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As part of our continued drive to improve the LEED certification process, the CaGBC is developing the resources, skills and processes to perform a portion of the LEED certification review work in-house.

To date, review work has been conducted by select teams of trained external consultants, with CaGBC staff ensuring the consistency and quality of the reviews. However both the CaGBC and the teams of external consultants, termed Review Teams, have periodically struggled as a result of large fluctuations in workload and occasional changes in staffing.

Whereas review work and quality assurance work were previously performed by entirely separate groups of individuals, in the future, the CaGBC will have staff able to serve both functions. This will increase the program's flexibility and improve timelines when demand for one function or the other increases; however, our contracted Review Teams will continue to perform the majority of LEED project review work.

The CaGBC has been piloting the concept with LEED Canada for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance (EB: O&M) projects for some time, and we expect to gradually increase our ability to perform internal review work over time. To assist with this transition and support the ongoing work of the LEED Team, the CaGBC is looking to hire experienced professionals – you can read more about the opportunities below.

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[Be part of the CaGBC LEED Team!](#)

Are you interested in learning about the most innovative Canadian green projects? Do you want diversity and endless learning opportunities? Are you interested in being part of shaping the future of LEED? You should consider becoming part of the CaGBC's dynamic team of professionals committed to sustainability!

We're growing and we're taking on more responsibility, with diverse opportunities for professionals ranging from energy modellers and engineers to architects, materials specialists, and others with LEED experience. We currently have openings for [LEED Reviewers](#) as well as [LEED Specialists in Energy and Engineering](#) or Materials, and we are always willing to consider qualified individuals for any position within the team.

CaGBC offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package. Please send your resume with a letter of interest to recruitment@cagbc.org; or feel free to contact us to explore how you might benefit from joining the LEED Team.

Some of the features of being part of the LEED Team – from staff themselves!

- "Every project is different and offers something to learn."
- "I love working with and getting to know the top professionals in the green building sector."
- "CaGBC offers a positive, encouraging, team-oriented environment."
- "There are great opportunities to take initiative."
- "You can build your knowledge by gaining experience with the certification process in a way you can't do anywhere else."
- "We get to work with people who really believe in LEED and the changes we are bringing in the industry."
- "We have the opportunity to promote sustainability full time and without conflicts."
- "I enjoy being at the centre and forefront of the green building evolution that is taking place across Canada."
- "I appreciate seeing the diversity of design, which you don't normally get within an individual architectural firm. I still get excited and a thrill when I see inspiring and innovative projects."

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The Roll Out of LEED v4 in Canada continues

Free upgrade to Version 4. Projects registered to LEED Canada 2009 (or v1.0 for Commercial Interiors) can receive a free upgrade to LEED v4. Contact CaGBC customer service at info@cagbc.org for details.

New tool to identify Regional Priority Credits. The USGBC has released a new [Regional Priority Credit lookup tool](#) that provides the specific credits available to a project as a function of its location and the rating system being applied. The [CaGBC's website](#) also includes a document that explains and lists all the Regional Priority Credits, and it has just been updated to include the Homes and Multifamily Midrise rating systems.

Canadian Alternative Compliance Paths (ACPs) are live in the Credit Library. Canadian ACPs are now integrated within the [USGBC's Credit Library](#). The Canadian ACPs can also be found listed in a single document on CaGBC's [LEED v4 Resources page](#).

Additionally, the ACPs were formally integrated into the LEED v4 rating systems as part of the important changes noted in the [July 2014 Addenda](#).

Looking for v4 Education?

- *Declaring Environmental Impacts of Products* webinar, in conjunction with the CSA Group – [September 10th](#)
- *Introduction to the Canadian Alternative Compliance Paths* webinar – [September 17th](#) (previously presented August 30)
- *Understanding the LEED v4 Building Design and Construction Rating Systems / Understanding the LEED v4 Building Operations and Maintenance Rating Systems* – full day workshops. These two workshops introduce the intent, key elements, main requirements and unique aspects of the Green Building Design and Construction and the Green Building Operations and Maintenance rating systems. Multiple dates and locations - see the [CaGBC course calendar](#) for details.

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CIRs for MNECB Mandatory Requirements

The CaGBC technical staff and committees have released six new Credit Interpretation Requests (CIRs) providing exemptions and clarifications to the mandatory requirements of the Model National Energy Code for Buildings – 1997 (MNECB). These clarifications and exemptions are similar to those previously published by NRCan as part of their Validation of New Building Designs program; however, since the program's conclusion in 2011 this documentation is no longer being maintained. These CIRs allow project teams to access and use this valuable information as part of their LEED Canada certification.

- CIR 1166 – Clarification of MNECB Mandatory #5.2.2.5
- CIR 1167 – Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 3.2.3.3-3
- CIR 1168 – Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 6.2.3.1
- CIR 1169 – Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 3.4.1.1-2
- CIR 1170 – Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 3.2.3.3-2 and 3.2.3.3-4
- CIR 1171 – Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 5.2.7.1

Please note that clarification is provided in these CIRs for purposes relating only to LEED Canada certification. The Canada Green Building Council is not the authority having jurisdiction for code compliance and other compliance purposes. Project teams are reminded that all applicable mandatory requirements (through the MNECB or ASHRAE compliance path) must be met in order to achieve Energy & Atmosphere prerequisite 2 (EAp2) Minimum Energy Performance. Projects that cannot meet all applicable mandatory requirements are encouraged to submit a CIR to the CaGBC for guidance.

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Recent CIRs

Credit Interpretation Requests ruled on since the last LEED Technical Bulletin (June 24, 2014) are listed below. To view any of these CIRs, simply go to CaGBC's CIR database and search by CIR number. Note that CIRs can apply to multiple rating systems and versions - see the CIR rulings for more information.

#	Rating System	Version	Credit Prerequisite	Subject
1128	NC	2009	EAc3	75-90% Design Review
1166	NC	1	EAp2	Clarification of MNECB Mandatory #5.2.2.5 / Clarification sur l'exigence obligatoire de l'article 5.2.2.5 du CMNÉB

1167	NC	1	EAp2	Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 3.2.3.3-3 / Clarification de l'exigence obligatoire du paragraphe 3.2.3.3-3 du CMNÉB
1168	NC	1	EAp2	Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 6.2.3.1 / Clarification de l'exigence obligatoire de l'article 6.2.3.1 du CMNÉB
1169	NC	1	EAp2	Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 3.4.1.1-2 / Clarification de l'exigence obligatoire du paragraphe 3.4.1.1-2 du CMNÉB
1170	NC	1	EAp2	Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 3.2.3.3-2 and 3.2.3.3-4 / Clarification des exigences obligatoires des paragrophes 3.2.3.3-2 et 3.2.3.3-4 du CMNÉB
1171	NC	1	EAp2	Clarification of MNECB Mandatory # 5.2.7.1 / Clarification de l'exigence obligatoire de l'article 5.2.7.1 du CMNÉB
1141	NC	2009	Admin	Exclude all storage parking from LEED Boundary
1131	NC	2009	IEQc8.1	Space classification for daylighting calculations in student dormitory suite
1161	NC	2009	WEc1	Excluding Food Gardens from credit calculations for Water Efficient Landscaping / Exclusion des jardins potagers des calculs du crédit sur l'aménagement paysager économe en eau
1130	NC	2009	IEQc4.2	Adopting USGBC Addenda for LEED Canada projects to EQc4.2 Primers / – Adopter l'addenda de l'USGBC relatif aux apprêts prévus au crédit QEIc4.2 aux projets LEED Canada

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