



Estidama Pearl Rating System: Information Bulletin #15

Subject : Minimum Pearl Rating Level Requirements for New Mosque Projects
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The UPC formally announces changes to the minimum Estidama Pearl Rating System Level requirements for all new mosques, as previously indicated within the Abu Dhabi Mosque Development Regulations (MDR).

All mosques are required to comply^A with the minimum Estidama Pearl Rating System Level requirements listed below based on the following funding source/donor types:

1. **Individual Donor(s)** (i.e. one or more persons) must achieve a minimum 1 Pearl Rating^B under the Pearl Building Rating System (PBRS).
2. **Company Donor(s)** (e.g. government, private companies, developers, conglomerates and business group donors) must achieve a minimum 2 Pearl Rating under the Pearl Building Rating System (PBRS).

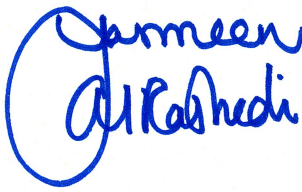
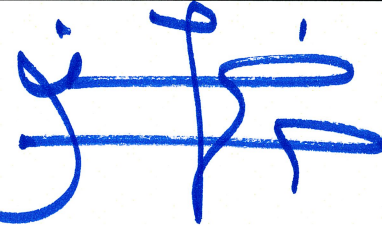
In order to confirm the funding source/donor type all **appointed** Pearl Qualified Professionals (PQPs) must provide a Donor Name letter signed by the General Authority of Islamic Affairs and Endowments (Awqaf) that includes the following information:

- **Name(s) of Mosque Donor(s):** Must list the names of all persons and/or companies involved
- **Mosque Donor Type^C:** Must be identified as either Individual Person(s) or Company
- **Plot Details:** Municipal Affection Plan & Building Site Plan must be attached

In order to obtain an official Donor's Name Letter the appointed PQP must contact the AWQAF Masajed Department Manager of the relevant region/location. The official Donor Name letter must be included within the Liveable Buildings Outdoor credit folder (LBo-R1) as part of the supporting documents.

This change is applicable to new mosque PBRS submissions made **on or after 1st January 2016**.

For further information regarding the Pearl Rating Systems, please visit the Estidama website on <http://estidama.upc.gov.ae>

		
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^A All mosques projects must be submitted to the UPC Estidama Department for review and approval using the correspondence protocol outlined within <http://estidama.upc.gov.ae/submit-project/submitting-a-pearl-rating-application.aspx>

^B Prior to 1st January 2016, all mosques (funded by individual donor(s)) that were awarded a 2 Pearl **Design** Rating Notification of Pearl Compliance (NOPC) approval **AND** have **NOT** appointed a **contractor** will be subject to demonstrating a minimum 1 Pearl **Construction** Rating. All mosques (funded by individual donors) that have already commenced construction must demonstrate construction rating compliance with the Pearl Rating awarded at the Design stage.

^C If multiple donors are present and one of the donors is identified as a company, then the donor type will be classified as 'Company' and subject to a minimum 2 Pearl Rating under the Pearl Building Rating System (PBRS).