



**GREEN BUILDING®**  
CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE

# LEED® PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS™ MEAN **GREEN JOBS FOR VETERANS**

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## **What are LEED Professional Credentials?**

LEED Professional Credentials allow professionals to demonstrate current knowledge of green building technologies, best practices, and show an understanding of LEED, the internationally recognized green building program. The LEED Professional Credentials provide distinction in a growing and competitive industry and allow for varied levels of specialization.

The LEED Professional Credentials attest to an individual's level of competence and are the mark of the most qualified, educated, and influential green building leaders in the marketplace. The LEED Professional mark is highly sought after by employers in the green jobs field and is a critical component to the LEED green building certification process.

The LEED Green Associate credential demonstrates core understanding of green building practices in order to support sustainable building design, construction, and operations.

The LEED AP with Specialty credentials allow for focused areas of expertise in various building-related fields including: Building Design + Construction; Interior Design + Construction; Operations + Maintenance; Homes; and Neighborhood Development.



## **About the Green Building Certification Institute**

The Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) is an independent, third-party organization committed to ensuring precision in the design, development, and implementation of the processes used to increase and measure green building performance (certification) and green building practice (credentialing).

Established in 2008 to administer project certifications and professional credentials and certificates within the framework of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating Systems™, GBCI offers the marketplace the highest-level validation that LEED building certifications and LEED professional credentials have met specific, rigorous criteria. Visit [www.gbci.org](http://www.gbci.org) for more information.

## **Reimbursement for veterans**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with the G.I. Bill, will reimburse veterans, eligible dependents and reservists for the cost of any of the LEED Professional Exams.

Individuals planning to take a LEED Professional Exam must apply directly to the VA for reimbursement. Under this agreement, the VA will cover up to \$2,000 per exam.

Those interested in applying should view the VA's pamphlet on licenses and certifications, found at [www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/LC\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/LC_brochure.pdf).

## **Reimbursement is retroactive**

Anyone who took a LEED Professional Exam after December 3, 2008 is eligible for reimbursement.

## **What industries are hiring LEED Professionals?**

A LEED Professional Credential is a well-recognized mark of excellence that sets green building professionals apart in their fields. LEED Professionals are highly sought after in the marketplace. Green jobs for LEED Professionals exist in the following industries, among others:

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| <b>Architecture</b>        | <b>General Contracting</b>    |
| <b>Brokerage</b>           | <b>Interior Design</b>        |
| <b>Building</b>            | <b>Maintenance</b>            |
| <b>Commissioning</b>       | <b>Manufacturing</b>          |
| <b>Construction</b>        | <b>Marketing</b>              |
| <b>Management</b>          | <b>Media</b>                  |
| <b>Consulting</b>          | <b>Landscape Architecture</b> |
| <b>Design</b>              | <b>Law</b>                    |
| <b>Development</b>         | <b>Planning</b>               |
| <b>Education</b>           | <b>Project Management</b>     |
| <b>Engineering</b>         | <b>Property Management</b>    |
| <b>Facility Management</b> | <b>Sales</b>                  |
| <b>Finance</b>             | <b>Subcontracting</b>         |

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