
What is LEED?

Developed by the USGBC, the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for designing, constructing and operating high-performance, sustainable buildings. LEED was created to:

- Define 'green building' by establishing a common standard of measurement
- Promote integrated, whole-building design practices
- Recognize environmental leadership in the building industry
- Stimulate green competition
- Raise consumer awareness of green building benefits
- Transform the building market

How Does LEED work?

LEED recognizes achievements and promotes expertise in green building through a comprehensive, point-based system. Using the system, building owners can measure their success in environmental stewardship.

USGBC has designed LEED programs for the following construction:

- New Construction (NC)
- Existing Buildings (EB)
- Commercial Interiors (CI)
- Healthcare (HC)
- Schools

USGBC has designed five main categories to achieve LEED points:

- Sustainable Sites
- Water Efficiency
- Energy & Atmosphere
- Materials & Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality

Buildings can earn four levels of certification:

Note - Points vary depending on construction type.

- Certified
- Silver
- Gold
- Platinum

Green Advantage Certificated Practitioners are recognized as a professional authority to amass Building Leed Qualification points.