The City launched the Brisbane Building Efficiency Program (BBEP) in 2019 to address energy and water use in existing buildings to help make them more efficient, thereby saving owners money, improving the safety and comfort of our building stock, and reducing emissions that are driving climate change.

What is annual benchmarking?
Every year, building owners must submit energy and water data to the City by MAY 15 (see Chapter 15.77 of the city code).

Who has to comply?
Most buildings in Brisbane over 10,000 square ft are required to comply. Reference the Master Buildings List or FAQ on required or excluded property to see if you must comply. You can request an exemption or a sixty (60) day extension if applicable.

Tenant and owner responsibilities
Building owners are required to submit the annual benchmarking report to the city. Tenants must share all electricity, gas, and water bills, or access to this data, with the property owners. Fines may be assessed of owners and/or tenants for non-compliance (see city ordinance).

Submitting the report
To submit your building’s data, create an account in Energy Star Portfolio Manager, add your building using the Unique Building ID (UBID), upload your data, and run the data quality checker. Finally, submit your report through the City’s annual reporting link.
The BEYOND requirements of the Brisbane Building Efficiency Program aim to help inefficient buildings improve their energy and water usage and reward high-performing ones. The cycle operates on a 5-year cycle and is separate from the BBEP annual benchmarking report.

**Who is required to comply?**

COMMERCIAL buildings must comply with Beyond requirements in 2023; INDUSTRIAL and MULTI-FAMILY buildings must also in 2024. Check to see what building type you are and if you qualify for an exemption.

**Determine your pathway**

Use our Pathway Determination form to identify whether your building is high-performing (Performance Path) or needs improvement (Prescriptive Path) for both energy and water.

**Submit Year 1 requirements by the deadline**

Submit an exemption form + documentation OR a performance verification report OR evidence of contract with an auditor by 5/15/23 (COM) or 5/15/24 (IND/MF) here. Audit reports must be submitted by 7/15 of the same year here.

**Take action + stay in touch**

Buildings on the Prescriptive Pathway must choose how to act on the results of the audit by the YEAR 3 deadline on 5/15/25 (COM) or 5/15/26 (IND/MF), and complete the selected improvements by the YEAR 5 deadline on 5/15/27 (COM) or 5/15/28 (IND/MF).