

# Buildoffsite Property Assurance Scheme (BOPAS)

## Factsheet

BOPAS is a risk-based assessment that demonstrates to lenders, buyers, and other stakeholders that homes built using modern methods of construction (MMC) or non-traditional materials will be mortgageable for at least 60 years.

### What is BOPAS?

BOPAS aims to standardise best practice across the MMC sector. It focuses on ensuring that accredited organisations have robust systems and procedures underpinned by a risk-based approach that enables them to competently, and safely deliver products or services that meet their clients' requirements.

### The accreditation process

The BOPAS assessment evaluates MMC providers against best practice in terms of competency, configuration management, procurement arrangements, and process control, across their business and on a project-specific basis. BOPAS comprises:

- A risk-based process assessment by LRQA of the scopes of design, manufacture, installation and or project management, within the offsite context, assessed against best practice

- A durability and maintenance assessment of 60 to 100 years by BLP Technical Services
- An online database that shows the status of MMC providers and their construction systems. The website also includes details of locations and construction systems of properties manufactured and constructed under the BOPAS scheme.

The assessments are separate and require MMC providers to apply to both LRQA and BLP. Further details of the process can be found in the BOPAS Standard.

### Introducing BOPAS+

BOPAS+ is an extension to the existing BOPAS accreditation. It has been developed to put the focus on the preparedness of MMC providers to positively address the digitisation challenge presented by the net zero initiative, the golden thread, and regulation changes.

BOPAS+ aims to monitor BOPAS accredited MMC providers on their journey from the development of digital strategic objectives, through to achieving digital transformation as defined on their digital road map.

When a BOPAS-accredited MMC provider embarks on BOPAS+, their position on that journey is marked on a radar diagram that takes into account defined schedules as well as actual achievement, recognising that many MMC providers are at the early stages of their digital road map.



## Benefits of BOPAS accreditation

### A risk-based approach

Access to market for MMC construction systems is dependent on mortgageability. BOPAS accreditation gives lenders confidence that risks are being identified, managed and mitigated effectively to ensure the systems and projects are being delivered to specification.

### Demonstrates best practice

The standard is built on industry best practice, which will lead to greater efficiency, transparent communications and effective change management, which means projects are more likely to run on time and on budget.

### Competitive advantage

Clients can draw tender lists from the accredited providers list on **bopas.org** – giving confidence that delivery will be through defined, best practice processes.

## Why work with LRQA?

Our inspectors and trainers are industry experts who work with you to understand what helps your business operate at its optimum level. They create long-lasting value through collaboration, delivering a greater impact on your business, your people and your customers.

We offer you our commitment to inspection excellence, which means protecting your assets and your brand reputation as if they were our own.

## Why choose LRQA?

We're here to help negotiate a rapidly changing world, by working with you to manage and mitigate the risks you face. From compliance to data-driven supply chain transformation, it's our job to help you shape the future, rather than letting it shape you. We do this by delivering:

### Strategic vision

Our technical know-how, sector expertise and innovative, forward-thinking approach will help you meet the challenges of today – and become a safer, more secure, and sustainable organisation tomorrow.

## Technical expertise

Our people are sector experts. They bring with them a clear understanding of your specific challenges, standards and requirements – then deploy deep knowledge of certification, brand assurance, food safety, cybersecurity, inspection and training to help you meet them.

## Global capability

Operating in more than 120 countries, recognised by over 30 accreditation bodies worldwide, and covering almost every sector, we can help you manage risk, drive improvement and build credibility with stakeholders around the globe.

## Effective partnership

Every business is unique. That's why our experts work with you, to fully understand your needs and goals, and work out how we can best support them.

## Fresh perspective

We have led the way in shaping our industry and continue to take every opportunity to collaborate with clients and pioneer new ideas, services and innovation.

## Get in touch

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