

What Major Renovation Projects are Eligible for an RHFAC Rating?



Major renovations to an existing building can be rated separately under RHFAC if it is an **expansion** or **redevelopment**.

Expansion

Adds new square footage to an existing site.

Redevelopment

Significantly modifies the interior structural configuration of a portion of a site.

Examples include:

- A library added to an existing community centre.
- The science lab section of a university campus building that has been remodelled.
- A tenant's office that have been redesigned in a commercial tower.

Site Enhancements

While encouraged, site enhancements are not considered a redevelopment for the purposes of receiving a distinct RHFAC rating.

Examples include:

- The addition of a new accessible reception desk and seating in the lobby of an office tower.
- Replacement of flooring in the department of agriculture.
- The installation of directional signage in a shopping mall.

Please contact the RHFAC team at access@rickhansen.com if you are unsure about the eligibility of your project.

Defining the Scope of a “Major Renovation” Rating

Defining the scope of rating is critical to identifying which areas of the site are included and excluded in any RHFAC rating. Since RHFAC follows a holistic user journey approach, all areas and elements that people will navigate through and use must be included. This means that the scope of a rating for a major renovation site may extend beyond the major renovation to include:



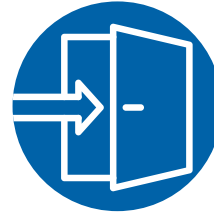
Parking
spaces



Paths of travel
& base building
entrances



Sanitary facilities
outside of
renovated areas



Emergency exit
routes

and other
applicable
elements part
of the user
journey to the
renovated area.



Terms and Fees

The same terms and fees apply for all ratings, including major renovation projects. Get started by checking out the [Guide to RHF Accessibility Certification](#) for more details.

For more information contact access@rickhansen.com or go to our [website](#).