



BES 6001 Annual Report 2025/2026

Executive Summary

During the April 2025 to March 2026 period, certified organisations continued their migration to version 4.0 of the BES 6001 standard, ahead of the withdrawal of version 3.2 at the end of 2026.

The day-to-day provision of certification services to clients continued to grow with new clients in new sectors and new geographic areas completing their audits and securing BES 6001 certification.

1. Background

This report covers the period April 2025 to March 2026. BRE Global's BES 6001 *Framework Standard for Responsible Sourcing* has been in operation for a period of seventeen years.

2. Certifications

During 2025/26 a total of 10 new certifications were completed by BRE Global and the six licensees of the scheme. Table 1 indicates the sectoral spread of these certificates.

Products from 5 sectors were awarded certifications; most of these were issued for concrete and steel products.

As noted in previous reports, there has been continued interest from non-UK based companies; with a number of the certificates issued to those from outside the UK.

Table 1 – Certificates issued by Sector in 2025/26 (with some certificates including more than 1 product group)

Product Type	No.	Product Type	No.
Concrete Products	4	Insulation Products	1
Walling and Flooring Products	1	Steel Products	4

(NB all certificate holders can be found online at www.greenbooklive.com/search/scheme.jsp?id=153)

At year end, the total number of valid certificates for BES 6001 stood at 182 certificates covering 134 companies (some companies have multiple certifications).

All certified companies continue to retain their certification in the manner determined by individual scheme certification bodies. There continues to be a small number of industry re-organisations, which have resulted in some certificate amendments (renaming, re-allocation of sites between organisations etc.).

3. Licensees

The BES 6001 Licensees (BSI, CARES, Intertek, Lucideon, ERM and QSRMC) have contributed to the continued development of the Standard. During the year, ERM contributed the most certificates at 4, BSI contributed 3 and CPC contributed 1.

4. Scheme Review

Following the release of the updated version of the BES 6001 Standard in 2023, scheme processes and procedures were updated. Version 3.2 of the BES 6001 standard shall be withdrawn at the end of 2026 and therefore all existing certified organisations shall need to have migrated to the new version before this. All new certification projects are now completed in line with version 4.0 to ensure they have a full 3-year certification cycle.

5. Scheme Performance

Following previous reports, this review looks at the pass level of all new certificates, by sector (as defined in Section 2 above). Table 2 has been prepared for the whole sample. The table is presented below:

Table 2 – Table showing the pass level percentage of product certifications

Product	Pass level percentage (%)			
	Pass	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Concrete Products	25%	75%		
Insulation Products		100%		
Walling & Flooring Products	100%			
Steel Products		75%	25%	

6. Scheme Development

Version 4 of the standard was released in February 2023 and is available for certification. Version 4 is also recognised by the BREEAM family of schemes. Products certified to version 4 of the BES 6001 standard, score a minimum of 6 RCSC points in BREEAM.

7. Forward Look

The outlook for BES 6001 remains positive. BRE Global continue to work with its clients and Licensees to transition existing clients to the new version of the standard before the end of 2026.