

LEED Credentials Guide

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Thank you for your interest in LEED credential courses with Emirates Green Building Council and the British University in Dubai. We hope the below provides clarity on your journey to achieving the LEED credential of your choice. It is the candidate's responsibility to check the [USGBC website](#) for up to date information.

What is the difference between LEED Certified and a LEED Credential?

Only buildings and projects can become LEED Certified. Green building professionals can earn LEED credentials such as the LEED GA and LEED AP.

LEED Certification

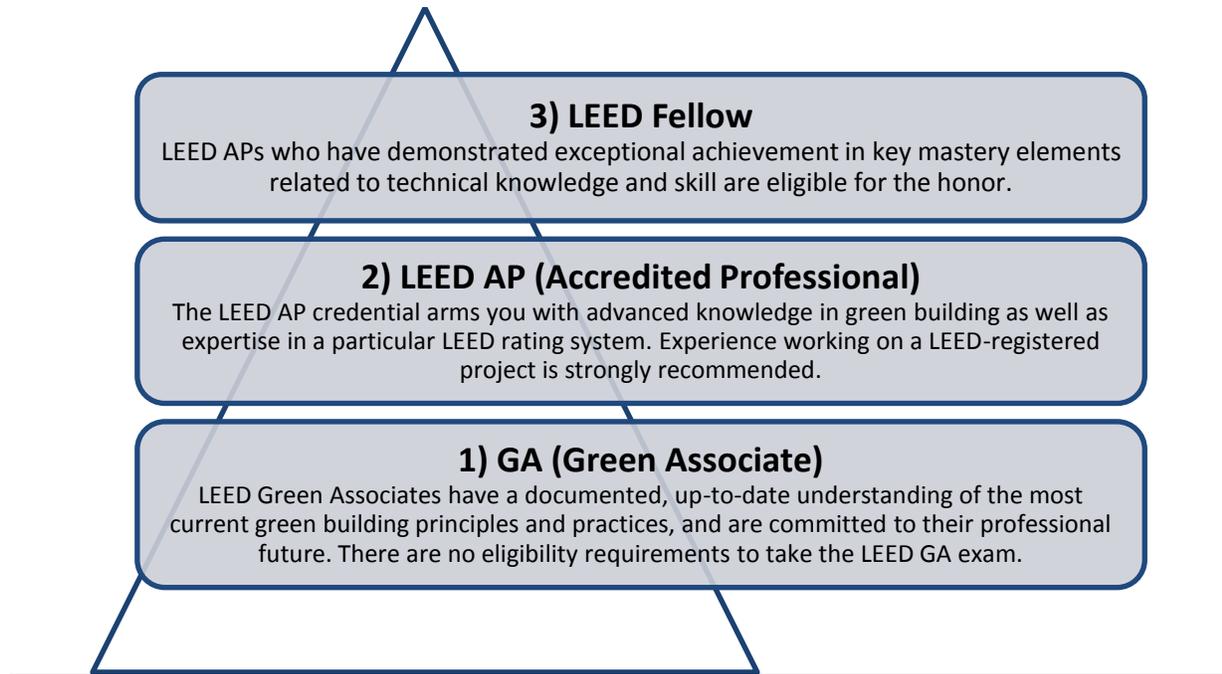
According to the USGBC, "LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. To receive LEED certification, building projects satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve different levels of certification. Prerequisites and credits differ for each rating system, and teams choose the best fit for their project."

LEED Credentials

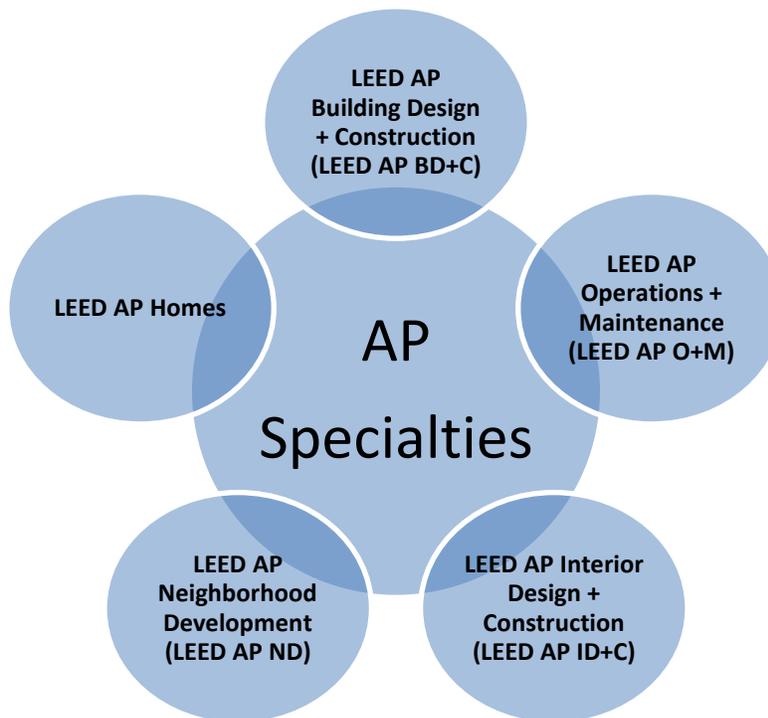
According to the USGBC "A LEED professional credential signifies that the candidate is a leader in the field and an active participant in the green building movement."

Which Credential is Right for Me?

