Have questions about LEED v4? We have answers.

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Are you an energy technical solution provider wondering how you can help LEED projects achieve the new Demand Response credit? Are you a practitioner who wants to know why air testing is valued at two points when the flush-out is valued at 1 point for the EQ: Indoor Air Quality Assessment credit? Or perhaps you're a building owner who wants to know overall how the changes in the water credit category of LEED v4 will effect your existing building's pursuit of LEED.

Whatever your question, log onto Twitter **May 22 from noon to 1 p.m.** to get answers from USGBC's very own **VP of LEED Technical Development, Brendan Owens,** who will be tweeting from our @usgbc handle. To join the conversation, make sure you are following @usgbc and use #LEEDv4 when asking a question. He'll be ready to answer a wide-range of LEED questions, from the super-technical questions to the more general.

And don't forget – the LEED ballot opens June 1, 2013, for all those who have registered.

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Curtiss Mooney — 8 weeks 4 hours ago
Shur Architects, LLC

What determines whether a remodeling project is a "Major Renovation" vs. an "Operations & Maintenance" repair project? I am involved with a roof repair project for an 8,000 sf office bldg with a leaky roof that may involve: replacement of the entire roof; conversion of 75% of the roof to an ecoroof system; a new Mechanical & HVAC system; replacement of all windows; and some reconfiguration of the interior partition walls; all aimed at LEED Silver certification. The building footprint and exterior walls will remain the same, aside from the new low-energy windows.

Katherine Sheesley — 31 weeks 5 days ago
Director of Business Development, Hoar Construction, LLC

LEED v4 question as to which rating to use. I have a 75,000 SF academic building, 3 floors with various multipurpose class labs supporting art, music and theater as well as faculty offices, art, English, communications & learning support classrooms. Is it better to use LEED v4 for BD+C: Schools OR LEED v4 for BD+C: New Construction? Thank you, Katy Sheesley

Selina Holmes — 30 weeks 6 days ago
Manager, LEED Marketing and Communications , U.S. Green Building Council

Hi Katherine – great question. Have you looked at the updated Rating System Selection for LEED v4? That's the best place to start. If the academic building will be used for k-12 students, I believe BD+C: Schools is the rating system for you but would need more details to make a formal recommendation. Feel free to email me at sholmes@usgbc.org.

Elliot Young — 41 weeks 6 days ago
Desinger

Hello, When do I have to take the LEED AP test by before the testing will be switching over to LEED v4? Thank you

Alex Alex — 27 weeks 1 day ago
USGBC / GBCI Customer Service, USGBC Customer Service

The last day to take the credential exams with LEED v2009 content will be June 15, 2014. The first day to take the exams with the new LEED v4 content will be June 30, 2014. No tests will be administered in between these dates.

Carrie Webster 45 weeks 6 days ago
Senior Sustainability Coordinator, Moseley Architects

After v4 launches in November, will the cost to register under LEED 2009 increase? What will be fees be for 2009 registration vs. v4 registration?

Layne Micek 49 weeks 2 days ago
Vice President of Plumbing Design, Schnackel Engineers, Inc.

When does LEED v4 certification start? When does LEED v3 cetrification end?

Christina Macken 49 weeks 2 days ago
Director of Programs, Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council
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Hi Layne - LEED v4 opens for registration at Greenbuild 2013. Projects have the option of registering to use either LEED 2009 or LEED v4 until June 1, 2015 (so, certification for LEED 2009 will end somewhere around 2020).

Shi Qin 3 weeks 1 day ago
Tianhua Architecture Planning & Engineering

Hi Christina, What does "certificationi for LEED 2009 will end somewhere around 2020" means? And, for projects in China, what is the deadline to register them under LEED 2009?

Selina Holmes 3 weeks 12 hours ago
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Hi Shi - The deadline to register projects under LEED 2009 is June 27, 2015. Since this article was posted we've also been able to pinpoint a sunset date for certification. That is June 30, 2021. Check out this article for more details http://www.usgbc.org/articles/registration-close-and-sunset-dates.

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