

EDGE Rating

What is the new EDGE rating system, and how is it different from other certifications?

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Definition / Benefits	Constraints / Challenges / Barriers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ an International green building certification for new buildings in developing countries✓ IFC innovation, however, IFC does not yield any income from it. IFC only promotes EDGE✓ Focused on core values - Requires to reach 20% saving on Energy, Water and Energy embodied in material, benchmarked to a local baseline based on the country climate and lifestyle✓ Fast - through EDGE online software, easy to discover the ideal measures for the best return on your investment within minutes.✓ Simple - beneath the intuitive interface is a powerful engine that understands the climatic conditions of your location and how your building will be used by occupants.✓ Inexpensive—registration at EDGE is free as well as online self-assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Still not broadly known in Lebanon✓ Still no BDL public announcement of EDGE inclusion in the NEEREA circular

<p>Certification carries a low price tag (as an instance, \$10,000 for auditing and certification of 10,000 sq. office) No need to hire experts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Smart - view online and on the spot, capital costs and the payback period for commercial buildings. 	
Best Practice / Solutions / Tools	Resources / local Availability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides solutions to the 3 core climate change values with the goal to have an actual impact ✓ Friendly-users online software ✓ Calculate payback periods on incremental costs ✓ Certifies each individual units ✓ Promote efficient use of energy and water ✓ International certifiers and auditors operating in Lebanon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Online software free of charge ✓ International certifiers that are ready to cover Lebanon: GBCI & Thinkstep ✓ International auditors (such as SGS) with regional presence and ready to train local auditors ✓ Strong interest of local banks in suggesting EDGE within their green portfolio once covered by NEEREA ✓ Strong interest of local green Associations (LCEC – LGBC)