LEED Professionals: Don't let your credential expire; remember to renew every two years

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You know the hard work and dedication of time it took to earn your LEED Professional credential. It's important to remember that there is also a renewal process every two years. Renewing your LEED credential renews your sense of personal accomplishment as well as your commitment to green building and continued contribution to the sustainability movement.

The Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) was crafted with input from those in the green building industry and is designed to broaden and deepen your scope of knowledge within the field of green building on a continual basis. Maintenance requirements allow for credentials to stay relevant and maintain a professional's credibility and competitive edge.

In a recent survey, 85% of current LEED credential holders say that having the LEED credential gives them a competitive edge and credibility in their field of work; 92% say it indicates a greater commitment to green building; and 97% say it supports their professional development.

LEED Professional credentials require renewal every two years through this simple three-step process:

1. Complete your specified number of continuing education (CE) hours in a variety of flexible ways. As you earn them, report your CE hours under My Credentials at gbci.org.
2. Upon reporting enough hours to fulfill CMP requirements, click "Renew My Credential," a blue button in your my Credentials account.
3. If you are eligible to renew your credential, you will be prompted to pay your $50 renewal fee and your credential will be renewed for two years.

Here are a few simple continuing education activities to help you earn your hours, many of which you likely engage in regularly:

1. Education: Preferred courses and presentations from registered providers, Self-reported courses and presentations or Greenbuild International Conference and Expo
2. LEED project experience
3. Authorship(credited contribution to a print or digital publication)
4. Volunteering(with USGBC, GBCI, a USGBC Chapter, or a LEED-related nonprofit organization)

LEED Professionals who opt out of CMP will forfeit their credentials. If you ask me, the expansive benefits of renewal are too good to let go.

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Derek Hunter — 38 weeks 1 day ago

Is there a guide for the number of CE hours earned through project experience? For example, I was the commissioning agent for a LEED-Gold project in Maryland that involved Enhanced Commissioning. How many CE hours would that be worth?

Raquel Moreno — 1 year 13 weeks ago
Perkowitz+Ruth Architects

I just can't find the "blue button" to make my payment and renew. Is the process different now from what is described in the article above?

Shara Resch — 1 year 13 weeks ago
Customer Service Representative, U.S. Green Building Council

Please view your My Credentials page again. The "Renew" button is now located in your account.

Vaughan Reynolds — 1 year 39 weeks ago
Project Manager, Bremik Construction

Hello William, Is the date that the "blue button" / payment is made the date that the two year cycle is established? (or does the two year cycle remain unchanged since it is predicated on the date of the original credential). I have attained more than all the CE hours required, but not sure if I should renew now or wait

until I am closer to the expiration date. Thank you.

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