



NOMINATIONS FOR 2008 BCA UNIVERSAL DESIGN AWARD FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In our continuing effort to champion barrier-free accessibility and Universal Design in our built environment, BCA is pleased to invite entries for the 2008 BCA Universal Design Award for Built Environment.

Objectives

The objectives of the award are:

- a) To recognize qualified persons, designers, developers and building owners for initiatives and efforts in creating a built environment that could be used by people of different ages and abilities; and
- b) To promote good practices and to raise the awareness of the importance of providing suitable facilities not only within the building itself but also outside the building so that continuous and seamless barrier-free accessibility from buildings to buildings and to infra-structure is possible for people of different ages and abilities.

Categories

There are 6 categories for the awards. These are:

- a) Commercial Building (e.g. Hotel, shopping centre, cinema, theatre, office building);
- b) Institutional Building (e.g. Hospital, school, library, museum, religious building);

- c) Residential Building (e.g. Condominium, public housing, townhouses, detached, semi-Detached and terrace houses);
- d) Open category (Buildings not included in categories [a] to [c] e.g., factory, MRT station, bus interchange, sport complex, swimming pool, places of interest);
- e) Open Spaces and Structures (e.g. Park, promenades, amphitheatre, plaza, overhead bridge, underpass); and
- f) Refurbished Building (Buildings or facilities which have been upgraded with universal design features).

Judging Criteria

Each entry will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. Connectivity (15 points): The degree to which the building has allowed for seamless movement within the building, from the building to the adjacent buildings, road related facilities and urban spaces;
2. Accessibility (25 points): The availability and convenience of external accessible facilities such as car parking lots and other facilities which are child-friendly and family-friendly;
3. User Friendliness (20 points): The degree to which the design and provision of signage and way-finding cues are easy to understand, regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills or current concentration level and requires the minimal effort to use by all people;
4. Safety (20 points): The degree to which accessible paths and walking surfaces are made safe and secure and the provision of accessible escape routes and systems;

5. Aesthetics (10 points): The incorporation of barrier-free and family-friendly features into overall building design, drawing upon design elements such as axis, lines, horizontal and vertical planes and proportions, texture and scale to create aesthetic harmony and or variations within the built environment; and
6. Corporate Philosophy (10 points): The degree to which an organization is committed to creating an inclusive built environment through the establishment of corporate policy, operation and maintenance procedures, communication and training systems.

Panel of Assessors

To select the winners, all entries will be assessed by a panel of assessors comprising representatives from the following organizations:-

- a) Building and Construction Authority
- b) Handicaps Welfare Association
- c) National University of Singapore
- d) Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- e) Real Estate Developers' Association of Singapore
- f) Singapore Association of Occupational Therapists
- g) Singapore Institute of Architects

Types of Awards

There will be 3 types of awards for each category – Gold, Silver and Bronze. The qualified person/ designer and building owner/ developer of the respective award winning category will each be presented with a plaque. In addition, the owner of the award winning building will be presented with a plaque to be installed on the building that won the award.



If the panel of assessors decides that the entries for a particular category are not of sufficient standard to meet the award, it may withhold the award in that category. The decision of the panel is final and shall not be negotiated, contested, reviewed, challenged or appealed against by any party through any means or process whatsoever.

Presentation of Awards

All winners will receive the award at the annual BCA Award Night scheduled for April/ May 2008. The winners will be informed of the actual date when it is nearer to the Award Night. The winning entries will be published in BCA website.

Closing Date

All entries must be submitted no later than 12.00pm on Thursday, 31 January 2008 to:

Building and Construction Authority
5 Maxwell Road
#02-01 Tower Block, MND Complex
Singapore 069110

BCA UNIVERSAL DESIGN AWARD FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT 2008 ENTRY FORM

Project Entry No.
(for official use)

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Entry Submission Details

Name of Project : _____

Completion Date : _____

Entry Category

Please tick the category you are participating in.

Commercial Building	Institutional Building	Residential Building
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Condominium
<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping Centre	<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> HDB Flats
<input type="checkbox"/> Cinema	<input type="checkbox"/> Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Town House
<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Detached/ Semi-D*
<input type="checkbox"/> Offices	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Terrace House
<input type="checkbox"/> Others, Pls specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Others, Pls specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Others, Pls specify _____

Open Category	Outdoor Structures & Open Spaces	Existing Buildings or Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Factory	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Refurbished buildings or facilities that have undergone additions and alterations and upgraded with universal design features
<input type="checkbox"/> MRT station	<input type="checkbox"/> Promenade	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bus Terminal	<input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheatre	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Complex	<input type="checkbox"/> Plaza	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead bridge	
<input type="checkbox"/> Places of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Underpass	
<input type="checkbox"/> Others, Pls specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Others, Pls specify _____	

