

12 February 2008: New release of iSBEM_v3.0.b for EPCs

A new release of the calculation software SBEM, and its interface iSBEM, has today been made available for those wishing to produce Energy Performance Certificates (*) for buildings other than dwellings, or to demonstrate compliance with Building Regulations, in England, Wales, Scotland and N Ireland.

Version 3.0.b of the software has been enhanced considerably over the previous public release, and has benefited from feedback from Beta tests carried out on a pre-release version issued in November. The new version can be downloaded from the Download page within the NCM website (www.ncm.bre.co.uk), along with an updated version of the User Guide.

The new version includes a number of improvements. These include:

- The generation of EPC certificates and recommendations reports suitable for use in all the countries of the UK, in implementation of Article 7 of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive
- The option to allow automatic zoning of the perimeter areas of buildings to take account of daylighting
- The provision, for a number of key parameters, of default values more appropriate to existing buildings
- The ability to create an audit trail to record the source of data used for all parameters
- A number of other improvements to the calculation procedures following feedback from users

The SBEM development team is very grateful for feedback on the operation of the tool, and would welcome comments and queries through the helpline service, accessed through the 'Send feedback' page of this site.

(*) Note: Official Energy Performance Certificates can only be issued by accredited energy assessors operating through one of the accreditation bodies approved by CLG.