



# ict active explained

## What is ict active?

**ict active** is the national standard for the provision of Information Communications Technology (ICT) in office buildings. It sets criteria for both the infrastructure and services provided by a building and is designed to promote commercial properties that have a high quality ICT offering. **ict active** is based on the BSI Publicly Available Specification PAS700 which was published in Spring 2009.

People looking to sell, lease, buy or rent commercial property can all benefit from ict active.

## Why is ict active a good idea for people providing, marketing or occupying commercial property?

The commercial property market is highly competitive and demand is growing for workspaces that provide excellent ICT facilities. Buyers and tenants need a point of reference that will tell them all they need to know about a building's ICT capabilities. Sellers and property owners need a mark of quality that will make their property stand out from the crowd. **ict active** offers all of this.

Once a property has achieved the **ict active** standard it is showcased on the **ict active** website, complete with photos and a summary of the facilities it has to offer. People who are looking for property can easily access this site to search for a building that is right for them. Every **ict active** building receives a plaque and a certificate and benefits from the scheme's ongoing marketing campaigns.



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## Becoming ict active

To become **ict active**, a building must undergo a survey by a specially trained assessor. This will look at everything from the basic cabling and availability of power supplies in a building, to the provision of ICT-based services. To achieve the **ict active** standard, a property must meet the minimum requirement across three mandatory 'layers', which look at the building, the supporting infrastructure and basic services such as telephony, internet and technical support.

If the building meets additional optional requirements as well as the **ict active** minimum, it may qualify for Leading Edge or Excellent status. This means the building's ICT capabilities are of a very high standard and the Leading Edge designation will identify it as a flagship property.

Properties that are close to achieving the **ict active** standard, but require improvement in one or two areas, may qualify as **ict active** registered. This identifies the property as working towards becoming accredited.

**If you require further information about undergoing an ict active assessment or you would like to know more about the ict active buildings in your area, please contact:**

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