

CORENET X Connect: SCAL Workshop

14 Mar 2025





Programme

| 2.00 PM | Registration |
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| 2.30 PM | Opening by BCA/DCEO, Mr Chin Chi Leong and SCAL President, Mr Lee Kay Chai (10 min) |
| 2.40 PM | Mentimeter Check-in (10 min) |
| 2.50 PM | Recap and Update of CORENET X (20 min) |
| 3.10 PM | Discussion (20min) |
| 3.30 PM | <i><break 15="" for="" min=""></break></i> |
| 3.45 PM | Sharing from discussion |
| 4.30 PM | Wrap up discussion & Closing |

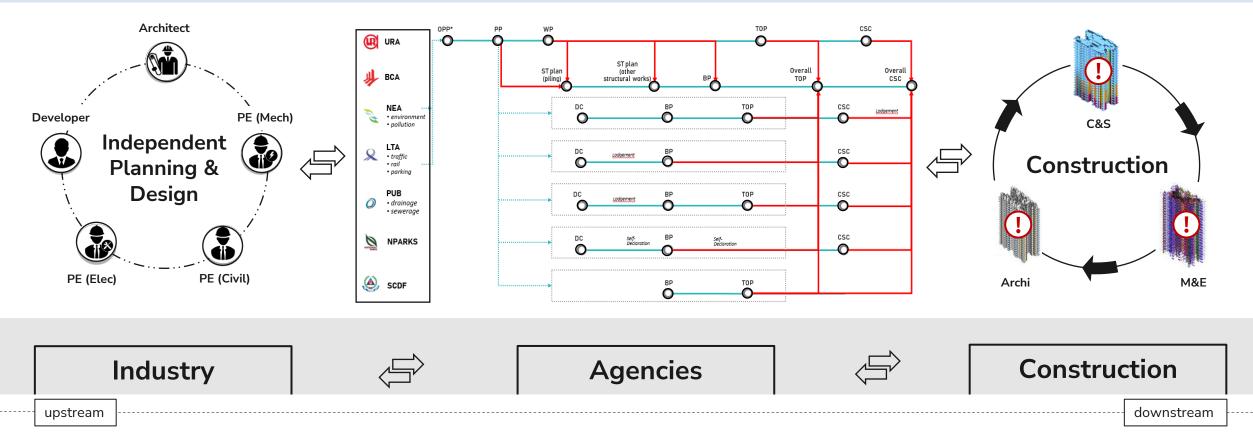


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Recap and Updates on CORENET X

Key Impetus for Change

Today's Separate and Concurrent Regulatory Approval Process



- Plans are prepared by **different professionals independently**
- Plans are **submitted separately** to different agencies at different milestones concurrently

- Each of the 7 agencies has a **different** regulatory mandate
- Comments from one agency may lead to **resubmission/ amendment** to others
- Approved plans can be **conflicting**; **no single integrated view** of the approved plan

- Plans contain **conflicts that need to be resolved** during construction
- Rectifications = Abortive Works
- **Delayed issuance** of TOP/CSC

What if...



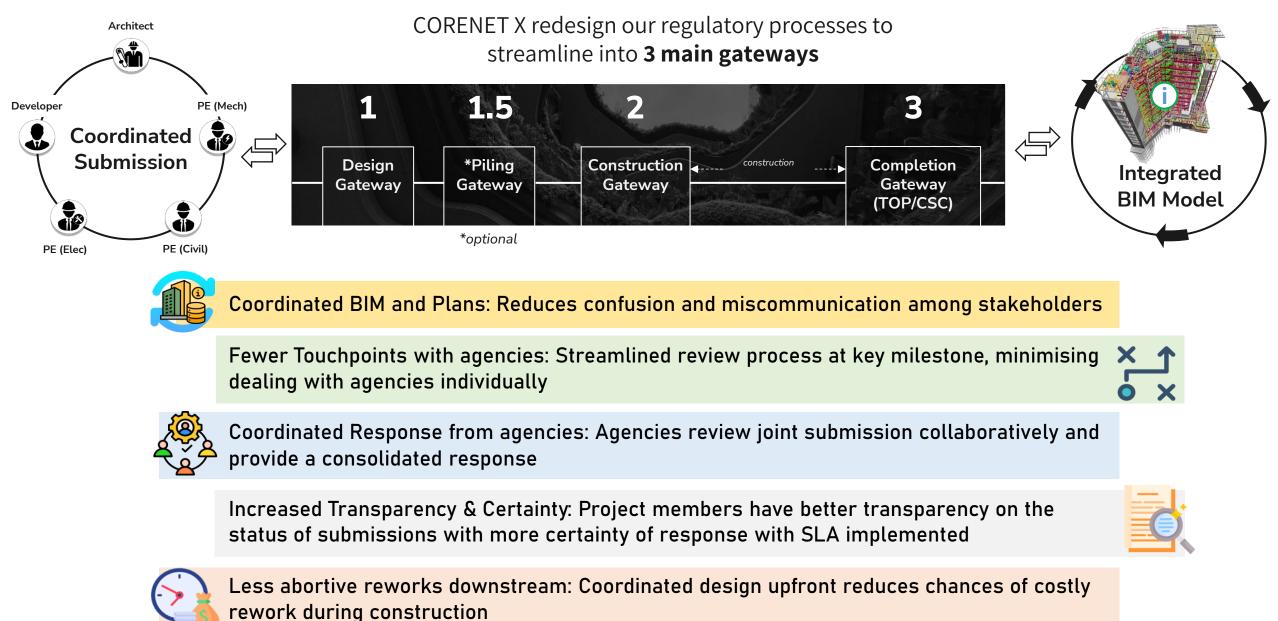
We could harness **digital technologies such as BIM fully**?

Regulatory agencies can **collaborate** seamlessly and interact with industry on a **single shopfront**?

