BRE Global BES 6001 V4.0 - Frequently Asked Questions
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1. <u>How do I access version 4.0 of the BES 6001 standard?</u>
   Version 4.0 of the BES 6001 standard can be found under 'Downloads' on the responsible sourcing webpage of GreenBookLive. The guidance document and scheme document are also available to download here.

2. <u>Will version 4.0 of the BES 6001 standard continue to be recognised in sustainable building schemes?</u>
   Yes, BRE will continue to work to ensure that BES 6001 is recognised in sustainable building schemes.

3. <u>What will the BREEAM RSCS be for version 4.0 of BES 6001?</u>
   The final version of the standard is currently with BREEAM for review. This review will determine the RSCS for version 4.0 of BES 6001. We anticipate this will take up to 6 months (March 2023).

4. <u>Our BES 6001 re-certification is due before March 2023, but we need a BREEAM RSCS score. What should we do?</u>
   For organisations whose re-certification is due before the RSCS scores are confirmed, the following options are available:
   - Choose to recertify to version 3.2. and maintain certification to version 3.2 for 3 more years.
   - Choose to recertify to version 4.0 and receive a BREEAM RSCS score at a later date once BREEAM has reviewed the standard.
   - Choose to have a 3rd annual verification which will result in another year of certification to version 3.2. This gives the organisation a year to review version 4.0 of the standard and gather the required information to ensure compliance and smooth transition.

   <u>Please note:</u> This is applicable to those certified to BES 6001 by BRE Global. For those certified to BES 6001 by other certificating organisations, please get in touch with your certification body to discuss their scheme procedures.

5. <u>We do not currently have BES 6001 certification but would like to become certified ASAP! Can we become certified to V4 before March 2023?</u>
   All new applications for BES 6001 certification from February 2023 onwards will be certified against version 4.0 of the BES 6001 standard.

6. <u>When will certificates certified to version 3.2 of the standard become invalid?</u>
   Certificates to version 3.2 of the standard will remain valid for the duration of the certification period. Once the certificate expires and recertification is due, organisations will be transitioned to v4.

7. <u>Can I transition from v3.2 to v4 if my re-certification is not due for some time?</u>
   Yes. However, as the requirements between the two versions of the standards differ, a re-certification assessment at annual review will be required in order that the new requirements are met.

8. <u>Will the certification process change in any way?</u>
   Although the requirements of the standard have changed, the certification process remains unchanged. The assessment continues to include a desktop pre-assessment, a site visit, and a final assessment. Certificates will continue to be valid for 3 years, with annual verifications required in years 1 & 2.