










The DVGBC Guide to the New LEED Credentialing System



LEED AP & Green Associate Overview

<p>LEED AP or Green Associate?</p>	 <p>For professionals who want to demonstrate green building expertise in non-technical fields of practice, the Green Building Certification Institute has created the LEED Green Associate credential, which denotes basic knowledge of green design, construction, and operations.</p>	 <p>The LEED AP credential will continue to signify an advanced depth of knowledge in green building practices; it also will reflect the ability to specialize in a particular LEED Rating System. The LEED AP exam is divided into two parts. The first part is the LEED Green Associate exam, which demonstrates general knowledge of green building practices. The second part is a specialty exam based on one of the LEED Rating Systems (above).</p>
<p>ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>Candidates are required to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to the disciplinary policy and Credentialing Maintenance Program (CMP) 2. Have experience in the form of EITHER documented involvement on a LEED-registered project OR employment (or previous employment) in a sustainable field of work OR engagement in (or completion of) an education program that addresses green building principles 3. Submit to an application audit. 	<p>Candidates are required to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to the disciplinary policy and Credentialing Maintenance Program 2. Document professional experience on a LEED project, within the last 3 years, with verification through LEED Online or employer attestation. See the GBCI Step by Step Guide for more on documentation requirements. 3. Submit to application audit. Five to seven percent of all applications will be audited; you will be notified immediately if you are chosen for an audit and will be advised of your eligibility within 14 days.
<p>APPLICATION FEE</p>	<p>\$50 Non-refundable</p>	<p>\$100 Non-refundable</p>
<p>EXAM FEE</p>	<p>Exam fee per appointment: USGBC national members/full-time students: \$150 All others: \$200</p>	<p>For combined exam (both part 1, core green building , and part 2, specialty) USGBC national members/full-time students: \$300, All others: \$450 For specialty exam only: USGBC national members/full-time students: \$300, All others: \$450</p>
<p>CREDENTIALING MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>All credentials awarded for passing any LEED examination given by (GBCI) must be maintained on a 2-year cycle through the accumulation of continuing education (CE) hours. Biennial Fee for Green Associate: \$50. LEED Green Associates must earn 15 CE hours (3 of which must be LEED-specific hours). For more information, go to the GBCI CMP Guide.</p>	<p>All credentials awarded for passing any LEED examination given by (GBCI) must be maintained on a 2-year cycle through the accumulation of continuing education (CE) hours. Biennial Fee for LEED AP: \$50 LEED APs must earn 30 CE hours (6 of which must be LEED-specific hours and at least 3 of those 6 hours must be Rating System-specific hours). For more information, go to the GBCI CMP Guide.</p>

DVGBC Fall 2009 Education for LEED Green Associate & LEED AP Candidates*

NEW LEED TRACKS						
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		NEW CONSTRUCTION	N/A	COMMERCIAL INTERIORS	N/A	EXISTING BUILDINGS
AVAILABLE TESTING DATE	NOW	LATE SUMMER 2009	NOW	LATE SUMMER 2009	2010	NOW
GREEN BUILDING BASICS AND LEED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEED CORE CONCEPTS & STRATEGIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GREEN BUILDING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION		✓				
GREEN INTERIOR DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION				✓		
GREEN BUILDINGS OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE						✓
GREEN HOME DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION			✓		RELATED LINKS Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) Homepage: http://www.gbci.org/ GBCI Step By Step Guide: http://www.gbci.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=182& GBCI LEED Professional Disciplinary Policy: http://www.gbci.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=3582 Green Associate and AP Candidate Handbooks: http://www.gbci.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=97 GBCI Credentialing FAQ's: http://www.gbci.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=119 GBCI Credentialing Maintenance Guide: http://www.gbci.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=3665 GBCI Transitioning to New Credentialing FAQs: http://www.gbci.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=112	
GREEN BUILDING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION		✓				

As an existing LEED AP, you have three options for transitioning into the new LEED Credentialing System:

1. Become a LEED AP with specialty by passing one of the new specialty examinations;
2. Become a LEED AP with specialty by enrolling in the new tiered system;
3. Do nothing; you will be designated a LEED AP without specialty. For more information please contact GBCI directly at 1-800-795-1746.

* Please see the DVGBC calendar for other LEED Education programs, www.dvgbc.org/event