Quality of designs can be improved through **better coordination**; **reducing abortive works?**



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AT THE GATEWAYS

Coordinated submissions (consisting of various disciplines) will be submitted and reviewed collectively by agencies. **This helps to ensure cross-agency issues and conflicts are identified upfront.**



Coordinated & consolidated response

- Agencies review, deconflict & respond collectively. Comments can be location-tagged on BIM model
- Industry no longer be required to produce comments/clearances from another Agency



Iterations through Written Directions

• With collective review and collaboration across Agencies, submissions should not iterate with more than 2 Written Directions at each gateway

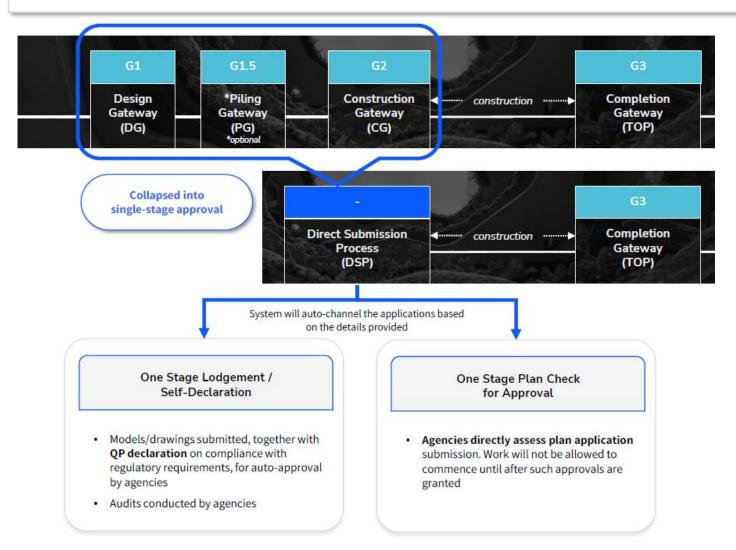


Working days response time by Agencies

- Submissions go through Agencies' inter and intra-agency level reviews
- Agencies will collaborate to respond to industry collectively within 20 working days

RABW: Direct Submission Process

Differentiated approach for simple building works that need not be subjected to the typical RABW 3-Gateway process (e.g. single-unit residential landed development, standalone pavilion/linkway/ racking system)



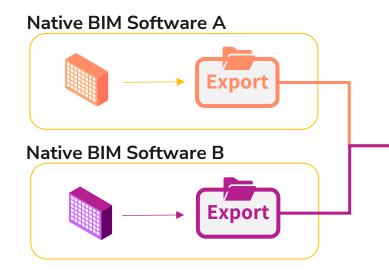
Direct Submission Process

Developing a **single-stage**, **crossagency plan approval stage** prior to TOP/CSC, instead of multiple touchpoints at Design Gateway, Piling Gateway (optional) and Construction Gateway.

BIM Submissions in OpenBIM Format

BIM submission in IFC-SG format is mandatory for

- New projects with GFA of 5,000 sqm or more; or
- Major A&A projects where the <u>new GFA</u> is 5,000 sqm or more

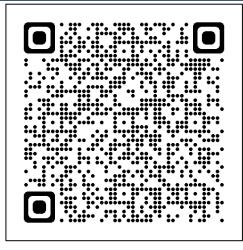


Common Representation



- Industry Foundation Class (IFC) is an ISO international open standard and BIM format
- IFC-SG is adapted to cater for local Regulatory Requirements





CORENET X



"A MUST READ"

- > 2nd edition was **released in Nov 2024**
- Help industry practitioners in understanding how to prepare multi-agency regulatory submissions across the key submission gateways in CORENET X
- Provides all the essential information about CORENET X and details all the agencies' requirements at each Gateways and the BIM modelling requirements





Second Edition | Published on 2024-11

Update on CORENET X Implementation

1 October 2025

Mandatory CORENET X submission for all new projects with Gross Floor Area (GFA) \geq 30,000 m^2

