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**LEED Core Concepts Guide (LCCG)**

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U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

**USGBC “Our Work”**

Advocacy / Policy Library

Community

Education

LEED BD+C: New Construction

LEED BD+C: Core and Shell

LEED BD+C: Schools

LEED BD+C: Retail

LEED BD+C: Healthcare

LEED BD+C: Data Centers

LEED BD+C: Hospitality

LEED BD+C: Warehouses and Distribution Centers

LEED BD+C: Homes

LEED BD+C: Multifamily Midrise

Greenbuild

LEED Green Building Program

**LEED Rating System**

LEED for Building Design and Construction (BD+C)

LEED for Interior Design and Construction ID+C)

LEED for Operations and Maintenance (O+M)

LEED for Neighborhood Development (ND)

Homes

Cities

**Rating System Structure**

Prerequisites – REQUIRED

Credits – Optional

Achieving LEED certification requires satisfying all prerequisites and earning a minimum number of credits.

**LEED Credit Categories**

Location and Transportation (LT)

Sustainable Sites (SS)

Water Efficiency (WE)

Energy and Atmosphere (EA)

Materials and Resources (MR)

Indoor Environmental Quality (EQ)

Bonus Categories

Innovation (IN)

Regional Priority (RP)

LEED ND Rating System

Smart Location and Linkage (SLL)

Neighborhood Pattern and Design (NPD)

Green Infrastructure and Buildings (GIB)

All Rating Systems

Integrative Process (IP)

Additionally, LEED emphasizes the critical role of the integrative process and ongoing performance monitoring across all phases and project types.

**LEED Rating Systems Point System**

100 Base Points

6 Innovation and 4 Regional Priority Bonus Points

Total = 110 points

**LEED Certification Levels**

Certified, 40–49 points

Silver, 50–59 points

Gold, 60–79 points

Platinum, 80+ points

**LEED System Development and Evolution**

“ .. improvements to LEED are based on principles of transparency, openness, and inclusiveness involving volunteer committees and working groups, as well as USGBC staff, and are approved by a membership-wide vote.”

**LEED Pilot Credits**

LEED Pilot Credit Library plays an important role in the evolution of LEED.

Project teams may attempt any of these pilot credits under the Innovation categories and earn points by providing USGBC with feedback on the credits’ efficacy and achievability.

USGBC collects and integrates this feedback to refine the pilot credits, and worthwhile credits are then added to the balloted LEED rating system.

**Credit Weightings**

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**Green Building Codes, Standards, and Rating Systems**

The International Green Construction Code (IGCC), including ASHRAE Standard 189.1 as an alternate path to compliance, is a widely supported and first-of-its-kind regulatory framework that recognizes an entire set of risks not otherwise addressed in the codes.

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**LEED Project Certification**

Project Registration

Application Preparation

**All done using LEED Online**

Submission

Application Review

Certification

**Project Credit Interpretation Rulings and LEED Interpretation**

At times a project team may want clarification, further guidance, or additional ways to comply with the rating system’s requirements. Project teams therefore have several options in engaging with USGBC and GBCI during the certification submittal process.

**Project credit interpretation rulings (Project CIRs)**, administered by GBCI, allow teams to obtain technical guidance on how LEED requirements pertain to their projects. Project CIRs do not guarantee credit award; the project applicant must still demonstrate and document achievement during the LEED certification application process. The ruling remains confidential and generally applies only to the one project.

**LEED Interpretations**, however, are precedent setting; project teams are required to adhere to all LEED Interpretations posted before their registration date. These are posted publicly in the online Addenda database.

**LEED Professional Credentials**

LEED Green Associate

LEED Accredited Professional

LEED Fellow

Credential maintenance Program (CMP)

15 Hours LEED Green Associate Continuing Education