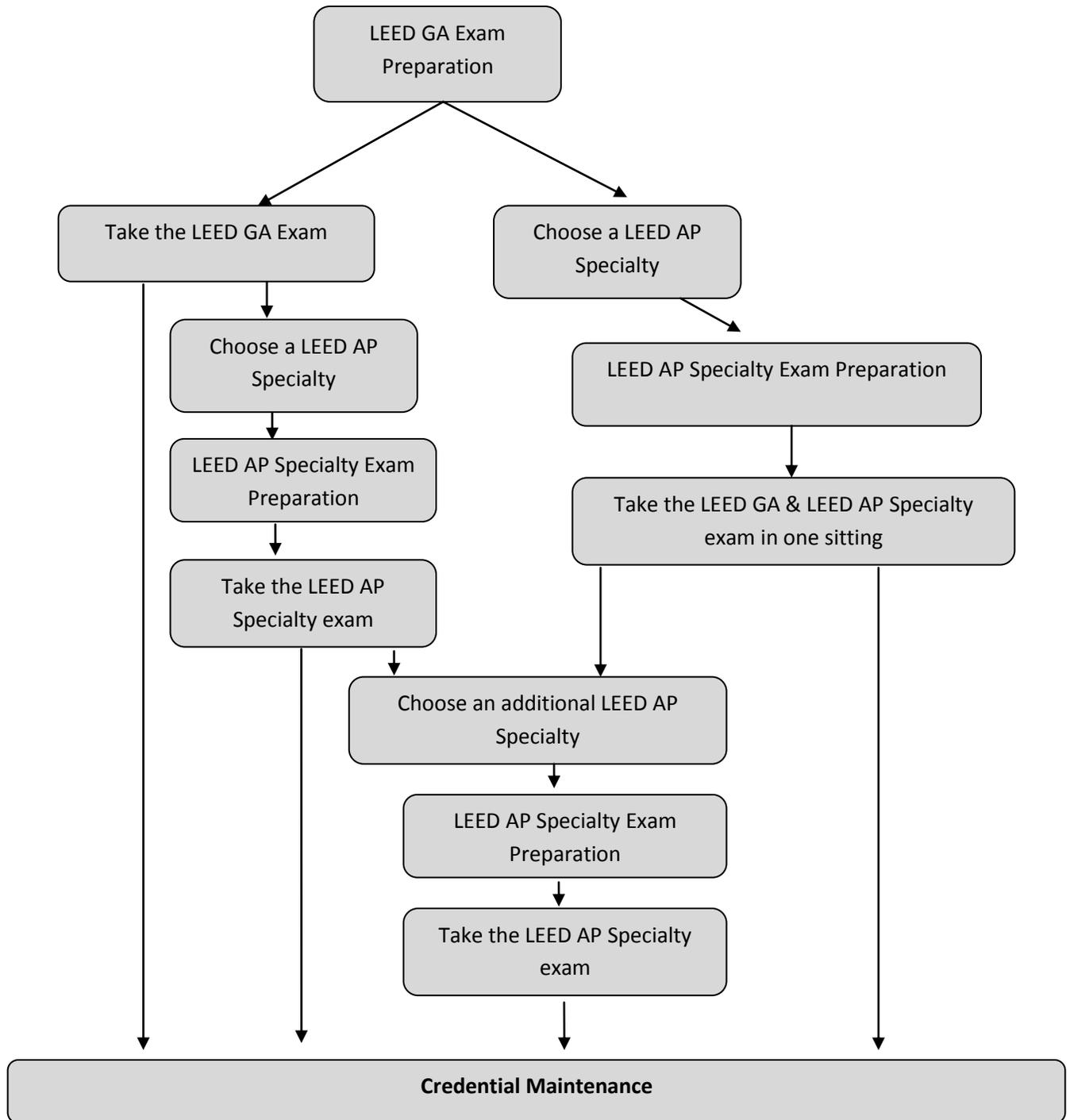
There are 3 levels of LEED Credentials:



How Many LEED AP Specialties are there?



What are the Steps to Achieving the Credential of my Choice?



Do I need to take the LEED GA course offered by EGBC and BUIID as Exam Preparation?

After completing this course delegates will understand the core concepts of green building and the LEED rating systems and will be familiar with the forms of questions presented in the LEED Green Associate exam. Throughout this program delegates will be presented with sample exam questions to prepare them for the LEED Green Associate exam. LEED Green Associate is the required first step on the path to becoming a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP) with specialty. This program meets the education requirements to prepare for the LEED Associate Exam.

How do I register for the exam?

We strongly recommend that all candidates read through the below linked Candidate Handbooks as a first step to understanding the LEED Credentials process. The basic steps involve registering on the USGBC website, navigating to the credential section, selecting the exam of choice, and scheduling exam date once redirected to the Prometric/GBCI page. **It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure they have checked the USGBC website to ensure they have the most up to date exam instructions.**

LEED GA	LEED AP BD & C	LEED AP O+M	LEED AP ND
Preparation instructions	Preparation Instructions	Preparation Instructions	Preparation Instructions
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Do I have to be a LEED GA to become a LEED AP? [Source](#)

The LEED AP exam is comprised of two parts, the LEED® Green Associate™ exam and the LEED AP with specialty exam. Each part contains 100 randomly delivered multiple choice questions and each part must be completed in 2 hours. Candidates who have already passed the LEED Green Associate Exam can register for the specialty only portion of the exam, and do not need to sit for the entire composite exam.

There is a cost saving on the exam fee if you sit the full AP exam which includes the GA certification (see cost breakdown below) as opposed to sitting the LEED GA and then LEED AP specialization separately.

What is the Cost of the Exam?

Find up to date information about exam fees [here](#)

	LEED GA	LEED AP (including GA)	LEED AP (specialty only)
USGBC Member	US \$200*	US \$400	\$250
USGBC Non-Member	US \$250	US \$550	\$350

*Discount also applies for full time students

How do I Maintain my Credentials?

You can download the Credential Maintenance Program guide [here](#).