

RHFAC Ratings for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings

Did you know that you can access incentive programs if your multi-unit residential building project completes an RHFAC rating?

By completing a Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) rating, you will not only show your commitment to inclusion through accessibility and universal design, but also benefit from incentive programs that have adopted RHFAC among their memberships, clients and communities in the residential sector.



Incentive Programs Recognizing RHFAC

CMHC's MLI Select

MLI Select is a new multi-unit mortgage loan insurance product from Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) to foster multi-unit residential development that focuses on affordability, accessibility, and climate compatibility.

Projects that successfully achieve an 'RHF Accessibility Certified' or 'RHF Accessibility Certified Gold' certification level can secure points under the MLI Select point system. Higher scores provide more incentives for insurance flexibilities. For more information, review [the CMHC website](#), [download the MLI Select Fact Sheet](#) and [Required Documentation Guide](#).

LEED's Residential Inclusive Design Pilot Credit

RHFAC is one of the alternative pathways to obtain the residential inclusive design pilot credit for v4.0 projects in Canada. Projects that achieve an 'RHF Accessibility Certified Gold' level are eligible for this pilot credit. Projects must submit the project's scorecard, letter of certification, and a photo of their installed plaque or electronic label.

For more information, visit [LEED Residential inclusive design pilot credit](#).

BOMA BEST 4.0

BOMA BEST is a series of programs that encourages smart and sustainable solutions for existing buildings, promoting health, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and low-carbon performance. Multi-unit residential buildings that have conducted an RHFAC rating can be awarded up to 5 points in their Accessibility category.

For more information, review the [BOMA BEST website](#).

RHFAC & Residential Buildings

RHFAC can be applied to existing multi-unit residential buildings as well as projects that are in the design and pre-construction phases.

It takes a holistic approach to accessibility that includes accessing, entering, navigating and exiting the building, as well as any features of residential units and common areas.

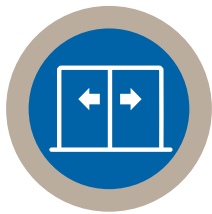
Single-family dwellings are not eligible for a RHFAC rating.

What is Rated under RHFAC?

RHFAC evaluates the presence or absence of accessibility features that a resident, visitor or staff may expect to use in private and public/common spaces. Multi-unit residential buildings include structures that contain multiple separate residential units, or where more than one residential unit is located within the same complex or development. It also looks at elements in individual residential units, such as living area, bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom. The RHFAC Rating Survey includes the following categories, all of which will be rated (if applicable).



Vehicular access



Exterior approach and entrance



Interior circulation



Interior services and environment



Sanitary facilities



Wayfinding and signage



Emergency systems



Additional use of space (if available in building)



Residential units

For more details on all elements rated under RHFAC, check out the [RHFAC Rating Survey](#).

Get Started!

To learn more about RHFAC and get your project certified, visit the [RHFAC Guide to Certification](#).

For more information contact access@rickhansen.com or go to our [website](#).