Quality Label(s).

I/We intend to obtain:-	
□ VBAS Premium Certificate*	
OR	
□ VBAS Certificate*	
Name of Applicant / Authorised Representatives:	
Signature of Applicant / Authorised Representatives & Chop [#] :	 Date :

* Award of Certificate depending on the examination results.

Chop of Owners' Corporation/Owners' Committee/Mutual Aid Committee/Property Management Company and signature of authorised representative is required.

Annex I

for Applicants



Document Checklist for Building Management Category (Elements 7-10)

Note: This Document Checklist is solely used for the purpose of indicating the possible fulfillment of the minimum requirements of VBAS Certificate/ VBAS Premium Certificate under Building Management Category (Elements 7-10). Applicants are advised to complete the following Document Checklist to better understand if they have well prepared necessary documentary records (at least for the preceding one year, counting from the date of building assessment) for making applications for building certification. Most of the assessment items leading to VBAS Certificate/ VBAS Premium Certificate under Building Management Category (Elements 7-10) are listed below, however, some items requiring on-site inspection / interview with related personnel to verify the items are not contained in this Document Checklist.

Elei	ment 7 – Building Maintenance Elements	VBAS Certificate	VBAS Premium Certificate	N/A
Documents Required		Put a " ✓ " in the appropriate boxes to indicate the availability		Put a " ✓ " in the appropriate boxes if the item is not applicable
1	Records for compliance with orders/ notices served by BA under Cap. 123 (if any)	ſ		
2	Maintenance records			
	External Walls			
	Windows			
	• Roof			
	Curtain Walls, Glass Walls and Skylights			
	External Claddings			
	Internal Wall			
	Internal Floor			
	Internal Ceiling			
	Glass Doors			
	Aluminium or Metal Louvers			
	Protective Barriers, Railings, Parapets and Balustrades			
	• Fencings			
	Driveway / External Open Carpark			
	Pavement / Private Lane / Private Street			
	Water Feature			
	External Ball Court / Playground Equipment			
	Hard Landscape			
	General Structural Members (e.g. beams, columns, slabs)			

ler	nent 7 – Building Maintenance Elements	VBAS Certificate	VBAS Premium Certificate	N/A
000	uments Required	boxes to i	he appropriate ndicate the ability	Put a " ✓ " in the appropriate boxes if the item is not applicable
2	Maintenance records (cont'd)		·	
	Cantilevered Projecting Structures (e.g. canopy)			
	Transfer Structures			
	Means of Escape (e.g. staircase, escape route)			
	Fire Resisting Construction (e.g. fire doors)			
	Means of Access for Fire Fighting and Rescue (e.g. Emergency Vehicular			
	Access)			
	 Above-Ground Drainage Pipework (including common pipeworks at External Walls, Common Parts, Private Premises and within Common Pipe Ducts) 			
	• Underground Drainage Pipework (including common pipeworks at common parts and private premises)			
	Grease Trap			
	Petrol Interceptor			
	Plumbing System			
	Fire Services System			
	• HVAC System (including window type & split type air-conditioners)			
	Electrical System (including Lightning Protection System)			
	Gas Supply System			
3	Inspection schedule / record for metal gates			
4	Maintenance records of slope / retaining wall AND Inspection to slope / retaining wall according to DMC's clause (if any)			
5	Cleaning records of fresh water tanks (at least once per annum)	[]	
5	Cleaning records of flush water tanks (at least once per annum)			
7	Valid Certificate of Fire Service Installations and Equipment (F.S.251) for			
8	fire services system Log-book required under Cap. 618 for lifts			
- -	Log-book required under Cap. 618 for escalators			
.0	Valid "Use Permit" for lifts			
.1	Valid "Use Permit" for escalators			
.2	Valid Annual Inspection Certificate on Ventilating Systems			
.3	Work Completion Certificate (Form WR1) and/or Valid Periodic Test Certificate (Form WR2) for electrical system	[
L4	Valid Report of Annual Inspection of LPG Storage Installation (Form 109)	[

