



BERDE or Building for Ecologically Responsive Design Excellence is a tool to measure the resource efficiency and environmental performance of building projects. BERDE measures how a building performs above and beyond existing national and local building and environmental laws, regulations, and mandatory standards. BERDE is recognized by the World Green Building Council and is the Philippines' National Voluntary Green Building Rating System recognized under Department of Energy's Philippine Energy Efficiency Project-Efficient Building Initiative.

The development process of BERDE is guided by internationally-recognized methodologies for developing standards, and by the Quality Assurance Guide for Green Building Rating Tools (WorldGBC, 2015).

At the national level, as the recognized as the National Voluntary Green Building Rating System by the Philippine government, several national agencies have been using BERDE as a guide in developing policies and programs for green building and sustainability for the building sector. At the local level, several local governments within the Philippines have incorporated BERDE as part of their policy to ensure the environmental performance of projects within their jurisdictions.

The Province of Cebu has established its green and resilient building program that requires all provincial government buildings to be designed, constructed, and operated as green buildings. They also recognized BERDE as a tool for measuring the performance of buildings.

At the city-level, Quezon City, Mandaluyong City, Manila City, Pasig City and Mandaue City have established their own green building policies, identifying their own requirements and incentives for green buildings for their cities. In particular, Mandaue City and Pasig City use BERDE as their tool to measure the performance of the design, construction, and operations of buildings in their cities. Buildings in planned unit developments are required to have BERDE Certification. In addition, project owners may apply for incentives if they achieve a higher rating under BERDE for their buildings.

Become a Certified BERDE Professional

The Philippine Green Building Council will conduct a certification training for Green Building Professionals under the BERDE Program this **26-27 September, 2023 in Modala Resort in Bohol**. Green Building Professionals are individuals who have specialized knowledge and skills in designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining buildings that are environmentally responsible, resource-efficient, and sustainable. They are trained to integrate sustainable design principles and practices into the building process to minimize environmental impact, improve occupant health and comfort, and increase energy efficiency.



Become a certified green building professional under BERDE. **Individuals who complete the BERDE Professionals Basic Training Course and pass the qualifying exams are recognized as Certified BERDE Professionals.**

We encourage you and members of your team complete the training and pass the qualifying exams and become Certified BERDE Professionals.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming training and qualifying exams:

- Training – September 26-27, 2023 | 8:00am - 5:00pm;
- Online Exam – October 3, 2023 | 9:00am - 11:30am

Venue is in Doljo Ballroom 1, Modala Resort, Bohol

Register on or before 31 August 2023, through the online link at <http://bit.ly/BERDEtraining>. The training is offered with a fee of Php 34,286.00/participant inclusive of government taxes. Electronic copies of the training materials and meals will be provided.

The Philippine Green Building Council (PHILGBC) developed the BERDE Professionals Basic Training Course to increase the capability of professionals and project proponents in implementing green building projects. The training includes a background on sustainability in buildings, and in-depth discussion on green building and the BERDE Green Building Rating System.

Upon completing the training, participants will:

- Learn about the background on climate change and buildings;
- Be familiar with the BERDE Program, including the development, certification, and education activities under the program;
- Be able to provide informed decisions in conceptualizing, designing, constructing, and operating green building projects; and,
- Be able to assist projects in undergoing the BERDE Certification process.

The successful completion of the BERDE Professionals Basic Training Course is a requirement in becoming a Certified BERDE Professional–Buildings.

Training Modules:

Module 1: Green Building Awareness

Session 1.1: Sustainability and Buildings

Session 1.2: Laws, Regulations and Standards

Module 2: BERDE Green Building Rating System



- Session 2.1: BERDE Development
- Session 2.2: BERDE Certification
- Session 2.3: Compliance Requirements
- Module 3: Green Building Framework
 - Session 3.1: Management
 - Session 3.2: Use of Land and Ecology
 - Session 3.3: Energy Efficiency and Conservation
 - Session 3.4: Water Efficiency and Conservation
 - Session 3.5: Waste Management
 - Session 3.6: Green Materials
 - Session 3.7: Transportation
 - Session 3.8: Health and Wellbeing
 - Session 3.9: Emissions
 - Session 3.10: Community Engagement
 - Session 3.11: Economic Opportunities

We look forward to having your team join this training opportunity.

For questions, you may contact us at the PHILGBC National Secretariat at +63.2 8815-9301 or 0917 890 0166 or send us an email at berde@philgbc.org ; BG2023@philgbc.org.