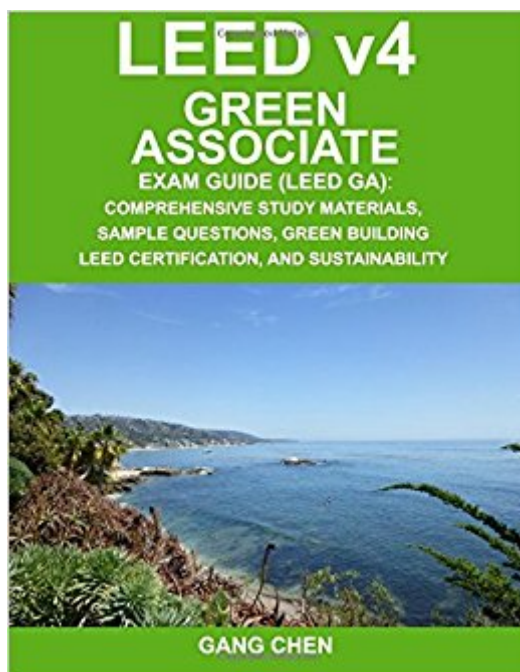


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# **LEED V4 Green Associate Exam Guide (LEED GA): Comprehensive Study Materials, Sample Questions, Green Building LEED Certification, And Sustainability (Green Associate Exam Guide Series) (Volume 1)**



## Synopsis

Pass the LEED Green Associate Exam, Get Your Building LEED Certified, Fight Global Warming, and Save Money! The USGBC released LEED v4 at the GreenBuild International Conference and Expo in November 2013. The GBCI started to include the new LEED v4 content for all LEED exams in late Spring 2014. We have incorporated the new LEED v4 content in this book. GBCI has begun to draw LEED Green Associate Exam questions from the second edition of Green Building and LEED Core Concepts Guide since December 1, 2011. We have incorporated this information in our book. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is one of the most important trends of development and is revolutionizing the construction industry. It has gained tremendous momentum and has a profound impact on our environment. From this book, you will learn how to do the following:

1. Pass the LEED Green Associate Exam.
2. Use LEED exam preparation strategies, study methods, tips, suggestions, mnemonics, and exam tactics to improve your exam performance.
3. Effectively understand, digest, and retain your LEED knowledge.
4. Understand the process of registering and certifying a building for LEED.
5. Understand the scope, main intent, core concepts and strategies, as well as identify the regulations, recognition, and incentives for each major LEED category.
6. Identify the strategies for case studies.
7. Identify the synergy in case studies.
8. Implement the most important LEED related codes and building standards.
9. Get points for categories not yet clearly defined by the USGBC.

This book fills in the blanks and demystifies LEED. It uncovers the secrets, codes, and jargon for LEED as well as the true meaning of "going green." It provides a solid foundation and fundamental framework for LEED. It covers every major aspect of LEED in plain and concise language, and introduces it to ordinary people. This guide is small and easy to carry around. You can read it whenever you have a few extra minutes. It is an indispensable book for ordinary people, developers, brokers, contractors, administrators, architects, landscape architects, civil, structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineers, interns, drafters, designers, and other design professionals.

What others are saying about "LEED Green Associate Exam Guide"...(Part I)"Finally! A comprehensive study tool for LEED GA Prep!" "I took the one-day Green LEED Green Associate course and walked away with a power point binder printed in very small print--which was missing MUCH of the required information (although I didn't know it at the time). I studied my little heart out and took the test, only to fail it by 1 point. Turns out I did NOT study all the material I needed to in order to pass the test. I found this book, read it, marked it up, retook the test, and passed it with a 95%. Look, we all know the LEED Green Associate Exam is new and the resources for study are VERY limited. This one's the VERY best out there right now. I highly recommend it." --Consultant VAA "Complete overview for the LEED Green Associate