Elem	ent 8 – Building Management Elements	VBAS Certificate	VBAS Premium Certificate	N/A
Docu	iments Required	boxes to i	he appropriate ndicate the ability	Put a " ✓ " in the appropriate boxes if the item is not applicable
1	Essential Documents and Manuals for Building Management:			
	Deed of Mutual Covenant (English version)	[
	 Deed of Mutual Covenant (Chinese version) if required by Deed of Mutual Covenant 	Γ		
	Crown Lease / Government Lease]		
	Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344)]		
	 Occupation Permit / Letter or Certificate of Compliance / Completion Certificate from relevant government departments 	[
2	Meeting minutes convened by Owners' Corporation, Owners' Committee or Mutual Aid Committee as required			
3	Visitors registration record and procedures for protecting the visitors' personal data			
4	Security patrol records with follow-up actions (e.g. patrol logbook)			
5	Security patrol point layout plans and patrol schedule			
6	Records showing patrol frequency once per day			
7	Insurance policy of Third Party Risks Insurance for common areas with insured amount not less than statutory requirement \$10M	[
8	Records of financial management:			
	 Annual income and expenditure account and balance sheet for last financial year]		
	 Auditor's report for last financial year (for building which contains more than 50 flats) 	[
	Monthly / quarterly statements of income and expenditure]		
	 Interest-bearing account (evidence showing the account is used exclusively for the building / estate) 	[
	Annual budget	[
9	Proof of compliance with Building Management Ordinance (Section 20A) for tendering procedures and procurement and "Code of Practice (CoP) on Procurement of Supplies, Goods and Services (2018 Edition)" <u>or</u> Possess a copy of the CoP or Possess a copy of the "Best Practices on Building Management (2019 Edition)"	[]	
10	Proof of proper storage of dangerous goods <u>or</u> Awareness of building manager on the "Dangerous Goods Ordinance" and other relevant ordinances if no storage of dangerous goods on site.	[
11	Master layout plan / building plan to define Emergency Vehicular Access	[
12	(EVA) <u>and / or</u> escape route Guidelines for occupational safety and health (OSH) related to building management and maintenance <u>and</u> Proof of monitoring for the compliance with OSH guidelines			

Eleme	nt 9 – Environmental Protection Elements	VBAS Certificate	VBAS Premium Certificate	N/A
Documents Required		boxes to in	he appropriate ndicate the ability	Put a " ✓ " in the appropriate boxes if the item is not applicable
1	 Proof of noise control, for example: Patrol records with follow-up actions Guidelines issued by building managers House rules to shop tenants / residents 			
2	 Proof of water pollution control, for example: Valid effluent discharge licence Guidelines issued by building managers House rules to shop tenants / residents 			
3	 Proof of renovation waste control, for example: Monthly demand note and waste transaction information issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for opening a construction waste disposal billing account by building manager Tender document / quotation / contract that required contractor to open waste disposal billing account with EPD Evidence for recording renovator's waste disposal (e.g. payment chits with number and vehicle registration number) House rules to shop tenants / residents Possess a copy of "The Construction Waste Disposal Charging Scheme" issued by EPD 			
4	Evidence for the engagement of licensed chemical waste collector for disposal of chemical waste <u>or</u> Possess a copy of "A Guide to the Chemical Waste Control Scheme" issued by EPD			
5	Proof of clinical waste control <u>or</u> Possess a copy of the "Code of Practice for the Management of Clinical Waste" issued by EPD	[]	
6	 Proof of renovation dust control, for example: Guidelines issued by building manager Guidelines to shop tenants / residents / renovation contractors Possess a copy of the "Environmental Guide for Renovation Work" issued by EPD 			
7	Proof of asbestos removal work control <u>or</u> Possess a copy of "A Concise Guide To The Air Pollution Control Ordinance"	Γ		

Elem	ent 9 – Environmental Protection Elements	VBAS Certificate	VBAS Premium Certificate	N/A	for Ap
Documents Required		Put a " ✓ " in the appropriate boxes to indicate the availability		Put a " ✓ " in the appropriate boxes if the item is not applicable	for Applicants
8	Proof of using Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel <u>or</u>				
	Possess a copy of "A Guide to Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) Regulation and its Amendment of 2008"				
9	Proof of control on dark smoke emission from chimney or relevant plant or Possess a copy of "An Introduction to the Air Pollution Control (Smoke)				
	Regulations				
10	Proof of energy audit every 10 years under the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance (Cap 610)				
11	Maintenance records for soft landscape in common areas (e.g. plants watering, supplying of fertilizers)				
12	Inspection schedule of trees				

Elem	ent 10 – Value-added Elements	VBAS Certificate	VBAS Premium Certificate	N/A	for Ap
Docu	Documents Required		he appropriate ndicate the ability	Put a " ✓ " in the appropriate boxes if the item is not applicable	Applicants
1	Records evidencing the provision of festival decoration for the building (e.g. photos, newsletters)				

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