



BERDO GUIDANCE

APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PORTFOLIOS AND INDIVIDUAL COMPLIANCE SCHEDULES

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BACKGROUND

Over the past few months, some Building Owners have experienced challenges in accessing aggregate energy use data from the utilities and accurately assessing compliance options with the BERDO Emissions Calculator.

In response to these challenges, the Environment Department is issuing new guidance to extend the application deadline for Building Portfolios and Individual Compliance Schedules for the 2025 emissions compliance year only. The deadline for short-term Hardship Compliance Plans will remain October 1, 2024 for use in 2025.¹

UPDATED GUIDANCE

1. Applications for Building Portfolios and Individual Compliance Schedule must be submitted by **January 6, 2025** to use the corresponding Building Portfolio and/or Individual Compliance Schedule in 2025.
 - a. Applications may be submitted on a rolling basis, but Building Owners are strongly encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible. Earlier submissions can provide earlier certainty for 2025 emissions compliance planning, as the Review Board will evaluate applications in the order that they are received and determined to be complete by the Environment Department.

¹ Building Owners who experience unexpected or unforeseeable events or conditions outside the Owner's control after this deadline may apply for a short-term Hardship Compliance Plan during 2025, provided, however, that an Owner's failure to plan for compliance shall not constitute a cause to submit an application after the deadline.

2. The Review Board will continue to evaluate and approve or deny applications according to the timelines in Section XI and Section XII of the [BERDO Regulations](#).
3. A pending application for a Building Portfolio or Individual Compliance Schedule shall not suspend a Building Owner's 2025 compliance obligations under the Ordinance or Regulations.
 - a. If an application for a Building Portfolio or Individual Compliance Schedule is denied by the Review Board, the Buildings included in the application will still need to comply with their individual Emissions Standards for 2025.