

EN 8: Shared Facilities

Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that share their facilities with the local community. An institution can strengthen and sustain the health and wellbeing of the community in which it is rooted by making its resources accessible to help meet the needs of local residents.

Applicability

Applicable to all institutions.

Points available

A maximum of 2 points are available for this credit.

Criteria

8.1 Publicly shared facilities

An institution earns 2 points available for this indicator when it provides free or low-cost public access to A) space for public events or meetings, B) a facility that helps people meet their basic needs, C) a facility that provides cultural services, and D) a facility that provides recreational services. Partial points are available and earned as outlined in Table I.

Table I. Points earned for indicator 8.1

Type of on-site facility	Points available	Points earned
A. Publicly accessible space for public meetings or events	0.25	
Free or low cost access to the meeting or event space	0.25	
B. Publicly accessible facility that helps people meet their basic needs	0.25	
Free or low cost access to the basic needs facilities	0.25	
C. Publicly accessible facility that provides cultural services	0.25	
Free or low cost access to the cultural service facilities	0.25	
D. Publicly accessible facility that provides recreational services	0.25	

Free or low cost access to the recreational service facilities	0.25	
Total points earned →		

Measurement

Report on the current status of the institution's policies and initiatives.

To qualify as publicly accessible, an institution must provide regular, non-discriminatory means for members of the public to use or avail of at least one facility that meets the criteria outlined above. This may include fee-based or occasional access, as long as access is not denied on grounds such as gender identity, racial or ethnic identity, indigeneity, genetic features, language, religion or belief, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age, or sexual orientation. Campus tours do not qualify.

To qualify as free or low cost access, the institution must make at least one facility available at no cost on a regular basis and/or maintain standing discounts, below-market fees, or a sliding scale fee structure designed to ensure that no local resident is denied access due to their economic status. If claiming points for free or low cost access, include specific information about how it is provided in the appropriate fields below.

Documentation

Report the following information in the online Reporting Tool.

- Does the institution have on-site space for meetings or events that is publicly accessible? (required). For example, classroom or auditorium space for use by local community organizations.

If Yes, the following two fields are also required:

- Does the institution provide free or low cost access to the meeting or event space?
- Description of the institution's publicly accessible space for meetings or events

- Does the institution have at least one on-site facility that helps people meet their basic needs and is publicly accessible? (required). For example, a community garden, food bank, child care center, or health clinic.

If Yes, the following two fields are also required:

- Does the institution provide free or low cost access to the basic needs facilities?
- Description of the institution's publicly accessible facilities that help people meet their basic needs

- Does the institution have at least one on-site facility that provides cultural services and is publicly accessible? (required). For example, a library, computer lab, resource center, museum, or gallery.

If Yes, the following two fields are also required:

- Does the institution provide free or low cost access to the cultural service facilities?
- Description of the institution's publicly accessible facilities that provide cultural services
- Does the institution have at least one on-site facility that provides recreational services and is publicly accessible? (required). For example, a gym, athletic field, fitness trail, or playground.

If Yes, the following two fields are also required:

- Does the institution provide free or low cost access to the recreational service facilities?
- Description of the institution's publicly accessible facilities that provide recreational services