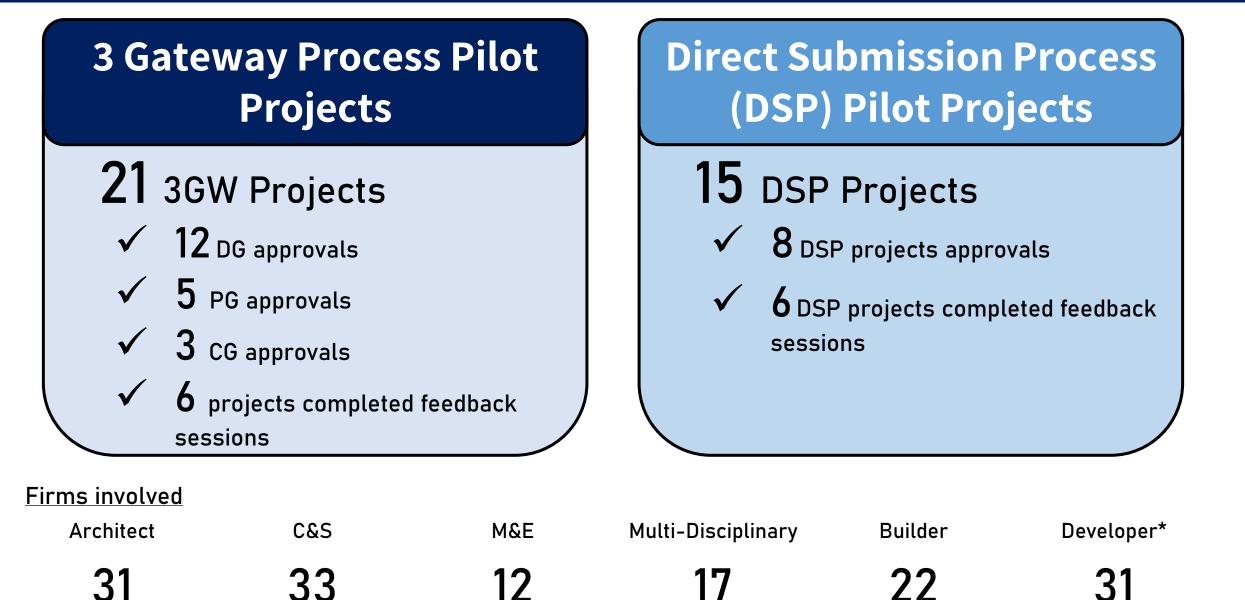
1 October 2026

Mandatory CORENET X submission for all new projects, regardless of GFA

1 October 2027

Mandatory onboarding to CORENET X for all ongoing projects

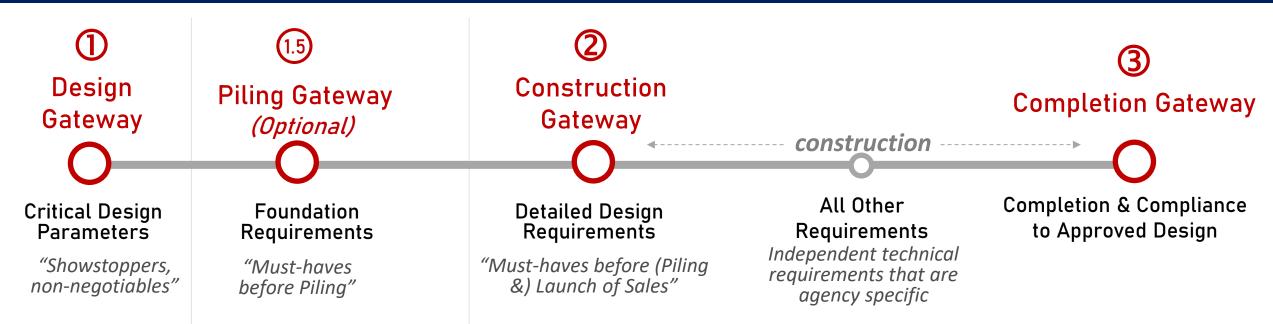
Progress of CORENET X Projects Submitted to Date



*excluding homeowners

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Submission Flow & Key Things to Note



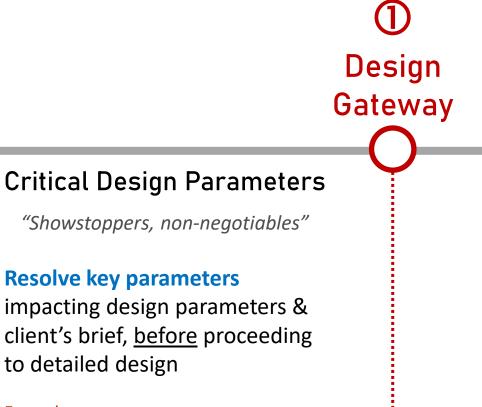
Approvals at each Gateway consist of the following agencies' equivalent clearances today* :

- URA PP
- LTA Layout Plan, NEA and PUB DC Clearances
- NParks DG Approval including treecutting
- BCA ST Approvals for Permanent Piling Works
 LTA RPZ AIP for Pile
- Design and Layout Plan
- Independent clearances, e.g. NParks EMMP & PUB's Earth Control Measures Approval

- URA WP
- BCA BP and ST Approvals
- LTA Street Plan Clearance, BP (Parking), BP (Rails)
- NEA and PUB BP Clearance Cert
- SCDF BP Approval
- NParks CG Approval

Key Objective of Gateways Resolve multi-agency requirements concerning design details that need to be coordinated

* Requirements at each Gateway may not be the same as requirements for clearances today. For more info, please visit https://info.corenet.gov.sg/regulatory-process/about-the-new-submission-process or refer to the Code of Practice



Examples

- Master Plan land use / intensity
- Building massing (e.g. height)
- Site layout, access points
- Broad planning parameters of drainage, sewerage and sanitary works
- Greenery provision

Proceed to obtain
 approval for next
 Gateway

- Project teams are encouraged to carry out presubmission consultations as early as possible, to clarify/enquire on agency requirements and potential deviations.
- There are some submissions (e.g. NParks EMMP, NEA NIA) that are to be submitted directly to the agencies refer to the COP for more info.
- Demolition application, if required, can proceed independently from DG submission for the new development. It will be a joint application to URA and BCA.
- After creating the initial Design Gateway draft, the QPs can start creating drafts for any submission at any time.

Piling Gateway Optional - if project team wishes to start piling works early) Foundation Requirements "Must-haves before Piling"

Resolve requirements pertaining to piling and foundation works (e.g.

piling, pile caps, raft foundation, earth retaining and stabilizing structures), excluding superstructural works

Examples

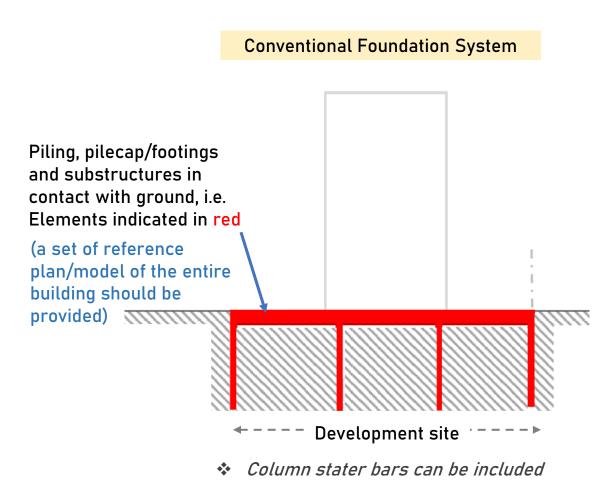
- Structural design
- Earth Control Measures
- Earthworks
- Engineering assessment for piling works within Rail Protection Zone/Rail Corridor (if applicable)

Start Piling

- Project team should assess the risk involved when opting for PG before superstructure is approved
- PG submission can be made after DG application is submitted and processing. But approval will only be granted after DG approval has been obtained.
- PG and CG submissions can be made concurrently.
- Phasing for structural submissions at PG is not encouraged. A request can only be put up at the presubmission consultation for agencies' consideration on a case-by-case basis if:
 - The site area covers more than 15,000sqm;
 - \succ The project site possession are in multiple phases; or
 - > The structural design involves complex building

Piling Gateway (Optional)

The Piling Gateway clearance pertains to the design of permanent piling and substructure works that do not affect internal layout.



