

Outstanding Buildings: Banding

In evaluating the merit of buildings for grant purposes Historic Scotland divides Outstanding buildings into 4 bands, as an aid to prioritising investment. These bands take account of listing Categories, but there is no automatic correspondence.

Band 1

comprises the most significant historic buildings in Scotland: very few buildings will be assessed as Band 1. This band includes buildings which are important in an international or UK context, as well as those judged of critical importance to Scotland's built heritage.

Band 2

comprises buildings which easily rank among the most significant in a national context and/or those which represent the very best examples of regional character or building type.

Band 3

comprises buildings which are judged as Outstanding in a regional context, or buildings which would rank as Outstanding in a national context, but which have been compromised to some extent.

Band 4

comprises buildings which have at least one characteristic or aspect of exceptional interest which pushes them into the Outstanding class although, without this feature, they would not be judged Outstanding.

In allocating buildings to Bands, group value will be taken into account as well as individual merit.

Buildings which are assessed as falling below (the level of Band 4) are described as Not Outstanding for grant purposes.