

LEED Canada EB:O&M 2009 General FAQs



Can a building not designed and certified under LEED Canada NC or LEED Canada CS seek certification under this rating system?

Yes. There is no requirement for the building to have been certified against another LEED rating system prior to seeking *LEED Canada EB:O&M 2009* certification.

What period of time is considered when evaluating the operations and maintenance performance of a building?

For initial certification, the performance period must be at least 3 months and no more than 24 months. A longer minimum duration, 12 months, applies to Energy and Atmosphere Prerequisite 2 and Credit 1. The performance period is the most recent period of operations preceding the application for certification.

What is the performance period for recertification?

Recertification requires demonstration of compliance for the entire period of time since the last certification. The minimum recertification performance period is 1 year, while the maximum is 5 years.

Can new credits be pursued during recertification?

Yes, credits not previously applied for can be pursued during recertification. During recertification, the performance period for any credits not previously applied for must be consistent with the performance period requirements of initial certification.

Can a building that has been certified under the USGBC's LEED EB or LEED EB:O&M rating systems re-certify with the CaGBC?

Due to differences in the rating systems, buildings that have been certified under the USGBC's *LEED EB* or *LEED EB:O&M* programs must certify with the CaGBC before they are able to re-certify.

Do renovations fit best under LEED Canada EB:O&M or LEED Canada NC?

Alterations that affect no more than 50% of the total building floor area or cause relocation of no more than 50% of regular building occupants may form part of a *LEED Canada EB:O&M* certification. Buildings with additions exceeding these limits should pursue certification under the *LEED Canada for New Construction and Major Renovations* program.

Do additions fit best under LEED Canada EB:O&M or LEED Canada NC?

Additions that increase the total building floor area by no more than 50% fit well under *LEED Canada EB:O&M*. Buildings with additions exceeding these limits should pursue certification under the *LEED Canada for New Construction and Major Renovations* program.

How much is recertification?

Fees for recertification will be announced shortly.