



# 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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**aida zihuatanejo**  
Student, USGBC Collin College 8 weeks 6 days ago

I only obtained a LEED Green Associate. Are we required to renew our credentials every two years as well? And do I need to obtain continuing education every two years just for the LEED GA?



**aida zihuatanejo**  
Student, USGBC Collin College 2 weeks 2 days ago

Yes, the LEED Green Associate and all other LEED AP credential holders report continuing education activity to maintain their credentials (i.e., CMP) every two years. CMP for the LEED Green Associates requires completing 15 CE hours, 3 of which must be LEED-specific. After reporting all of your continuing education requirements, you will have the final step of renewing your credential. For more information about renewing your credential, please check out the CMP guide: <http://www.usgbc.org/resources/cmp-guide>.



**Gregory Cuttell**  
Turner Construction Company 10 weeks 4 days ago

I am having difficulty finding the GBCI My Credential Update tab that gets me to the location within your website so as to add more 'Continuing Education Credits'. Please advise. Thank you



**Whitney Terrill**  
, U.S. Green Building Council 1 week 1 day ago

Thank you for your question about how to report continuing education to maintain your LEED credential. Please log into your USGBC.org account from here: <http://www.usgbc.org/account/credentials>. Or log into your USGBC.org account, select "Gregory", and then click on "Credentials". For more information about what counts for credential maintenance, please consult our CMP guide: <http://www.usgbc.org/resources/cmp-guide>.



**Derek Hunter**

1 year 5 weeks 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 32 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 32 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**

2 years 6 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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