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# LEED CERTIFICATION . . . .

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE



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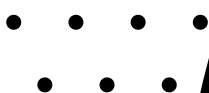
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# ABOUT LEED

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**LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification is a globally recognized symbol of sustainability achievement. LEED provides a framework for high-performing, cost-saving buildings. Whether you're managing a project or exploring green building for the first time, here's how to achieve LEED certification:**



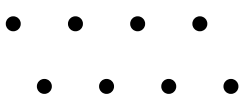
# CHOOSE A RATING SYSTEM

LEED offers multiple rating systems tailored to different types of projects:

- BD+C (Building Design + Construction): For new buildings and major renovations.
- O+M (Operations + Maintenance): For existing buildings to improve efficiency.
- ID+C (Interior Design + Construction): For tenant fit-outs and interior renovations.
- ND (Neighborhood Development): For community-level projects.
- Homes : For homes and residential buildings.
- Cities: For cities and communities.

Visit [USGBC's website](#) to explore each system and determine which best fits your project.

# STEP 1





# ASSEMBLE YOUR PROJECT TEAM

LEED success requires collaboration among members of the project team, like architects, engineers, contractors, and sustainability consultants. Assign roles like a LEED Administrator to manage documentation.

## STEP 2



# DEVELOP A SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

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Start early in the design phase to integrate sustainable practices, such as:

- **Energy efficiency:** Optimize HVAC systems, insulation, and lighting.
- **Water efficiency:** Use low-flow fixtures and drought-tolerant landscaping.
- **Material selection:** Source low-impact, sustainable materials.
- **Indoor air quality:** Prioritize ventilation, filtration, and non-toxic finishes.

**STEP 3**





# REGISTER YOUR PROJECT

Create an account on **LEED Online** and register your project. You'll need to:

- Provide basic project details (e.g., location, size, project team).
- Pay the registration fee (varies based on project size and type).



# IDENTIFY LEED CREDITS TO PURSUE

LEED certification is point-based. Focus on credits that are achievable and impactful for your project. The credit categories are:

 Energy and Atmosphere

 Sustainable Sites

 Water Efficiency

 Location and Transportation

 Materials and Resources.

 Indoor Environmental Quality

 Integrative Process

 Regional Priority

 Innovation

# STEP 6

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## INCLUDE

- Drawings, calculations, product data, and photos where necessary.

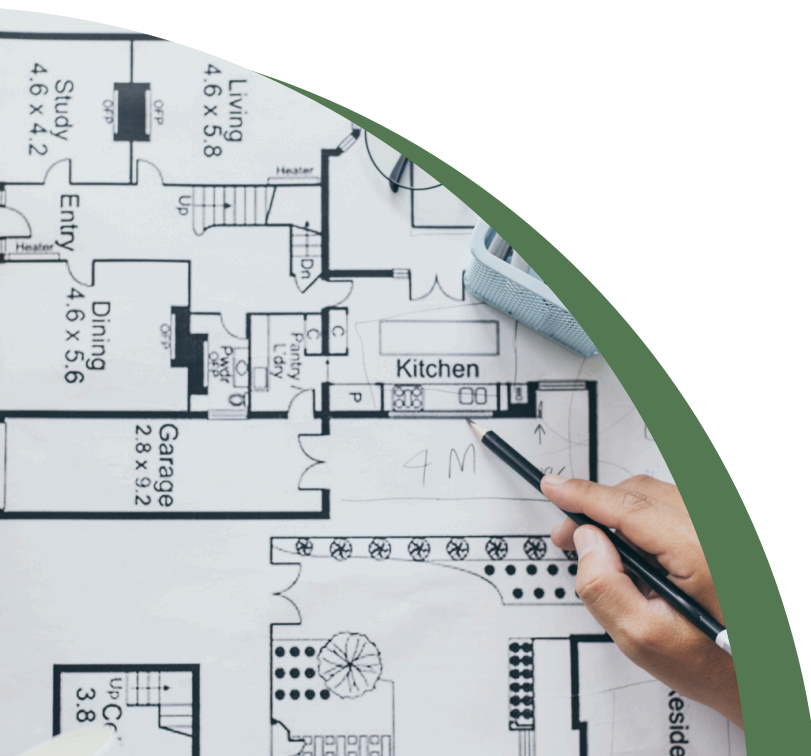
## USE

- LEED Online to upload required documentation for each credit.

## ENSURE

- The documentation aligns with credit requirements to avoid delays.

**COLLECT  
DOCUMENTATION  
FOR  
SUBMISSION**



# SUBMIT FOR REVIEW

Once your documentation is complete:

- Submit your application for preliminary review.
- GBCI will review your application.
- Address any review comments and resubmit if necessary.

**STEP 7**





# ACHIEVE CERTIFICATION

After the final review, the project will be awarded one of the four certification levels based on total points earned:

- Certified: 40-49 points
- Silver: 50-59 points
- Gold: 60-79 points
- Platinum: 80+ points

## STEP 8



# CELEBRATE AND PROMOTE YOUR ACHIEVEMENT

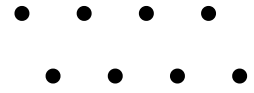
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- Share your certification with stakeholders, clients, and the community.
- Highlight sustainable features to inspire others.

BONUS: Work with a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP) to streamline the process.



# LET'S BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



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