

	BREEAM	LEED
Date Introduced	1990	1998
Summary Comparison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation/Best practice • Quantitative thresholds • Based on carbon dioxide • Main application in the UK • Assessor involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional standards • Percentage thresholds • Based on US Dollars • Niche application in the UK • Team involvement
Schemes Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offices • Retail • Industrial • Eco homes/Code for Sustainable Homes • Healthcare • Bespoke • Mutli-residential • International • Courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New construction • Existing building: Operation and maintenance • Commercial • Interiors • Shell & Core • Schools • Retails • Healthcare • Homes • Neighbourhood development
Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management • Health and well-being • Energy • Transport • Water • Materials • Waste • Land and ecology • Pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable sites • Water efficiency • Energy and atmosphere • Material and resources • Indoor environmental quality • Innovation in design
Ratings(lowest to highest)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass • Good • Very good 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified • Silver • Gold

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent • Outstanding (from 2008) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platinum
Assessment	Trained Assessors	US-GBC
QA Certification	BRE	US-GBC
Approx number of units certified	130,000 (120,000 domestic)	2,500 (1,000 domestic)
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very exact requirements • Complex weighting system • Market profile • Cost of compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed documentation required • No independent audit of the assessment • Mixing building function • Form is difficult to assess
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows comparison and bench marketing of different buildings • Independently audited • Adjusted to UK legislation and culture • Can assess any building with bespoke version • Based on US systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong marketing gets the message through • Lots of information available • No need for an assessor and training