QP(ST) can initiate Permit to commence structural works application once Demolition/PG/CG (where applicable) submission is approved.

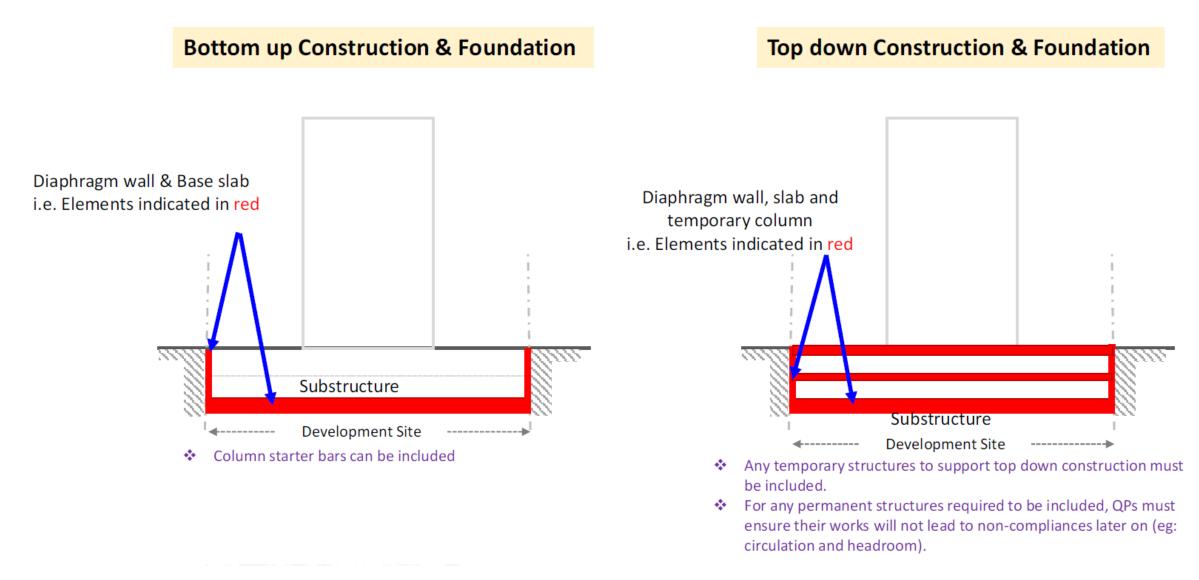
- Builder (TC) can indicate specialist builder and apply the permit to commence specialist building works simultaneously.
- Builder & specialist builders need to declare in CORENET X submission portal when the application proceeds to declaration stage
- The project team needs to amend the permit application whenever there is any addition/updates to the RE/RTO/specialist builders.

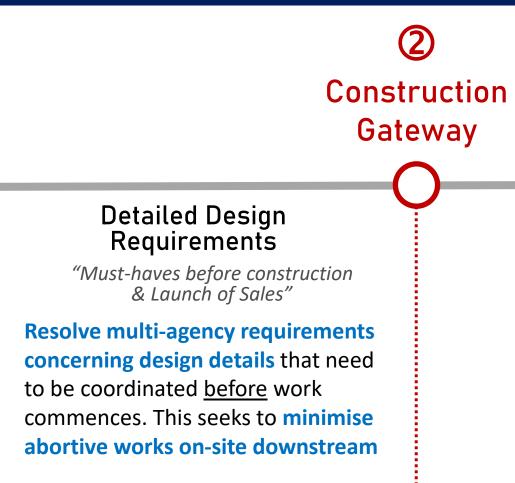
Other site works (e.g. for site clearance, temporary protection, etc.), which do not form part of the permanent structures but still require agencies' clearances can be cleared in parallel and need not be tied to the Piling Gateway approval

For independent ST works, project team can apply for ST plan and Permit under 1 application.

Piling Gateway (Optional)

For projects with Basement





Examples:

- Superstructure design
- Detailed floor layout within building (e.g. floor, fire safety, carpark)
- Accessibility and connectivity
- Household shelters

- Preparations for CG should start as early as possible.
- The project team, including the builder where applicable, should discuss early on how part ST submissions should be carried out prior to pre-consultation with BCA.
- Cater sufficient time for the engineers to do their design and calculations, and for AC checking (where applicable)





Must the full structural submission (including detailed design and calculations, AC/ACO report, etc.) for the whole project be submitted in one go at CG?

To address industry's concern that structural design takes time (especially if AC/ACO reports are required) and it is impractical to complete the full structural details in one go

 Detailed structural design and calculations of eligible projects need not be submitted in a single package but done through a limited number of part ST submissions.

Building projects:

- Any project with a Gross Floor Area (GFA) > 40,000sqm is eligible for part ST submission if –
 - a. the project consists of 5 or more blocks of building of at least 4 storeys high each; or
 - b. the project consists of 3 or more blocks of building of at least 4 storeys high each, with common podium or basement.
- 2. Cluster housing projects with 40 or more landed units

☐ Infrastructure projects:

- Infrastructure works that <u>function like a building</u> with length > 150m (e.g. MRT stations, transport nodes/ interchanges);
- Infrastructure works that are <u>mostly engineering works</u> with length > 400m (e.g. viaducts, large scale drains, sewers)
- 3. Infrastructure works that are <u>mostly coastal works</u> with length > 4,000m (e.g. land reclamation, revetment, sea wall, bund wall)

Part ST Submissions – Submission Flow

First CG Submission (CG01) (WP, all agencies' BP and C&S Part ST 01)

- 1. Coordinated IFC Model comprising:
 - a) Full Architectural model
 - b) Full M&E model; and
 - c) Structural model (contains full details of structures under Part ST 01; carcass only for structures in remaining Part STs)
- 2. Supplementary structural drawing, detailed calculations, AC/ACO report for Part ST 01



Approval for **subsequent** C&S Part ST can only be obtained **after First CG is approved**.

