



LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR CREDENTIAL	
MILITARY - OFFICER	YES
MILITARY - ENLISTED	NO
INDUSTRY	YES
GOVERNMENT	YES

REQUIREMENTS

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) credential is offered by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). There are two types of LEED credentials, the LEED Green Associate and the LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP).

LEED Green Associates

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- Create an account with the United States Green Building Council and register for the exam through the website.
- Successfully complete the LEED Green Associate Exam.
- There are no specific requirements to take this exam, but exposure to the LEED rating systems and Green Building Concepts are strongly encouraged.

LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP)

There are five specialty exams you can take after successfully completing the LEED Green Associate:

- **LEED AP Building Design + Construction (LEED AP BD+C)** - Suits professionals with expertise in the design and construction phases of green buildings, serving the commercial, residential, education, and healthcare sectors.
- **LEED AP Operations + Maintenance (LEED AP O+M)** - Distinguishes professionals implementing sustainable practices, improving performance, heightening efficiency, and reducing environmental impact in existing buildings through enhanced operations and maintenance.
- **LEED AP Interior Design + Construction (LEED AP ID+C)** - Serves participants in the design, construction, and improvement of commercial interiors and tenant spaces that offer a healthy, sustainable, and productive work environment.

- **LEED AP Neighborhood Development (LEED AP ND)** - Applies to individuals participating in the planning, design, and development of walkable neighborhoods and communities.
- **LEED AP Homes** - Suited for those involved in the design and construction of healthy, durable homes that use fewer resources and produce less waste.

Below are the major steps to becoming a LEED Accredited Professional:

- Successfully complete the LEED Green Associates Exam.
- Successfully complete the LEED Accredited Professional Specialty Exam

TEST FORMAT

The LEED Green Associate exam and LEED Accredited Professional specialty exams are each two hours long and are composed of 100 multiple choice questions each.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

The following resources and publications are provided as the top references to assist candidates in preparation for these exams. Additional resources can be found through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) (usgbc.org) website.

LEED Core Concepts Guide

U.S. Green Building Council

LEED Green Associates Exam Preparation Guide, LEED v4 Edition

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LEED Reference Guide (Specific to each Specialty Exam)

U.S. Green Building Council

LEED AP BD+C Exam Preparation Guide

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

LEED Green Associates:

- 15 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) every two years

LEED Accredited Professional:

- 30 CEUs every two years
- Six specialty specific credits every two years