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**IEQ P1, 6 & 7 – Application of New IAQ Objectives for Minimum Ventilation Performance and Outdoor / Indoor Sources of Air Pollutants**

1. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has launched the new Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) objectives (“IAQ Objective 2019”) under the Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme for Offices and Public Places on 1 July 2019. The IAQ objective 2019 takes into account of local circumstances and the latest World Health Organization’s IAQ guideline<sup>1</sup>.
2. To better align the credit assessment criteria for IEQ P1, IEQ 6 & 7 under BEAM Plus New Buildings (NB) against the IAQ Objective 2019, this Technical Circular Letter hereby announces the transitional arrangement as follow:
  - i. All projects registered after the effective date of this Technical Circular must adopt the criteria under IAQ Objective 2019; and
  - ii. For all project registered on or before the effective date, the project proponents can opt to adopt the criteria under previous IAQ objectives (“IAQ Objective 2003”)<sup>2</sup> or IAQ Objective 2019<sup>3</sup> for the assessment. However, the Applicant must apply either one of the IAQ objectives throughout the project assessment (i.e. If the project proponent decides to use the IAQ Objective 2019, then all parameters under IEQ 6 & 7 must follow the IAQ Objective 2019 throughout); and;
  - iii. For all projects commence Final Assessment on or after 1 July 2024, including those fall under paragraph (2)(ii) above, the project proponent must adopt the criteria under IAQ Objective 2019.
3. For projects that were registered on or before the effective date but are unable to commence Final Assessment before 1 July 2024, the project shall adopt the criteria under IAQ Objective 2019 under normal circumstance. For special case project, the Applicant is encouraged to file a Credit Interpretation Request for clarification and the Technical Review Committee will consider on a case-by-case basis.

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<sup>1</sup> Government announcement on new IAQ objectives under the Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme for Offices and Public Places, <https://www.iaq.gov.hk/en/iaq-certification-scheme/newiaqo.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> A Guide on Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme for Offices and Public Places (2003), <https://www.iaq.gov.hk/media/8694/certguide-eng.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> A Guide on Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme for Offices and Public Places (2019), [https://www.iaq.gov.hk/media/65346/new-iaq-guide\\_eng.pdf](https://www.iaq.gov.hk/media/65346/new-iaq-guide_eng.pdf)

4. Approved PA Projects: For projects that have already completed PA and have certain measurement report approved, the Applicant may opt to adopt the same assessment criteria for FA or voluntarily comply with this Technical Circular. For the avoidance of doubt, the Applicant shall provide PA evidences (e.g. extract of the PA report, documents submitted for assessment in PA, etc) in subsequent assessments to support the intention of using the same assessment methodology as in PA.



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