



## Green Building Assessment (II)



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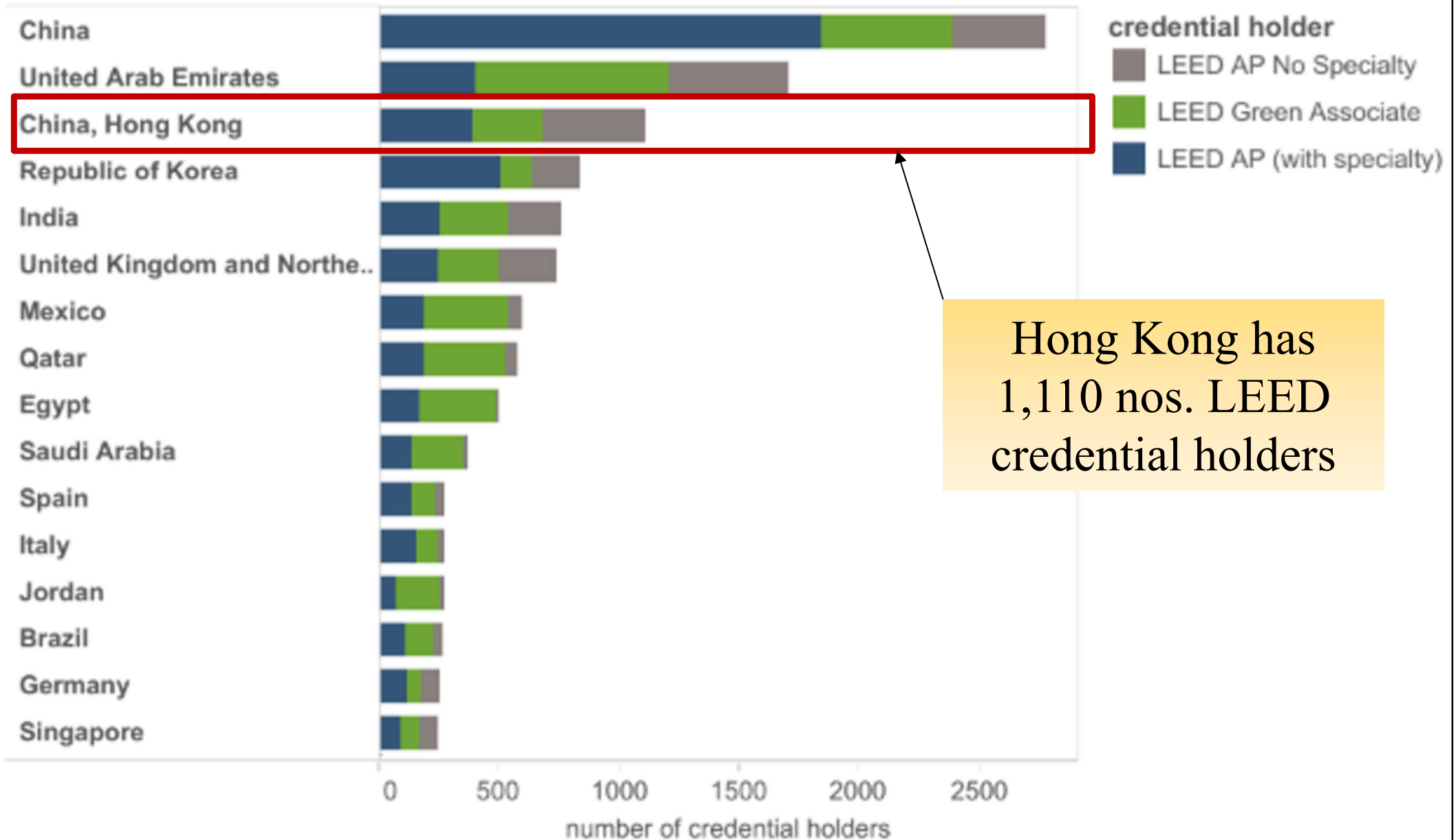
## Top 10 Countries and Regions for LEED in 2022

Rank	Country	Project Count	Certified Square Feet	Certified Square Meters
1	Mainland China	1,121	180,347,421.08	16,754,839.89
2	India	323	112,717,100.08	10,471,771.39
3	Canada	248	57,499,943.21	5,341,924.69
4	Brazil	108	25,863,895.93	2,402,836.88
5	Sweden	52	24,419,164.67	2,268,616.83
6	Republic of Korea	83	23,563,512.84	2,189,124.09
7	Mexico	92	18,427,638.40	1,711,985.28
8	Spain	99	16,851,697.75	1,565,575.47
9	Italy	96	14,469,150.48	1,344,229.37
10	Philippines	24	11,456,313.70	1,064,327.40

