

The BOPAS Process

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Client completes application form

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BLP TIS Issues Proposal

BLP TIS will review the scope of accreditation, construction methodology, configuration options, height to which system can be built, number of cladding options, location of factory and will develop a proposal appropriate to the parameters defined within the application.



LRQA issues proposal

LRQA will review the scope of accreditation sought by the client, the principal location of works and the number of permanent staff and develop a proposal appropriate to the parameters defined within the application.

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The Client Accepts the Proposals

The client will receive proposals from both LRQA and BLP TIS for the process accreditation and the durability assessment, respectively. Once satisfied with the proposals, the client will sign agreements with both parties to enable the assessment process leading to BOPAS accreditation, to proceed.

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Durability Assessment

BLP TIS confirm that the design measures and construction address the most likely causes of premature failure such that the building should achieve an expected design life of 60 years. Additional checks will be required for design life of 75 or 100 years. The nature of these assessments is that they are iterative and rely on exchange of information as the assessment develops. Independent testing will be required in most instances to demonstrate structural, fire, acoustic and thermal performance.



GAP analysis

Undertaken by LRQA and represents the first stage of the process accreditation. This stage comprises a series of one-to-one interviews with key members of the client's design, manufacturing and construction teams. The purpose of this stage of the assessment is to develop an understanding of the context of the business under assessment, the culture within the business and to gain a broad appreciation of the extent to which the client organisation is compliant with BOPAS requirements.

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Implementation audit

A standard evidenced based audit is arranged once the client has confirmed closure of all the non-conformities detailed in the gap analysis report and once the BLP durability assessment report has been issued and classed as satisfactory.

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Issue reported

All major and minor non-conformities are highlighted for review & resolution

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Issues Resolved and Approved

All major and Minor non-conformities have been addressed and closed out then BOPAS Accreditation may be granted.

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BOPAS accreditation (3 years)

BOPAS Accreditation, once awarded, is valid for 3 years and provides for BOPAS Accreditation listing on the BOPAS website and the award of a BOPAS Accreditation Certificate.

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Surveillance programme

BOPAS Accreditation is subject to an ongoing surveillance programme throughout the 3 years term of validity which serves to ensure that the assessed standards against which BOPAS Accreditation was awarded, are maintained throughout the Accreditation validity. Any significant design changes undertaken during the 3 year period ie: increase in height, change of materials and components will need to be advised to BLP TIS so that the durability assessment can be updated.