

# USGBC membership says YES to LEED v4

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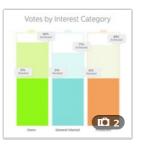
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We're excited that LEED v4 has passed ballot! Are you?

The newest version of the LEED green building rating system closes ballot and moves toward an official market launch at Greenbuild.

I am pleased to announce that the final results of the LEED v4 ballot are in. To pass, the rating systems needed 66.7% of the vote to be in favor of the new system. With a final tally of 86%, we met our goal and more! This includes:



- 90% approval from those in the user category
- 77% approval from those in the general interest category
- 89% approval from those in the producer category

USGBC sets a very high bar for a rating system to be approved. The rating system must earn a very high percentage of the overallvote as well as a majority approval from each of the various LEED stakeholder groups. This ensures rating system approval represents the full diversity of USGBCs membership. There are 46 countries and territories around the world and all 50 U.S. states (and the District of Columbia) represented in the voting pool for LEED v4, which includes an extraordinarily diverse group of industry professionals, manufacturers, educators and other green building leaders.

Whats next on the horizon? The LEED Steering Committee has reviewed all comments received during the ballot and we are ready to move forward with a full-scale launch at this years Greenbuild Conference & Expo in Philadelphia, PA. There, USGBC will host sessions geared towards making sure stakeholders have the information they need to begin using the new system, including an introduction to the new, streamlined forms. The new reference guide suite will also be available.

Currently, there are more 100 projects pursuing certification through the LEED v4 Beta program. With projects currently in the review phase, somewill certify as early as this summer.

Enrollment for the Beta program is still open. View the LEED v4 User Guide for enrollment details.

There is still work to be done as we prepare for a successful launch, and USGBC staff and volunteers are committed to working with our stakeholders to make sure this happens.



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### **Paul Reed**

9 weeks 3 days ago

Does the approximate deadline for LEED AP also apply to LEED GA?



## **Ali Kassem**

10 weeks 12 hours ago

Mechanical Engineer, Dar Al-Handasah

With reference for Mr. Peggy Bannier question, I am wondering if I create my LEED AP application on Jan 2014 do I still have 1 year to sit for LEED AP 2009?



## **Emily Bolles**

12 weeks 4 days ago

**Buffalo Plastering and Architectural Casting** 

I just completed by green associate exam. I am interested in taking an AP exam, ideally under the LEED 2009 system. How long will I have to take LEED AP 2009 exams?



## **Erin Emery Hartz**

12 weeks 4 days ago

Manager of Marketing and Product Development, U.S. Green Building Council

Hi Emily, we will be transitioning the exam content in late spring 2014, so you should take your BD+C specialty exam before then. Stay tuned for more specifics from us very soon, and congratulations on earning your LEED Green Associate credential.



## **Heather DeGrella**

21 weeks 6 days ago

Sustainability Coordinator, Opsis Architecture

An earlier tweet from USGBC on May 22 said "Expect beta exams by early '14." The exams that are being launched at Greenbuild - are these beta testing? My understanding is that the Reference Guides won't be available until Greenbuild, so one couldn't really begin to study until those are available. Also, are current LEED AP +Specialties eligible to help beta test the exams? Thanks-



## **Peggy Bannier**

21 weeks 6 days ago

Senior Coordinator - Facilities Planning, Polk County School Board

Ms. Macken: This comment is in regards to the exams for LEED AP with Specialty and your comment to Mr. Blachman. It seems to me that what you're saying is similar to the way LEED 2009 was intergrated into the exams. I was told that as long as you're signed up to take LEED AP BD+C, LEED 2009 that you'll be allowed to take that exam instead of v4. My question, given what you're saying, is that we'll atleast have the rest of this 2013 year and 2014 year to seat for the for the LEED 2009 exam instead of v4? Thanks.



## **Christina Macken**

21 weeks 6 days ago

Program Manager, LEED v4, U.S. Green Building Council

Hi Peggy - you will at least have the remainder of 2013 and Q1 of 2014 to sit for the current exam. We have not determined a cut off date for the current version of the exam.



## **Ariel Castillo**

21 weeks 6 days ago

**Graduate Student - Western Michigan University** 

I want to get certified but I'd rather wait for the updated test and material than going for LEED v3.



## **Zach Hamner**

Franklin International

22 weeks 3 days ago

You say you are launching the program at Greenbuild. Does this mean the new criteria for the varuious credits takes effect on that day, or is there another effective date?



22 weeks 7 hours ago

**Christina Macken**Program Manager, LEED v4, U.S. Green Building Council

Hi Zach -

By launch we mean that the program will be available for registration. Projects will still have the option to register for LEED 2009 until June 1, 2015.

