

# Innovations and Best Practice Process

Any registered activity may submit best practices and innovations for review by the Scheme to aid collaboration and leadership across the construction industry through sharing learning and development.

Successful best practice and innovation submissions are awarded additional points recognizing the collaborative approach adopted by the registered activity, and they may also be used in the Schemes future award programme.

Best practices and innovations are defined by the Scheme as follows:

- **Best Practice** - is considered an optimal, or optimised method, technique, or device for achieving conformance with a particular expectation of the Code. The registered activity may be awarded 1 point for each best practice it submits or implements from the Best Practice Hub in a relevant project size, or where it implements its approved innovations to other sites, or where it maintains its innovation at a registered activity.
- **Innovation** - is considered as a new idea, device, or method for achieving conformance with the Code, either within the Sector and/or Industry. The new idea, device or method may be completely new or a new adaptation, or new application of an existing idea, device or method applied to a different expectation. To be considered innovative and be awarded 2 points, the idea, device, or method must achieve improvement in performance leading to improved positive impact or legacy for the construction project, and the industry more widely.

To obtain best practice and innovation points the registered activity is normally expected to submit their best practices and innovations for review at least 2 weeks prior to the Monitor's visit, however a Monitor may also recognise a best practice or innovation during their visit and either complete the best practice themselves in the Self-assessment Checklist or guide the registered activity to submit these through the Self-assessment Portal.



When reviewing a submitted best practice or innovation, the Monitor will verify that the best practice and/or innovation is effectively implemented and in use by the registered activity. In addition, for innovations the following will be considered:

Is the submission innovative relative to the scale of the registered activity or project. Small to medium sized organisations are less likely to have access to the same resources as larger organisations and projects and will be unable to develop initiatives of the same scale. Monitors are expected to be particularly open to the possibility of innovative ideas for smaller registered activities, not just something for the larger registered activities.

An innovative activity will count only once towards the 2 points, the Monitor will need to comment on an innovation's continuing application to continue to receive 1 point at subsequent visits.

Where a registered activity feels they have more innovations and best practices than the 5 available collaboration points, they must select those that they feel have the strongest chance of approval. The Monitor may assist in selecting those to be presented but the responsibility sits with the registered activity.

Please note that all best practice and innovation submissions are reviewed and verified by the Scheme's Innovations Team and will only be approved if they meet the criteria as outlined above.

Collaboration points are no longer associated with the report score, and reports are issued regardless of any best practices or innovations being considered. Awarded collaboration points will be visible on the Insights Dashboard.