Attention Veterans! Take the LEED Professional exam for free

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Looking to give yourself a career edge or qualify for a green job? The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reimburses the cost of the LEED Green Associate and LEED AP credential exams for U.S. military veterans, eligible dependents and reservists.

In accordance with the G.I. Bill, the VA will cover 100 percent of test fees per attempt, whether or not you pass the exam. **And the agreement is retroactive, so any veteran who took a LEED exam after December 3, 2008 is eligible to have their exam fee expenses reimbursed.**

USGBC has partnered with the VA since 2009 to ensure that all LEED professional credential exams are approved for coverage under the G.I. Bill.

Holding a LEED Green Associate credential demonstrates to the thriving sustainability industry that you have solid, foundational knowledge of green building principles and practices vital skills for full participation in the new green economy.

For veterans with experience working on LEED projects, a LEED AP with Specialty credential showcases its holders technical working knowledge of the LEED rating system.

Learn more about the VAs reimbursement program , and explore the LEED Credentials to find the perfect program for you.

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Chris Love — 7 weeks 6 days ago
Production Supervisor, Ryan Homes

Hello, I'm very interested in taking the LEED GA. I am a veteran and I have recently graduated. I have currently used all of my VA benefits up. I just recently found out that I could of used my GI Bill for the exams. Are there any discounts for veterans if we do not have any of our GI Bill remaining? Thank you.

Paige Hanson — 3 weeks 10 hours ago
Everblue

Hey Chris, thanks for your service and your interest in pursuing a LEED credential. While I can't speak to the LEED exam costs, Everblue (a Veteran Owned Small Business) offers veteran discounts on LEED training. If you're at that stage in the game, we'd love to help you out! Give us a call at 800-460-2575.

Elizabeth Thompson — 51 weeks 4 hours ago
LEED Specialist, U.S. Green Building Council

The VA recommends following the following steps: 1) Register for the exam and take the test. 2) Fill out this form (http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-0803-ARE.pdf), and send the form with a copy of your receipt for the exam (available in your usgbc.org profile under "Orders"), and a signed, dated statement authorizing the release of your exam scores to the VA at the address on the form

listed above. It will take 4-12 weeks to process.

Gregory Hamra 1 year 28 weeks ago

Sr. LEED Educator, Everblue

The time is short! The deadline to test under LEED 2009 is June 15th - 5 weeks away. If someone is able to pull together a LEED Green Associate class for 15 or more vets in one location, I will volunteer my time to teach the class at no charge - expenses only. I am the Sr. Educator at Everblue, a veteran founded company. (I just taught what I *thought* was my last LEEDv3 class on Fri/Sat. and 5 students just passed yesterday.) Perhaps there's one more class in my future. http://www.hamra.net/leed/images/RTKL.jpg

Erin Emery Hartz 2 years 16 weeks ago

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Hi Margaret, I recommend you contact the VA at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 to determine if you quality to be reimbursed for taking a new LEED AP with specialty or LEED Green Associate exam.

Margaret Whitfield 2 years 17 weeks ago

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I am a military wife, and I am already LEED AP. It is good that you over to military veterans - but what about their spouses who may need it?

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