exam""I studied this book for about three days and passed the exam ... if you are truly interested in learning about the LEED system and greenbuilding design, this is a great place to start."--K.A. Evans  
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What others are saying about "LEED Green Associate Exam Guide"...(Part II) Â "Very effective study guide" "I purchased both this study guide and Mr. Chen's LEED GA Mock Exams book and found them to be excellent tools for preparing for the LEED Green Associate Exam. While Mr. Chen's LEED Green Associate Exam Guide is not perfect (in that it's not the most user-friendly presentation of the material), it was very effective in at least presenting most, if not all, of the topics that the exam touched upon. While I wouldn't necessarily recommend my abbreviated strategy for preparing for the exam, the following worked for me: I read through the exam guide a couple of times (but not word for word), took the mock exam and referenced the guide for explanations for any wrong answers, did the same for the two mock exams in Mr. Chen's LEED GA Mock Exams book, flipped through the documents that Mr. Chen recommends, and took two other web-based mock exams that I purchased on eBay. Literally after ten hours of preparation time, I took the actual exam

and passed with a 189, thanks in large part to Mr. Chen's books. If I decide to take one of the LEED AP exams in the future, I will definitely be picking up more of Mr. Chen's study materials." --shwee

"shwee" Â "Only study guide needed to pass on your first try" "I don't write reviews, but I'm compelled to for this purchase. This was the only book I read and studied to prepare for the LEED Green Associate exam, and passed with ease on the first try today. I was over prepared for the exam by using this study guide, which is what I wanted on exam day. I bought the book, read it three times, learned a lot of good information, saved valuable time, and passed on the first try. By the way, I'm not a good test taker... THIS PRODUCT DELIVERED THE RESULTS, CASE CLOSED. I'll be buying his LEED AP BD&C Exam Guide to prepare for the specialty exam. Thank you Mr. Gang Chen!!!" --Lobo Â "I just finished taking the LEED Green Associate Exam and, thankfully, I passed it on the first try by using this book as my primary study guide...I particularly liked the way the author organized the information within it." --Lewis Colon Â "Just what is needed"

"I'm glad I used this book for my LEED Green Associate test, which I passed today. I tried other resources (stay away from the USGBC ones on their website!) but none were as organized as this book... Â My tip is to get this book, read it three times (yes, three) to memorize the facts, take the mock test included to see where you need to improvement, and do a little outside research. You just need a 60% passing score..." --N. Kong Â "Best LEED Green Associate Study Package" "This book is easy to read, and successfully gives you a much needed crash course on literally, how to study (for this exam and any other exam for that matter) and how to use the material provided most efficiently...This book is one of a kind at the time of this review, and could be the most affordable tutor available." --P O "philz" Â "...After having no prior experience in sustainable architecture or LEED buildings I used both your review book and the study guides by USGBC as my study references. I wanted to e-mail to thank you for such a comprehensive review guide that was enormously helpful in passing the exam. Without your guide I don't know if I would have passed. Thank you so much." --Elizabeth Â "A Great Book for Preparing the LEED exam!" "I have read almost all the books for LEED exams, and found LEED Exam Guide series to be the best. The USGBC Reference Guide was too detailed and kind of confusing... LEED Exam Guide series gives you just the right amount of information for you to pass the LEED exam. Each book in the series includes study materials, sample questions and answers, as well as mock exam and answers for a specific LEED exam. It also gives you the most information for you to get your building LEED certified. A Great book!" --Ellen Â "A Wonderful Guide for the LEED Green Associate Exam"

"...The book is written in an easy-to-understand language and brings up great examples, tying the material to the real world...This book stays dead on topic and keeps the reader interested in the

