

# What Major Renovation Projects are Eligible for an RHFAC Rating?



Major renovations to an existing building can be rated separately under RHFAC if it is an **expansion** or **redevelopment**.

## Expansion

Adds new square footage to an existing site.

## Redevelopment

Significantly modifies the interior structural configuration of a portion of a site.

Examples include:

- A library added to an existing community centre.
- The science lab section of a university campus building that has been remodelled.
- A tenant's office that have been redesigned in a commercial tower.

## Site Enhancements

While encouraged, site enhancements are not considered a redevelopment for the purposes of receiving a distinct RHFAC rating.

Examples include:

- The addition of a new accessible reception desk and seating in the lobby of an office tower.
- Replacement of flooring in the department of agriculture.
- The installation of directional signage in a shopping mall.

Please contact the RHFAC team at [access@rickhansen.com](mailto:access@rickhansen.com) if you are unsure about the eligibility of your project.

## Defining the Scope of a “Major Renovation” Rating

Defining the scope of rating is critical to identifying which areas of the site are included and excluded in any RHFAC rating. Since RHFAC follows a holistic user journey approach, all areas and elements that people will navigate through and use must be included. This means that the scope of a rating for a major renovation site may extend beyond the major renovation to include:



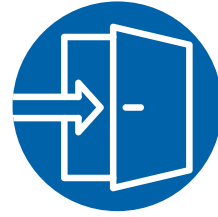
Parking spaces



Paths of travel & base building entrances



Sanitary facilities outside of renovated areas



Emergency exit routes

and other applicable elements part of the user journey to the renovated area.



## Terms and Fees

The same terms and fees apply for all ratings, including major renovation projects. Get started by checking out the [Guide to RHF Accessibility Certification](#) for more details.

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