

Green building leadership is LEED

The impact of buildings

Buildings have a substantial impact on the health and wellbeing of people and the planet.

Buildings use resources, generate waste and are costly to maintain and operate. Green

building is the practice of designing, constructing and operating buildings to maximize

occupant health and productivity, use fewer resources, reduce waste and negative

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Why use LEED?
Faster lease up rates

Higher resale value

Healthier indoor space

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Lower use of energy, water and other resources
Better for building occupants, the community and the environment
Enhances your brand and establishes you as a leader in green building

"For over a decade, Colgate-Palmolive (<https://www.usgbc.org/organizations/colgate-palmolive-company>) has utilized LEED to design and construct our manufacturing sites all over the world" said Vance Merolla, Worldwide Director of Sustainability. "Today our business and employees are realizing the benefits of our LEED efforts through healthy work environments and efficient responsible operations."

Learn more about LEED v4.1—the newest version (</leed-v41>).

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. Available for virtually all building, community and home project types, LEED provides a framework to create healthy, highly efficient and cost-saving green buildings. LEED certification is a globally recognized symbol of sustainability achievement.

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2.2 million +

square feet is LEED certified every day with more than 90,000 projects using LEED.

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Flexible

LEED works for all building types anywhere. LEED is in 165 countries and territories.



Sustainable

LEED buildings save energy, water, resources, generate less waste and support human health.



Value

LEED buildings attract tenants, cost less to operate and boost employee productivity and retention.

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What is LEED?



A LEED for every project

LEED is for all building types and all building phases including new construction, interior fit outs, operations and maintenance, and core and shell. There's a LEED for every type of building project.

BD+C

Building Design and Construction

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ID+C

Interior Design and Construction

For complete interior fit-out projects; includes Commercial Interiors, Retail and Hospitality. Learn more about interior design and construction (<https://new.usgbc.org/leed/rating-systems/new-interiors>).

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O+M

Building Operations and Maintenance

For existing buildings that are undergoing improvement work or little to no construction; includes Existing Buildings, Schools, Retail, Hospitality, Data Centers and Warehouses & Distribution Centers. Learn more about operations and maintenance (<https://new.usgbc.org/leed/rating-systems/existing-buildings>).

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Neighborhood Development

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LEED v4 Homes rating system PDF (<http://www.usgbc.org/resources/leed-v4-homes-and-midrise-ballot-version>) / LEED v4 Homes scorecard (<http://www.usgbc.org/resources/leed-v4-homes-design-and-construction-checklist>) / Reference guide overview (<http://www.usgbc.org/guide/homes>)

Cities and Communities

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LEED for Cities Pilot scorecard (<https://www.usgbc.org/cityperformance>) / Guide to LEED Certification: Cities and Communities Pilot (<https://new.usgbc.org/cert-guide/cities-communities>)

LEED Recertification

Applies to all occupied and in-use projects that have previously achieved certification under LEED – including BD+C and ID+C, regardless of their initial rating system or version. Learn more about recertification (<https://new.usgbc.org/leed-v41#recertification>).

Recertification guide (<https://www.usgbc.org/resources/recertification-guidance-leed-buildings>)

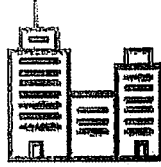
LEED Zero

Available for all LEED projects certified under the BD+C or O+M rating systems, or registered to pursue LEED O+M certification. LEED Zero is for projects with net zero goals in carbon and/or resources. Learn more about LEED Zero (<https://new.usgbc.org/leed-zero>).

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LEED offers several options designed for companies and organizations seeking certification for multiple buildings.

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Volume certification (<http://www.usgbc.org/articles/certify-multiple-buildings-leed>)

Designed for LEED users looking to certify an entire portfolio of building projects. Streamlines the process by focusing on similarities in design, operations & delivery.



LEED campus & multiple building (<http://www.usgbc.org/articles/certify-multiple-buildings-leed>)

Available for several buildings on a single site. Offers options to help project owners determine the best ways to reach their goals.



Federal agencies (<https://guidingprinciples.gbci.org/>)

GBCI offers options for government projects to meet the Guiding Principles for Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Building requirements. This website collects and uses cookies to ensure you have the best user experience. Please click on the "Accept and Close" button to affirm your consent and continue to use our website. For more information, please view our Cookies Statement (<https://www.usgbc.org/resources/usgbc-cookie-statement>).

Achieve better buildings with **LEED** Accept and Close

Projects pursuing LEED certification earn points across several categories: Location & Transportation, Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality, Innovation and more. Based on the number of points achieved, a project then earns one of four LEED rating levels: Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum.



Certified

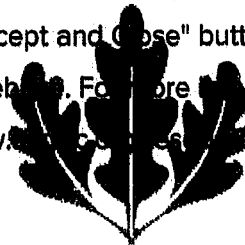
40-49 points earned



Silver

50-59 points earned

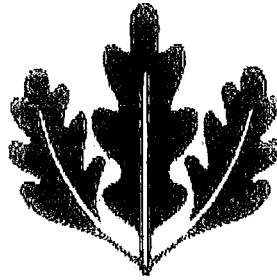
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Gold

60-79 points earned

**Platinum**

80+ points earned

The process is designed to inspire project teams to seek innovative solutions that support public health and our environment, while saving building owners money over a project's life cycle. Here's how to get started:

Select a rating system for your project, and learn basic program requirements

Review our series of LEED certification guides

Decide which credits your project should pursue

Equip your project with the right tools

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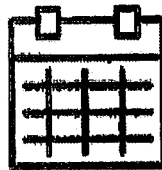
LEED fees & deadlines

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Fees

LEED registration is \$1,200 for USGBC members and \$1,500 for non-members. Certification fees are based on a project's size and the rating system the project was registered under. Registration fees are due at a project's registration; certification fees are due when an application is submitted for review. View detailed fee tables (</cert-guide/fees>) or learn about becoming a USGBC member (<https://new.usgbc.org/join>).



Deadlines

At any given point, LEED rating systems versions are either open for registration and certification; closed for registration, but open for certification; or closed for registration and certification (sunset). View the deadlines table (</cert-guide/deadlines>).

LEED resources

Access project tools to apply LEED strategies to your project. Tools include key supplemental material for LEED projects. This website collects and uses cookies to ensure you have the best user experience. Please click on the "Accept and Close" button to affirm your consent and continue to use our website. For more information, please view our Cookies Statement (<https://www.usgbc.org/resources/usgbc-cookie-statement>).

Resources

LEED Online (<https://lo.usgbc.org/>) | Minimum program requirements (</minimum-program-requirements-leed>)

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Credits

LEED Credit Library (<https://www.usgbc.org/credits>) | LEED v4 web-based reference guide (<https://www.usgbc.org/guide>) | Addenda (<https://www.usgbc.org/leed-interpretations>) | Pilot credits (<https://www.usgbc.org/pilotcredits>) | Innovation catalog (<https://www.usgbc.org/innovationcatalog>) | Sample forms (<https://www.usgbc.org/sampleforms>)

Guide to LEED Certification

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Have a question?

We're here to help. Explore our Help Center (<http://www.usgbc.org/help>) for LEED FAQs, or contact our customer service team.

Contact us (<https://www.usgbc.org/contactus>)

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EDGE (<https://edge.gbci.org/>)

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LEED rating system			(http://www.mygreenapple.org/)
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Membership (/join)			(http://greenhomeguide.com/)
Work at USGBC			Greenbuild
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			SITES
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			TRUE
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