

Why the new data collection forms?

The new data forms do NOT introduce new criteria and information requirements: they make them clearer and more standardised, and facilitate data entry.

Quicker for applicants

For example, previously an applicant would have had to type:

“for the year from 1st May 2017 to 1st May 2018, the electricity consumption of the building was 25,000 kWh and the gas consumption was 10,760 kWh”.

Now they only have to type, in the relevant cells:

01/05/2017	01/05/2018	25,000	10,760
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Clearer for applicants

The quantitative information that CIBSE and judges are after is clearer and less ambiguous. This should make it easier and quicker for applicants to provide the information and focus on what matters.

Easier for the judges ... Fairer for applicants

The information requirements are clear, allowing judges to assess buildings on their merit. Previously, ambiguous data entry could unfairly advantage or disadvantage a building, regardless of its actual performance.

More valuable to industry

The new data forms mean that more reliable and consistent information will be collected. Subject to approval from applicants, this can then be processed by CIBSE’s partner UCL, to feed into the publicly available CIBSE energy benchmarks: this will contribute to the regular update and improvements of benchmarks, for the benefit of the whole industry. It will also allow projects (if they wish) to be showcased against the benchmarks to demonstrate their performance.