material. Â "I highly recommend this book to anyone that is considering the LEED Green Associate Exam. I learned a great deal from this guide, and I am feeling very confident about my chances for passing my upcoming exam." --Pavel Geystrin Â "Like other books in the LEED Exam Guide series, this is a great timesaver! The important information that you need to memorize is already highlighted / underlined by the author. This really saved me a lot of time. I love it! A Great Timesaver!" Â --Alice Â "Easy to read, easy to understand" "...Gang Chen breaks down the points, helping to minimize the amount of information but maximizing the content I was able to absorb. I plan on going through the book a few more times, and I now believe I have the right information to pass the LEED Green Associate Exam." --Brian Hochstein Â "All in one--LEED GA prep material" "...This LEED GA guide by Gang Chen is an answer to all my worries! It is a very precise book with lots of information, like how to approach the exam, what to study and what to skip, links to online material, and tips and tricks for passing the exam. It is like the 'one stop shop' for the LEED Green Associate Exam. I think this book can also be a good reference guide for green building professionals. A must-have!" --SwatiD Â "I'm giving this book 5 stars, as it accomplishes exactly what the author promises. Read it multiple times and memorize the key points/stats/figures, and you will be poised to pass the test." --R. C. O'Brien Â "Useful Study Guide" "The book is by far the most useful study guide I've purchased for the LEED GA exam. The other books were far too vague and did not approach the kind of pragmatic detail you'd need to pass." --Swansong8 Â "Really Helpful" "I purchased other exam preparation books for the LEED GA test and none of the others compared to this one. The layout and content of this book was much easier to use than the books from the USGBC. This book is all I needed to pass the test with its study tools like sample questions and exams. All in all a great buy!" --Jamie Â "Wonderful Resource!" "This book is well organized and concise. The material is completely relevant and truly is what helped me to pass the LEED Green Associate Exam! I used this book as my primary study material and found it more than sufficient. I recommend this book to anyone preparing to take the LEED GA exam!"Â Â Â --Joel I. SemelÂ Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â "With this book, plus the little red book, LEED Green Associate Mock Exams, (also by Gang Chen) combined with all the free PDF downloads printed from the USGBC website, I passed my LEED GA exam on the first try! Gang Chen's books provide a concise and organized framework of all the info you need...Highly recommended."Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â --Sarah BartzÂ Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â "Excellent resource!!!"Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â "I reviewed this book and memorized the charts and passed on the first try! This along with the practice exams by Gang Chen were all that I needed and included valuable tips for studying and additional (free) publications to refer to. This was an excellent purchase."Â Â --K. LairetÂ Â Â Â "Great Study guide. Will DEFINITELY help you pass

the exam!" "I took the LEED Green Associate Exam this morning and passed with a score of 190/200. I used this book as my primary study tool..." --K. Mitchell "Kmitchell"Â Your LEED V4 Green Associate Exam Guide (along with downloaded materials) enabled me to pass the exam on the first try after studying for 10 days (60-80 hours total). Thank you! ...Also, I wanted to mention that the actual test was much easier than most of the free test questions I was able to find online. I think some of the places selling courses try to make people think the test will be harder than it is, and that you need their help. --Meyer Baron

Latest trend for LEED Exams Recently, there are quite a few readers run into the versions of the LEED exams that have many questions on refrigerants (CFC, HCFC, and HFC), the following advice will help you answer these questions correctly: For more information, see free pdf file of "The Treatment by LEED of the Environmental Impact of HVAC Refrigerants" that you can download at link below:

[gbci.org/Files/References/The-Treatment-by-LEED-of-the-Environmental-Impact-of-HVAC-Refrigerants.pdf](http://gbci.org/Files/References/The-Treatment-by-LEED-of-the-Environmental-Impact-of-HVAC-Refrigerants.pdf) This is a VERY important document that you need to become familiar with. Many real LEED exam questions (CFC, HCFC, and HFC, etc.) come from this document. You need to download it for free and read it at least 3 times. Pay special attention to the Table on ODP and GWP on page 3. You do not have to remember the exact value of all ODPs and GWPs, but you do need to know the rough number for various groups of refrigerants." Â This latest trend regarding refrigerants (CFC, HCFC, and HFC) for LEED Exams has a lot to do with LEED v4 Credit Weighting. EA (including refrigerants) is a big winner in LEED v4, meaning the category Â has MORE questions than any other areas for ALL the LEED exams. See portion of my book, LEED GA Exam Guide quoted below: Â How are LEED credits allocated and weighted? Answer: Credits that can contribute to LEED's "Impact Categories" are given more points. These impact categories are weighted through a consensus driven process: Â Global Climate Change (35%) Â Social Equity, Environmental Justice, and Community Quality of Life (5%) Â Individual Human Health and well-being (20%) Â Greener Economy (5%) Â Biodiversity and Ecosystem (10%) Â Water Resources (15%) Â Sustainable and Regenerative Material Resources Cycles (10%) Â The USGBC uses three association factors to measure and scale credit outcome to a given Impact Category component: Â Relative Efficacy: It measures whether a credit outcome has a positive or negative association with a given Impact Category component, and how strong that association is. Â\$Â No association Â\$Â Low association Â\$Â Medium association Â\$Â High association Â\$Â Negative association Â Â Benefit Duration: How long will the benefits or consequences of the credit outcome last? Â\$Â 1-3