C&S Part ST 02 (C&S only, under Independent Submission Module)

- 1. Structural IFC Model containing full details of structures under Part ST 02
- 2. Supplementary structural drawing, detailed calculations, AC/ACO report for Part ST 02



Remaining Part ST submissions (Part ST 03, ST 04, etc)

Part ST Submissions - Guidelines

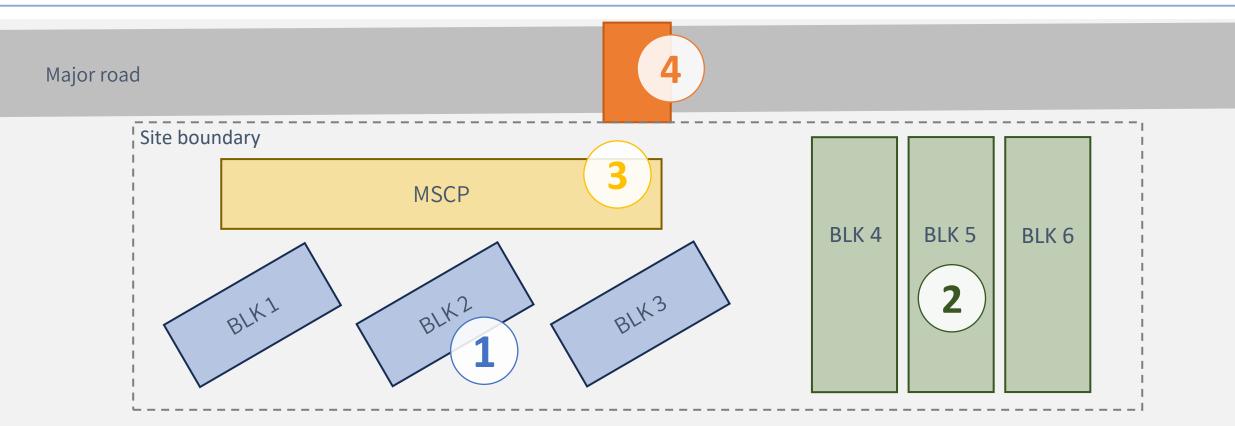
Project teams should propose the Part ST Submission plan based on below guidelines and seek agencies' concurrence during pre-submission consultations, before making any submissions.

Undergoing further refinements

| Scope of Works | Number of Part ST Submissions Allowed | |
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| Superstructure | 1 no. of Part ST Submission for every 4 blocks (rounded to nearest unit) 1 no. of Part ST submission for every 40 landed units (rounded to nearest unit) | |
| | <u>Example:</u> For a building project consisting of 9 tower blocks, 3 no. of Part ST Submissions of <u>equal</u> <u>GFA</u> is allowed. (i.e. if the total GFA is 105,000 sqm, each of the Part ST Submission should be about 35,000 sqm) | |
| Common Basement | 1 no. of Part ST Submission | |
| Common Podium | 1 no. of Part ST Submission | |
| All ancillary works | 1 no. of Part ST Submission | |
| All external works | 1 no. of Part ST Submission | |
| ERSS | | |
| Cladding | Independent submission | |
| Façade | *No change from the standard RABW (without phasing) | |
| Temporary Deck | | |

Part ST Submissions – Guidelines (Illustrated with Example)





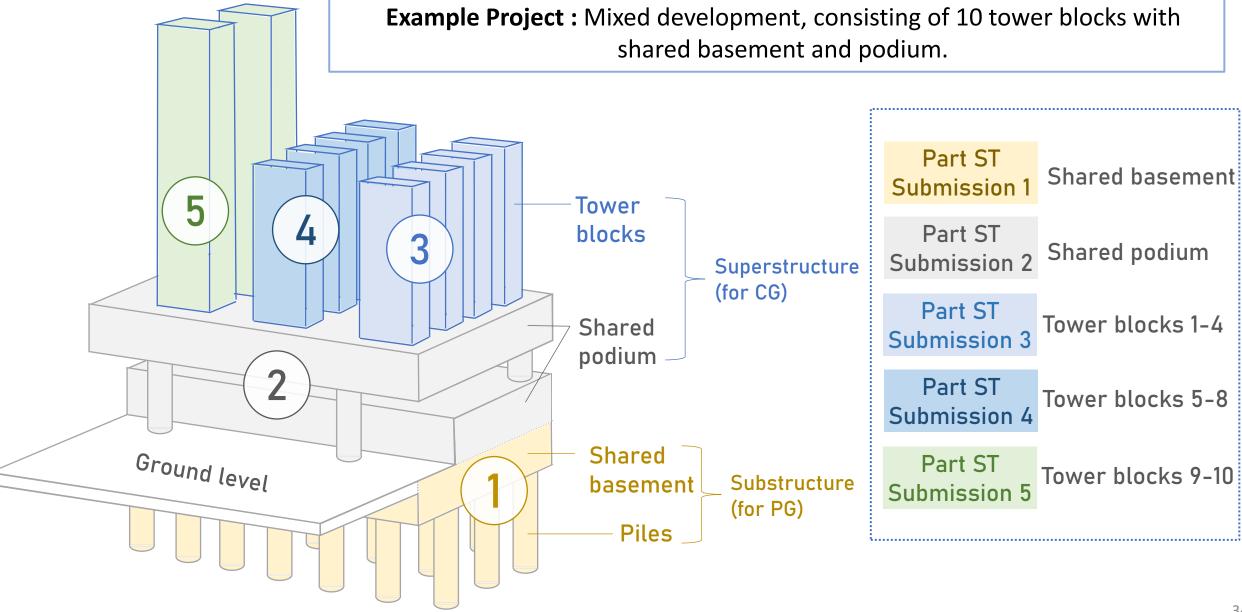
Part ST Submission 1: Block 1 – 3

Part ST Submission 2: Block 4 – 6



Part ST Submission 3: Ancillary works within site boundary Part ST Submission 4: External works outside site boundary

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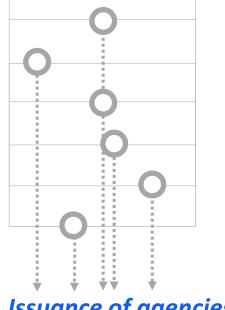


Independent Submissions

Technical submissions to one agency line department on **specialist details and agency-specific details** that do not affect other agencies.

