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Who will be first?

There will be a lot of recognition for the first Canadian LEED v4 Platinum project, and they will also receive free certification!

ACPs and Support Tools Launched for Canadian LEED v4 Projects

Following the announcement of the Alternative Compliance Paths (ACPs) and other support for Canadians pursuing LEED v4 made at the Building Lasting Change conference June 3, the CaGBC is pleased to announce the publication of the support tools.

LEED v4 is the latest version of the LEED rating systems, incorporating more than a decade of experience and reflecting the latest green building knowledge, technologies and practices. With a strong emphasis on the impacts of materials, greater flexibility, and a renewed focus on ensuring desired outcomes, LEED v4 is poised to provide the framework for better, healthier and more sustainable buildings.

LEED's new global approach will allow Canadian practitioners to take full advantage of all 21 project types addressed by LEED v4; carry their expertise seamlessly to projects around the world; and benchmark their accomplishments against LEED projects anywhere.

With the publication of these tools, the Canadian market is well positioned to demonstrate its continued leadership in advancing sustainable building. The CaGBC will continue to develop tools to support LEED v4, as well as ensure we are prepared to offer LEED v4 certification review services through the interface of the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).

Alternative Compliance Paths (ACPs)

In order to ensure greater ease of use, the CaGBC has developed Alternative Compliance Paths (ACPs) for eight sets of requirements and continues to actively work on additional ACPs for the future. These ACPs provide equivalent means of meeting credit and prerequisite requirements, such as by referencing standards that are more familiar to Canadians and which are available in

We're growing!

CaGBC is recruiting for a LEED Specialist to take a lead role on the Material and Resources credits at CaGBC – [check out our job posting](#) and pass on

both official languages. The ACPs are available [from the CaGBC's website](#) and will be incorporated into the USGBC's Credit Library.

the word!

The current available ACPs address:

- LEED BD&C (all adaptations): Location and Transportation credits: Sensitive Land Protection
- LEED BD&C - Healthcare: Sustainable Sites credit: Places of Respite
- LEED BD&C - Healthcare: Indoor Environmental Quality prerequisite: Minimum Indoor Air Quality Performance
- LEED BD&C – Healthcare: Indoor Environmental Quality credit: Construction Indoor Air Quality Management Plan
- LEED BD&C and Homes/Midrise (residential construction): Indoor Environmental Quality prerequisite: Minimum Indoor Air Quality Performance
- LEED BD&C and ID&C (all adaptations): Energy and Atmosphere prerequisite: Minimum Energy Performance
- LEED BD&C and ID&C (all adaptations): Energy and Atmosphere credit: Optimize Energy Performance
- LEED ID&C (all adaptations): Materials and Resources credit: Interiors Life-Cycle Impact Reduction

Regional Priority Credits

LEED v4 allows issues of regional significance to be recognized through Regional Priority Credits, in a manner similar to v2009. In order to determine the regions of Canada, the CaGBC referenced the Ecozones established under the federal government's National Ecological Framework for Canada. Rural and urban regions within each Ecozone were also established. For a full list of the Regional Priority Credits and details of the development process, [refer to the CaGBC's website](#). The Regional Priority Credits are already incorporated within LEED Online and are identified automatically upon project registration.

Substitution Table

A key tool to assist Canadians with the transition to LEED v4 is the Substitution Table, which provides a list of LEED v4 credits that LEED Canada NC 2009, LEED Canada CS 2009, LEED Canada EB:O&M 2009 and LEED Canada CI 1.0 are welcome to adopt. This provides an opportunity to gain experience with LEED v4 pathways and learn about the unique advantages and flexibility some of the new pathways offer. The table [can be found on the CaGBC's website](#).

Supplementary Guidance

The CaGBC is working on the development of guidance to supplement the LEED v4 Reference Guides. This additional content will be directly applicable to Canadian project teams, such as additional explanation of Canadian ACPs and supplementary resources of particular use to Canadians. It will be made available through the Reference Guides.

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Tips to Accelerate LEED Canada EB:O&M Certification

The CaGBC has released *Submittal Tips for LEED Canada for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance 2009* – a collection of informal tips to help project teams pursuing LEED Canada EB: O&M 2009 certification avoid common mistakes and accelerate their certification. The document is composed of general submittal documentation tips and reminders for several prerequisites and credits that

commonly require clarifications during the certification review.

The guidance is geared at helping project teams compile the most complete and accurate submittals. Project teams that accurately describe their project's occupancy and scope often move straight to review, avoiding clarification during the Completeness Check stage. Additionally, the tips include references to Credit Interpretation Requests that contain valuable guidance for commonly attempted alternative compliance paths.

We encourage project teams to reflect on this information during the performance period and while compiling their certification submission. The document is available in the Additional Information section of the [LEED Canada EB: O&M webpage](#).

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NEW Feature! Recent CIRs

Want to learn what Credit Interpretation Requests (CIRs) have recently been published? A new regular feature of the LEED Technical Bulletin will feature recent CIRs. Rulings since April 1, 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.

Reminder: you can always see the latest CIRs by simply pressing the Search button with no criteria selected; the most recent rulings will appear at the top of the results.

#	Rating System	Credit Prerequisite	Version	Subject
1116	NC	WEp1	2009	Éviers considérés comme équipement de procédé / Sinks considered as process equipment
1102	NC	SSc4	2009	Telecommuting to Reduce Pollution and Land Development
1115	CS	Admin	2009	Impact of leased tenant space on core and shell LEED certification.
1090	NC	Admin	2009	Two Separate LEED Certifications for Vertically Attached, Non-Contiguous Joint Buildings
1097	CI	Admin	1	Application of LEED Canada CI to an Addition/Expansion Project
1094	NC	IEQp1	2009	Multi-unit residential buildings demonstrating compliance with ASHRAE 62.1-2007 ventilation rates and distribution through CFD modeling
1126	NC	IEQp1	2009	Demonstrating compliance to EQp1 for MURBs / Démontrer la conformité à QEIp1 pour les IRLM
1127	NC	IEQp1	2009	Clarification for natural ventilation strategies / Éclaircissements pour les stratégies de ventilation naturelle
1086	NC	IEQc1	2009	Installation de sonde CO2 dans un hôpital utilisant les restrictions de la norme CSA Z317.2 avec un contrôle permanent des débits d'air/Installation of CO2 sensor in a hospital using the restrictions of CSA Z317.2 with a permanent monitoring of air flow.
1096	NC	EAp2	2009	Energy Calculations for Pools
1058	NC	IDc1	2009	Waterfront Toronto Carbon Tool as an Innovation in Design Credit
1106	NC	SSc8	2009	Light Trespass to Adjacent Land that is Part of the Same Campus

1112	NC	IDc1	2009	Earning IDc1 Credit for Green Cleaning in MURBS
1110	CS	SSc4.3	2009	Option 3 of SSc4.3 - Availability to CS projects
1111	NC	SSc4.1	2009	Public Transportation Access for Private School

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