



Virtual TOP and CSC Inspections: What Project Teams Must Capture

Description

Quick answer: Choose full virtual, hybrid or conventional inspection only after confirming capture scope, plan alignment and evidence readiness. This guide is for a qualified person, developer or contractor considering the new whole-of-government virtual inspection route. It uses current first-party material and turns it into a practical check rather than a prediction or promotion.

What is confirmed now

- BCA has introduced a whole-of-government virtual inspection route for TOP and CSC work. ([official source 1](#))
- The guidance uses spatial capture such as 360-degree records alongside focused evidence. ([official source 2](#))
- Approved plans, exact locations and clear close-up measurements must remain reconcilable. ([official source 2](#))
- A supervising qualified person still owns professional judgement and evidential quality. ([official source 2](#))
- A hybrid route may be safer when a matter cannot be established reliably from virtual records alone. ([official source 2](#))

The most useful starting point is the date-stamped official material, not a repost or an undated summary. Read the source page in full, note what it confirms and keep missing information visibly marked as pending. That simple separation prevents a precise-looking plan from being built on an assumption.

Keep legal documents, site conditions, financing and timing in separate evidence columns. Property decisions become unsafe when a marketing claim is allowed to stand in for a contractual fact. The purpose is not to remove judgement. It is to make the judgement reproducible, so another household member, colleague or adviser can see why the choice was made.

The decision in one page

Gate	Question	Minimum record
Capture coverage	Evidence to verify	Record the answer, date and owner before committing.
Plan-to-image traceability	Cost or commitment	Record the answer, date and owner before committing.
Measurement clarity	Timing and dependency	Record the answer, date and owner before committing.
Need for physical confirmation	Fallback if the assumption fails	Record the answer, date and owner before committing.

Use all four gates. A strong answer in one column does not cancel a failure in another. For example, an attractive price cannot repair an impossible date, and a popular programme cannot replace an accessibility check. If a critical field remains unknown, set a follow-up date rather than quietly treating it as favourable.

A full-versus-hybrid inspection decision table

Start with a base case that uses only facts you can trace. Add one conservative case and one stop condition. The conservative case should change a real variable such as demand, timing, availability, cash requirement or travel friction. The stop condition should be clear enough that no one has to debate it after money or time has already been committed.

A repetitive completed floor may suit structured 360-degree capture, while a concealed detail, disputed measurement or inaccessible angle may justify a hybrid or physical check. Write the comparison in ordinary numbers or plain language. Avoid invented precision. A short range with an explanation is more useful than a single figure whose assumptions are hidden.

How to run the comparison

1. Copy the confirmed facts from the official pages and record the access date.
2. List every assumption separately, including any price, duration, eligibility or availability that the source does not guarantee.
3. Choose the one outcome that matters most to the reader, then name a minimum acceptable result.
4. Test a delay or downside that is plausible, not dramatic.
5. Save the final decision and the condition that would trigger a fresh review.

A capture pack checklist for approved plans, 360 scans, close-up measurements and supervising-QP evidence

- **Capture coverage:** write the current fact, its source and what would change the decision.
- **Plan-to-image traceability:** write the current fact, its source and what would change the decision.
- **Measurement clarity:** write the current fact, its source and what would change the decision.

- **Need for physical confirmation:** write the current fact, its source and what would change the decision.

A checklist is useful only when it produces evidence. • should mean a link, confirmation, quotation, screenshot, document or named person can be found later. For changing information, include a time. For advice, identify who gave it and the scope of the question. For a household decision, record which assumption everyone accepted.

What the official material does not prove

Virtual inspection is not a blanket waiver of regulatory duties. The appointed professionals should use the current guide and confirm the route accepted for the project. First-party sources are the authority for their own programme, rule or product, but they cannot promise personal suitability. They may also update terms after this article is published.

Do not fill a gap with a third-party estimate merely because it is convenient. Ask the official provider or use the gap as a reason to wait. If the choice affects a contract, regulated product, large payment, health, safety or legal right, obtain advice from the relevant qualified professional.

A practical evidence pack

Create a one-page file with the decision date, the two official links, the four gates, the chosen option and the next review point. Attach only the documents that change the decision. This keeps the file useful without turning it into an archive of unrelated material.

For a group decision, assign one owner to each unresolved field. Set a deadline that leaves time to choose an alternative. A missing answer on the morning of an event, at checkout or just before signing creates pressure to accept weak evidence.

Questions readers often ask

Is the headline fact enough to act?

No. It identifies the opportunity or event, but the four gates determine whether it fits the reader's situation.

When should the facts be checked again?

Check once when shortlisting and again immediately before booking, paying, applying, travelling or signing. For live schedules and inventory, check on the day.

What should stop the decision?

Stop when a critical eligibility, safety, timing, affordability or availability field cannot be confirmed. A clean pause is cheaper than repairing an avoidable commitment.

Related Little Big Red Dot reading

- [Green Mark Version 7: Which Singapore Building Projects Must Switch](#)
- [Condo Facade Inspection: Check the 20-Year and Seven-Year Clocks](#)

Bottom line

Choose full virtual, hybrid or conventional inspection only after confirming capture scope, plan alignment and evidence readiness Keep the official facts, assumptions and stop condition separate. That is the shortest route from an interesting announcement to a decision that can be explained and reviewed.

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