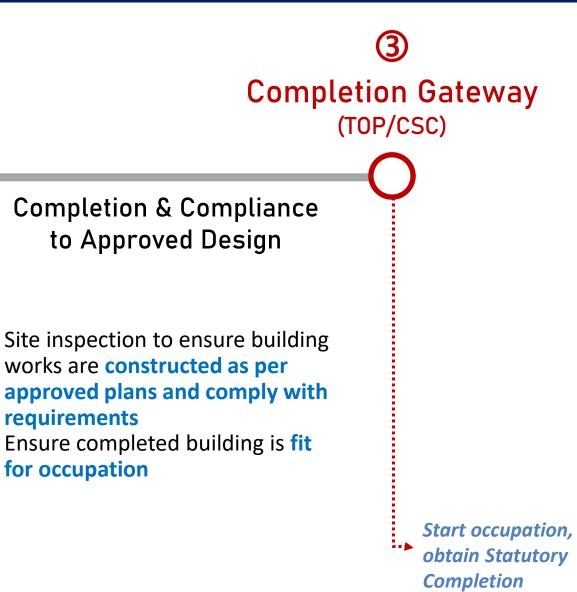
Examples:

- Equipment and services (e.g. lifts, cooling tower, fire fighting system, water pumps)
- Structural details of ancillary components (e.g. barrier, cladding, curtain wall)
- C-score



Issuance of agencies' clearances/ acknowledgements

- It is important to understand when and which Independent Submissions need to be submitted for your project - Please study the Code of Practice carefully.
- QP(ST) can submit ERSS, temporary traffic decking, barrier and cladding work as independent submissions together with permit application.
 - QP can link the independent submission with existing permit if there is no change on the project parties.
 - Else QP can apply for a fresh permit together with this independent submission.



requirements

for occupation

- TOP submissions are to be made to respective agencies independently and concurrently, whenever ready.
- The final TOP/CSC will be issued when the project obtains all the necessary clearances from all agencies.
- A one-stop dashboard of the project's status of TOP/CSC applications across various agencies will be available in the CORENET X Submission Portal for greater transparency and better tracking.

Amendment Plan Submission



- Major deviations from the approved DG proposal entails a re-evaluation and will require a fresh DG submission, along with payment of any applicable processing fees.
- Minor deviation to the approved DG can be incorporated in the subsequent Gateways (i.e. PG or CG)

- Material changes to approved PG / CG will require Amendment Submission to PG / CG.
- Immaterial changes can be captured in subsequent Amendment Submission (if any) or in record plan (as-built plans) if there is no further amendment submission

- Project team should assess the impact and extent carefully before deciding to proceed with the change.
- QPs need to assess which agencies are affected and require reapproval.
- For joint submission (eg: DG, CG), all QPs involved will be notified of the amendment plan.

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Submission Portal

Key Differences in the CORENET X Submission Portal

More activities can now be carried out on the CORENET X Submission Portal as compared to the CORENET 2 system.

Other than submissions by QPs, the following activities will also be covered in CORENET X:

- Appointment of Project members by Developer or relevant members
- Declaration by relevant project member(s)

| Note: The following project memb | ers are now required to login and use |
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| CORENET X: | |

- Developer (Individual) *for homeowners or other individual owners, etc.
- Developer (Organisation)
- Licensed Builder
- Specialist Builder
- Accredited Checker
- Specialist Accredited Checker
- Resident Engineer/Resident Technical Officer
- Licensed Plumber
- Fire Safety Engineer
- Peer Reviewer for Fire Safety Engineer
- Transport Consultant

All project members can add Assistants & control their access to the projects

| Add member details | Add responsibilities |
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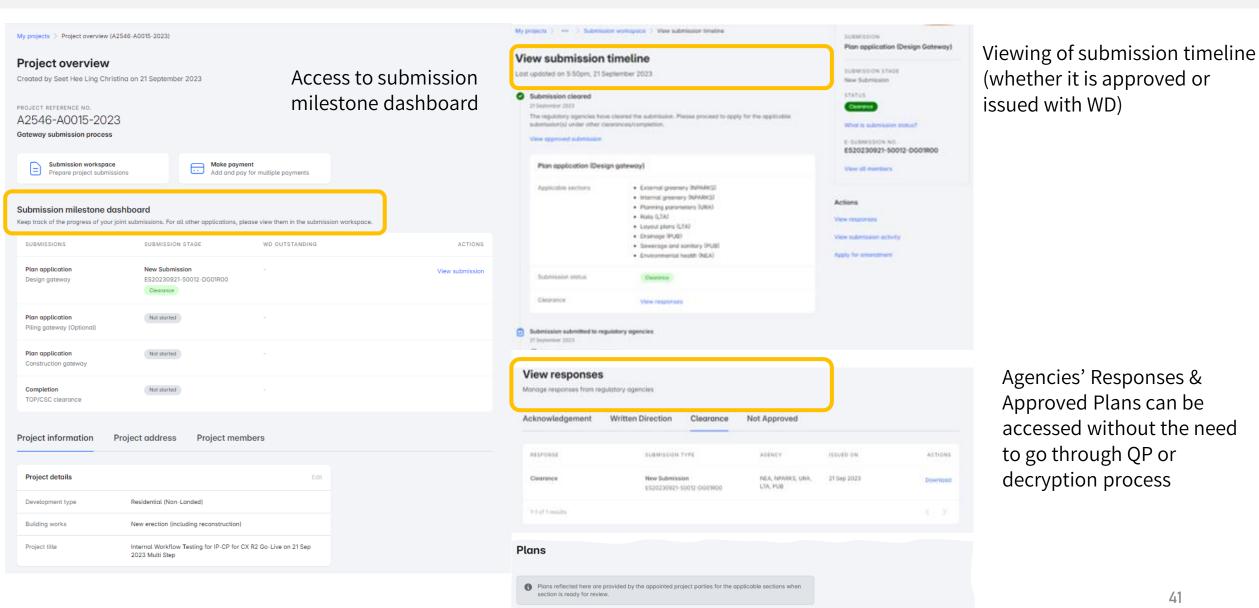
CORENET X Submission Portal - Builders