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Project Team Information

Qualified Person(s)

Company name : _____

Qualified Person(s) : (a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____

Address : _____

Telephone : _____ Mobile : _____ Fax : _____

Email : _____

Associate Designer(s) [if applicable]

Company name : _____

Address : _____

Telephone : _____ Mobile : _____ Fax : _____

Email : _____

Owner/ Developer Information

Check here if owner is the developer

Name : _____

Address : _____

Telephone : _____ Mobile : _____ Fax : _____

Email : _____

Managing Agent Information (if applicable)

Company name : _____

Address : _____

Telephone : _____ Mobile : _____ Fax : _____

Email : _____

General Submission Guidelines & Instructions

Eligibility

1. The Competition is open to all owners, developers and professionals in creating an inclusive built-environment that could be used by all people. There is no restriction on the number of entries that each individual, firm or team can submit.
2. The qualifying criterion for the entry is full compliance to the prevailing Code
3. BCA reserves the right to disqualify any participating individual/ firm/ team.

Description of the Development and UD Facilities

1. In addition to the entry form, please provide a written description of 300-500 words of the development and the UD facilities and features.
2. Photographs and drawings illustrating the development and the UD facilities and features should be mounted on **not more than 6mm-thick A1 size white foam boards**.
3. **Only 2 boards are to be submitted** as part of the entry and the layout of presentation must be in portrait orientation.
4. Information on the A1 size board must include annotated drawings such as a site plan at not less than 1:2000 scale and any other plans, sections, perspectives, photographs and axonometric drawings to illustrate
 - a. Access Route Plans from amenities to the development
 - b. Circulation paths and doorways with sizes clearly annotated
 - c. Family-friendly Facilities and Amenities
 - d. Signage and way-finding cues
 - e. Safety and Emergency evacuation provisions
5. Drawings shall clearly articulate the overall design intent and highlight any unique or innovative Universal Design solutions or ideas, if applicable.
6. A CD containing the above illustrations in JPEG or PDF format must accompany each entry. The files should have embedded fonts and be at least 300 dpi resolution. Entrant's name and category must be clearly labeled on the CD and CD cover.

Description of Corporate Philosophy

1. Please also provide a 300-500 words description of the corporate philosophy in creating a built environment that is accessible and friendly to all users.
2. The description should substantiate the corporate philosophy by highlighting details such as procedures to ensure regular inspection, testing and maintenance of facilities, staff training on UD and avenues for the public to give feedback on the facilities provided.

Assessment of Entries

The assessors will evaluate all entries and shortlist them for site visit. The short listed entrants will be required to make a presentation to the assessors on the outstanding and notable qualities of the projects prior the walk-around.

Submission Deadline

1. Entry form can also be downloaded from BCA website at <http://www.bca.gov.sg>. All entry forms must be duly completed, signed and fax to BCA Universal Design Award Secretariat at +65 6325 4437, followed by attaching the faxed form(s) to the A1-sized submissions and CD in a sealed envelope, with the words "BCA Universal Design Award" clearly written on the envelope and submit to BCA.
2. All entries must be received by Thursday, 31 January 2008, 12 noon.
3. All entries submitted by post must be addressed to:
BCA Universal Design Award Secretariat
Building and Construction Authority
5 Maxwell Road #02-01
Tower Block MND Complex
Singapore 069110
4. No new or additional information will be accepted by BCA or considered by the Panel after the deadline.
5. Any non-compliant submission materials will not be accepted.
6. Any queries on the award should be emailed to bca_bfa_upgrading@bca.gov.sg

Intellectual Property Rights

1. BCA shall have the right to make editorial changes, publish, display, reproduce or otherwise publicize or communicate all entries submitted in any forms during the assessment, exhibition and for promotional, educational or record purposes. Such right shall be exercisable by BCA without any payment, charge or fee whatsoever to any person.
2. Winning entries become part of BCA's permanent collection. BCA reserves the right to retain for display and or dispose of any entries after the award winners have been announced. No entries will be returned to participants.

Panel's Decision

The decision of the Assessment Panel shall be final and the panel has absolute discretion to make or withhold an award. The Panel may also re-categorize any entry, which in their opinion, has been entered in the wrong category.

Declaration of Entrant

I declare that I am authorized by the owner/ developer/ company* to submit entries for BCA Universal Design Award for Built Environment 2008. I declare that I have read and understood the entry criteria, guidelines & instructions of the BCA Universal Design Award for Built Environment 2008. I hereby agree to abide by these criteria, guidelines and instructions and certify that all information that I have submitted is correct and true.

Name : _____

Signature : _____

Company name and stamp : _____

Date : _____

*delete accordingly