Years    4-10 Years    11-30 Years    30+ Years (Building/Community Lifetime)   

Controllability of Effect: It indicates which individual is most directly responsible for achieving the expected credit outcome. The more a credit outcome depends on active human effort, the less likely it will be achieved with certainty, and the credit will have fewer points, vice versa.    The USGBC simplifies the weighting process of points into a score card:    100 base points for    the base LEED Rating System    1 point minimum for each credit    Whole points and no fractions for LEED points.    See detailed discussions at the FREE PDF file entitled "LEED v4 Impact Category and Point Allocation Development Process" at the following link:

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This book works, however I recommend purchasing the LEED Green Associate Study Guide written by either Adam Ding or A. Togay Koralturk. Their books are far superior to this one. This book covers quite a bit of what is tested on the exam, however it is poorly put together and the grammar is terrible! This book will do the job though if you have no other options. The LEED Green Associate Exam is very simple. It just tests the basic concepts behind Green construction. In saying this, most any study guide on LEED will do the trick. If you really want to learn, then I suggest the two books listed above.

I just passed the LEED Green Associate Exam and I would not recommend this book. It is poorly written, it looks like it was all done on MS Word, and it really just includes the credit descriptions from the USGBC website with some commentary. This book is not an accurate representation of the actual exam, and I would recommend using other books, like the one from Michelle Cottrell.

Happy with purchase.

Its a very good guide to my concern

Total rip-off! I paid \$48 for this so-called exam guide and all I got was a bunch of words that didn't make any sense! If it wasn't for another exam preparation material I found 3 days before the test, not only I would have failed on the exam, but also I would be too confused about the basics of green building! LEED and green building knowledge is more of a common sense... for the exam purposes you need to know a couple of rules and standards not a bunch of unrelated stuff and details on how

many points you'll earn!!!

Using this together with the companion mock exam book, passed easily after less than 20 hours of studying.

Ordered this book due to the high reviews. This book is only ok, but I don't think it's really worth purchasing for the cost. I just passed my test an hour ago (got a score of 193) and I can say this book really was not all that helpful with regards to what's on the test. All it does is provide a simple and general review of what each credit is, nothing more and nothing less. It does make it easier to understand the purpose of the credit, but that's it. Overall the book is too simple and too general. In all honesty, you could easily find the same information for free online elsewhere (I found some free videos which did a much better job at explaining things). There are many things on the test that this book does not really cover in depth enough.

This book was not what I expected. Seeing the numerous 5 star reviews, I expected more. The reality is that this book does not (in my opinion) present the LEED Green Associate exam information in a clear manner, and may not contain all information needed to pass the test. Worried I would not pass the test studying this material alone, I bought practice tests and a study guide (for \$10 more than this book for the tests and study guide together) from Green Building Education Services. In my opinion, there is no comparison between the two. I am returning this product by Gang Chen for a refund. With improvement, I think it could be a very useful guide—but it needs work. I found errors that could have been fixed by a novice editor. For example, the title has "LEED GA" on it, but USGBC explicitly says never to use the term "LEED GA", but instead use "LEED Green Associate" or "LEED Green Assoc."—and that's on the cover of the book! For what it's worth, I passed the Green Associate exam three hours ago with a 196/200.

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