Builders need to interact more with the CORENET X Submission Portal than before

- Licensed Builders and Specialist Builders All submissions will be made via CORENET X (including Permit, Constructability Score and C-forms, Builders' Certificates etc.)
- Approved Person (AP) and Technical Controllers (TC) Ensure AP and TC info are upto-date (validation will be done with Builders' Licensing System)
 - can appoint members
 - can add assistant to help prepare the required submissions
- Builders can now track submission progress directly and download approved plans from the portal
- [Coming soon] Builders can also add up to 2 secondary personnels to support the appointment of members

Access to Project information and Submission Status

Builders, as part of the project team, now have access to view the project progress & status



CORENET X Submission Portal - Builders

- Project members who currently do not need to use CORENET 2.0 but will need to access CORENET X will need to familiarise themselves with Singpass for Business (Corppass).
- As regulatory forms have digitalised on CORENET X, the appointment of QPs and the subsequent workflows such as creation of submissions will be delayed if Corppass for each firm's representatives has not been set up.

Good Practice

- All industry stakeholders should set up their Corppass accounts as early as possible including Corppass access to the CORENET X Submission Portal so that any issues that may arise can be addressed with their Corppass Admin (e.g. internal clearances required, Corppass Admin is away on leave, etc.)
- Corppass admins should authorise their staff (Developer/Builder/QP and their assistants) to represent the company and be able to access "CORENET X Industry Portal" (https://portal.corenet.gov.sg/) e-Service.



Resources Available





Training/Courses for Industry Practitioners

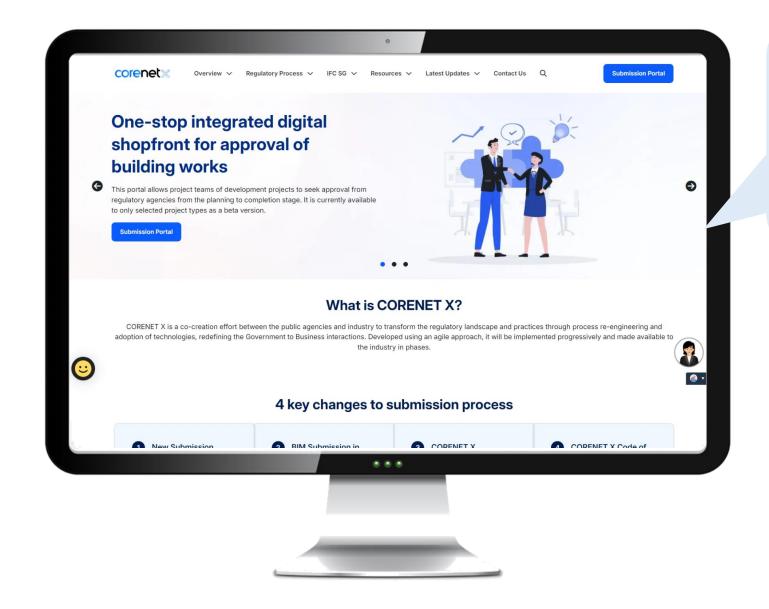
| | Mode of Lessons | <u>Trainers</u> |
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| | | The Architect's Academy by Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) |
| CORENET X Regulatory Approval | Physical | BIMAGE |
| for Building Works (RABW) Course | , | BCA Academy |
| Understanding the new RABW Processes | | SP Pace Academy |
| enderstanding the new KABW Processes | | AcePLP(AIA) |
| | Self-paced Online Learning | Bluskai |
| 2 | Software | <u>Trainers</u> |
| IFC-SG Training | Revit | AcePLP Pte Ltd, BIMAGE consulting, SP Pace Academy, Innocom |
| Preparing OpenBIM submissions using IFC- | Tekla | AcePLP Pte Ltd |
| SG | Archicad | Graphisoft |
| | Bentley | Bentley, AcePLP(AIA) |

Please scan the QR code below to find out more:

https://go.gov.sg/cx



New CORENET X Website & Resources



- Interactive COP
- Submission Portal Guides
- IFC-SG
- Training & Funding
- Past Events & Material

More details on CORENET X can be found at: <u>https://go.gov.sg/cx</u>





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Discussion

Submission Sequence & Construction Scheduling



How will you optimise your construction scheduling and resource mobilization to align with CORENET X's redesigned approval process?

- > What are the key factors to consider?
- > What adjustments will you make?

Observations from Pilot Project

- Planning and Coordination issue between Builder and C&S Engineers
- For large projects, Part ST submission packaging and timing directly affects the construction schedule
- Observation 1: The offsite preparation time for precast works were not factored in and precast work could not start in time resulting in construction delay. Precast elements for superstructure was not included in the first ST package.
- **Observation 2: Part ST scope was small** and completed before subsequent Part STs are approved, resulting in **idling time for builder**.

Getting Prepared for CORENET X



How do you prepare your company for CORENET X?

- ➤ How do you organise your team?
- How do you manage your consultants for D&B projects?
- > What are the value-adds that you can bring to your clients?
- > What are the impacts/challenges do you foresee and how do you mitigate?

