

BOMA Standards FAQ's

What is BOMA?

BOMA is the Building Owners and Managers Association International that publishes a series of standards for the measurement of new and existing buildings with the goal of a common system for determining the rentable area and add-on factors for various types of buildings.

What are the Standards?

There are 5 different standards available from BOMA. There is a specific standard for the measurement of Industrial Buildings, Office Buildings, Retail Buildings, Multi-Family Residential Buildings, and the Gross Areas of a Building Standard Methods of Measurement.

Who Calculates the Building Measurement?

The BOMA calculations are generally performed by an Architect familiar with the Standards and the building.

Where can I get a copy of the Standards?

You can purchase the standards from BOMA at their website at www.boma.org. They are also available at technical book stores such as Brown Bookstore downtown.

Do the standards ever change?

Yes; the office building standards were issued in 1980, 1996 and 2010.

Do all buildings follow the Standards precisely?

No; this is real estate – everything is negotiable. The most common variation is to discount the common area in older, less efficient buildings to achieve a more attractive add-on factor.

Where do I go for “official” answers to questions about the BOMA Standards?

BOMA has set up several official interpreters of the Standards as follow:

BOMA RECOGNIZED INTERPRETERS

Do you have questions about the BOMA Measurement Standards? The BOMA International Official Interpreters can help.

**Submit your question
to American Building
Calculations**

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Land O Lakes, FL 34639
(813) 600-5472
www.abccalc.biz

**Submit your question
to Extreme Measures**

55 Avenue Road
Toronto, Ontario MSR 3L 2
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**Submit your question
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645 Fort Street
Victoria, BC, Canada
(866) 583-2588
www.lasertechfloorplans.com

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