USGBC membership says YES to LEED v4

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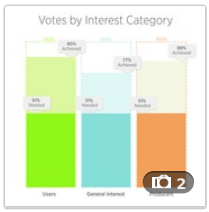
We're excited that LEED v4 has passed ballot! Are you?



The newest version of the LEED green building rating system closes ballot and moves toward an official market launch at Greenbuild.

I am pleased to announce that the final results of the LEED v4 ballot are in. To pass, the rating systems needed 66.7% of the vote to be in favor of the new system. With a final tally of 86%, we met our goal and more! This includes:

- 90% approval from those in the user category
- 77% approval from those in the general interest category
- 89% approval from those in the producer category

USGBC sets a very high bar for a rating system to be approved. The rating system must earn a very high percentage of the overallvote as well as a majority approval from each of the various LEED stakeholder groups. This ensures rating system approval represents the full diversity of USGBCs membership. There are 46 countries and territories around the world and all 50 U.S. states (and the District of Columbia) represented in the voting pool for LEED v4, which includes an extraordinarily diverse group of industry professionals, manufacturers, educators and other green building leaders.

Whats next on the horizon? The LEED Steering Committee has reviewed all comments received during the ballot and we are ready to move forward with a full-scale launch at this years Greenbuild Conference & Expo in Philadelphia, PA. There, USGBC will host sessions geared towards making sure stakeholders have the information they need to begin using the new system, including an introduction to the new, streamlined forms. The new reference guide suite will also be available.

Currently, there are more 100 projects pursuing certification through the LEED v4 Beta program. With projects currently in the review phase, somewill certify as early as this summer.

Enrollment for the Beta program is still open. View the LEED v4 User Guide for enrollment details.

There is still work to be done as we prepare for a successful launch, and USGBC staff and volunteers are committed to working with our stakeholders to make sure this happens.

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Nimisha Baxi 1 year 32 weeks ago

Facility Manager, Jones Lang LaSalle

If I pass LEED GA exam by 15th June will I be able to take the AP exam under the new system?

Nora Knox — 1 year 24 weeks ago
Digital Marketing Manager, U.S. Green Building Council

Hi Nimisha, if you pass LEED Green Associate exam by June 15, you will be able to take the LEED v4 AP exam.

Daniel Smith — 1 year 37 weeks ago
Mechanical Engineer

I see that this post was 8 months ago. Is June 1, 2015 still the deadline for registering for LEED 2009.

Batya Metalitz — 1 year 36 weeks ago
Technical Director, LEED, U.S. Green Building Council

Hi Daniel June 2015 is still the deadline for v2009 registrations.

Daniel Smith — 1 year 37 weeks ago
Mechanical Engineer

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Paul Reed — 2 years 7 weeks ago

Does the approximate deadline for LEED AP also apply to LEED GA?

Ali Kassem — 2 years 8 weeks ago
Mechanical Engineer, Dar Al-Handasah

With reference for Mr. Peggy Bannier question, I am wondering if I create my LEED AP application on Jan 2014 do I still have 1 year to sit for LEED AP 2009?

Emily Bolles — 2 years 10 weeks ago
Facilities Assistant, Calspan Corporation

I just completed by green associate exam. I am interested in taking an AP exam, ideally under the LEED 2009 system. How long will I have to take LEED AP 2009 exams?

Erin Emery Hartz — 2 years 10 weeks ago
Industry Marketing Manager - Building Design, Autodesk

Hi Emily, we will be transitioning the exam content in late spring 2014, so you should take your BD+C specialty exam before then. Stay tuned for more specifics from us very soon, and congratulations on earning your LEED Green Associate credential.

Wenqi Li — 1 year 24 weeks ago
Student of University of Michigan, University of Michigan

Hi Erin, If I pass the LEED GA 2009 (not the new version after June 15 2014), Can I take the new version of LEED AP exam in the future? Thanks

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