Observations from Pilot Projects

- Lack of coordination and communication between the architects, engineers and contractors.
- Insufficient time given to C&S for design and calculations, and AC checking.
- Lack of clarity among project team on who is responsible for BIM coordination before submission.

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Thank You!

For enquiries/feedback related to CORENET X, you can reach us via online form <u>go.gov.sg/cxenquiry</u> or contact us at 3129 7483.



Additional Reading Materials



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Checksum for Approved Plans

Checksum for Approved Plans in CORENET X

Approved plans in CORENET X will not have the watermark unlike current practice. Industry can verify if a set of plans are approved using the checksum method.

What is Checksum?

- A checksum is a unique alphanumeric value, like digital fingerprint of a file
- Unlike traditional watermarks, allows for easy detection of even small changes without affecting the file's contents or accessibility.

The Checksum values of each approved plan are found in the "List of Approved Plans", attached to the Notice of Approval

- Standardised approach across agencies and can be used all kinds of files (BIM or 2D)
- Ease of access files can be used without decryption
- Quick verification of approved plan without using specific application, software or internet and low likelihood of forgery

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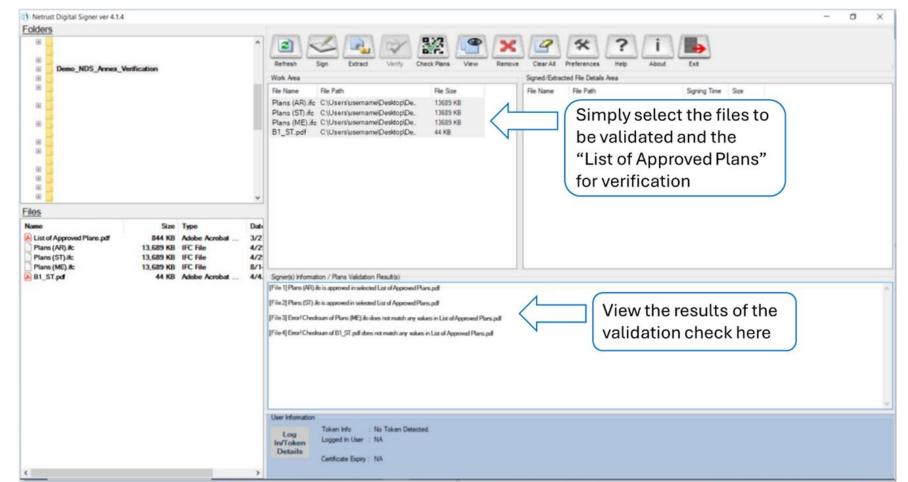
Verifying Approved Plans using Checksum (1 of 2)

To verify if a file is an approved plan, you can compare the checksum of the file with the checksum listed in the "List of Approved Plans"

1. Verification with Netrust Digital Signer (ND)

The latest version of NDS has the capability to perform validation of files with a List of Approved Plans.

- Simply select the files to be validated and the "List of Approved Plans" for verification"
- 2. View the results of the validation check in the Plans Validation Results(s)



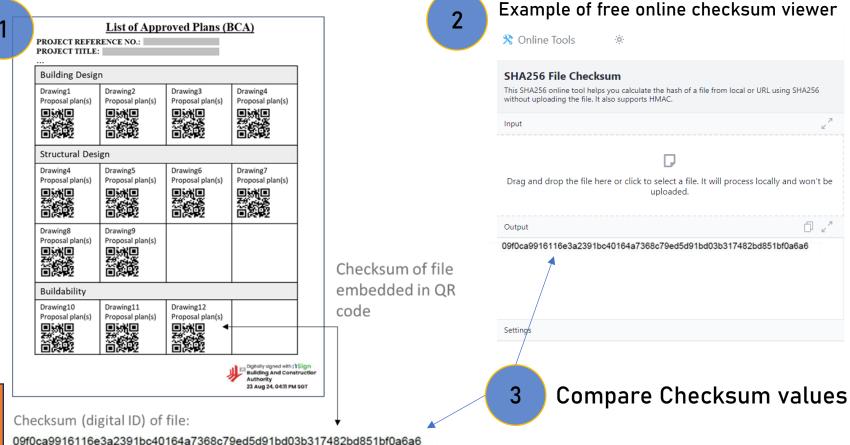
Verifying Approved Plans using Checksum (2 of 2)

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<u>1. Verification without Netrust Digital Signer (NDS)</u>

- Scan the QR Code in the approval letter using any QR code reader to obtain the SHA256 checksum of the approved plan
- 2. Obtain the SHA256 checksum of the file you wish to verify
 - There are many ways to do this (e.g. through free online tools)
- 3. Compare Checksum values from Step 1 and 2

NOTE: QR code is only for checksum value, approved plans can only be downloaded from Submission Portal



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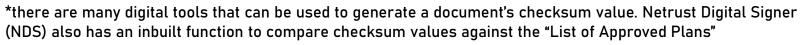
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- The checksum approach can be used for all types of files (BIM or 2D), can be used without decryption and can be quickly verified, even without internet.

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| 29) and Building Control Regulations, and the follow a) there is a valid planning permission. If Household and/or Storey Shelter structural structural plans, please note that the approval grarate of such Shelter Plans. Sheedd there be any amenden structural elements of the shelter, the qualified person before construction. Please note that you are required, under see premit to commence work before carrying out struct | ved subject to the provisions of the Building Control Act (Cap. ing term and condition of approval. plans ("Shelter Plans") were submitted together with the above pursuant to this Notice of Approval shall also be an approval onts to the approved Shelter Plans which materially affect the is required to submit the amended Shelter Plans for our approval tion 6 of the Building Control Act, to apply for and obtain the ard works. If a permit has afreedy been issued for this project, g as the parties to the permit (i.e. the developer, the qualified | Drawing5 Proposal plan(s) Drawing9 Proposal plan(s) Drawing9 Proposal plan(s) | an(s) Prop |
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