(Source: <https://www.usgbc.org/articles/top-10-countries-leed-demonstrate-green-building-truly-global-movement>)

# LEED professionals at a glance (2019)

## Credential Holders (Exclude US & Canada)



Remark: Number of credential holders in the world = 202,682; in US & Canada = 185,514

(Data source: <https://www.usgbc.org/articles/leed-professionals-glance-july-2019>)



# LEED certification

- Three organizations in the LEED process:
  - USGBC: deals with outlining and establishing the LEED standards
  - GBCI: (Green Business Certification Inc) runs the LEED Accreditation programs for people and LEED Certification for buildings
  - Prometric: testing centers that administer the exams

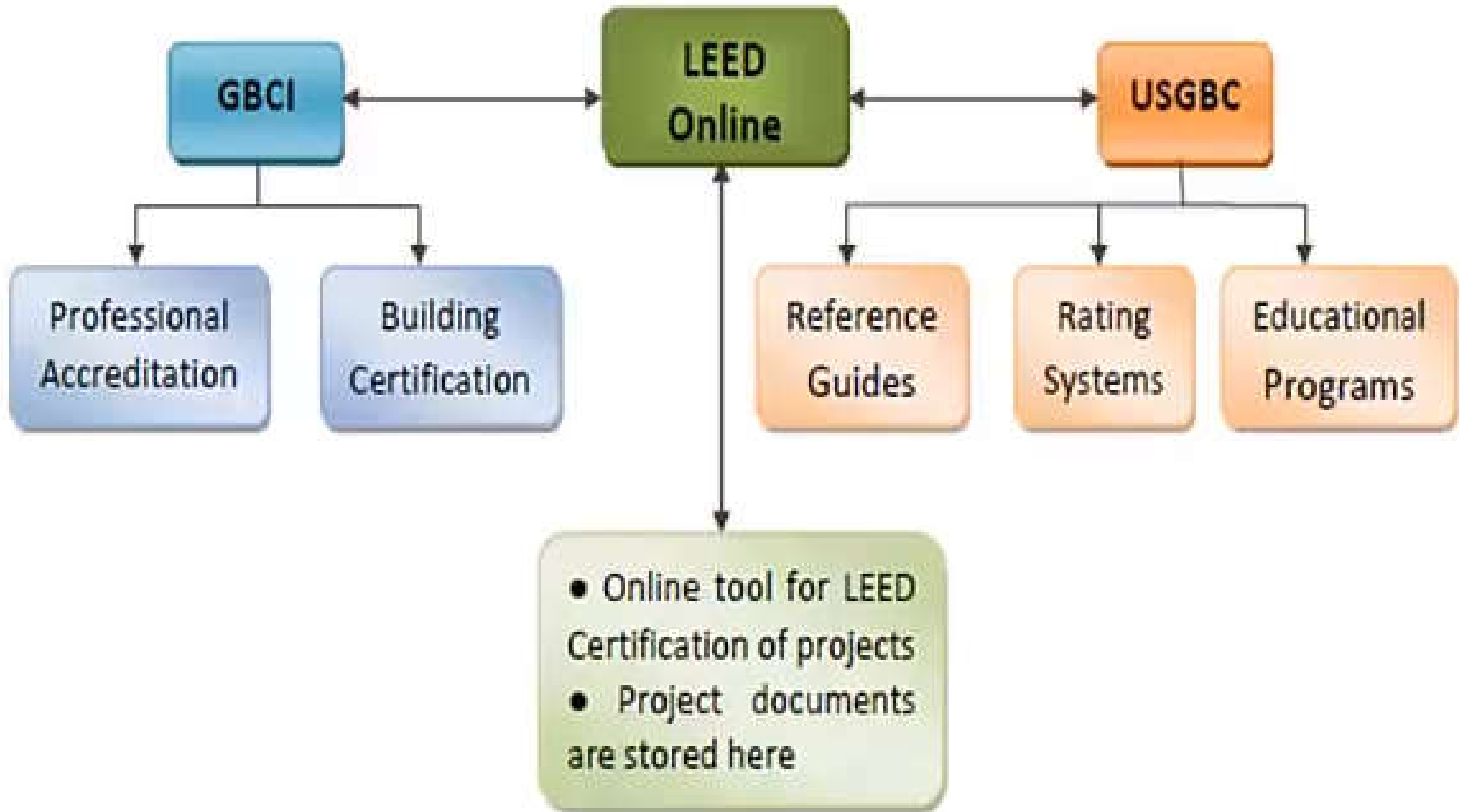


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# USGBC, GBCI and LEED Online ([www.usgbc.org/leedonline](http://www.usgbc.org/leedonline))



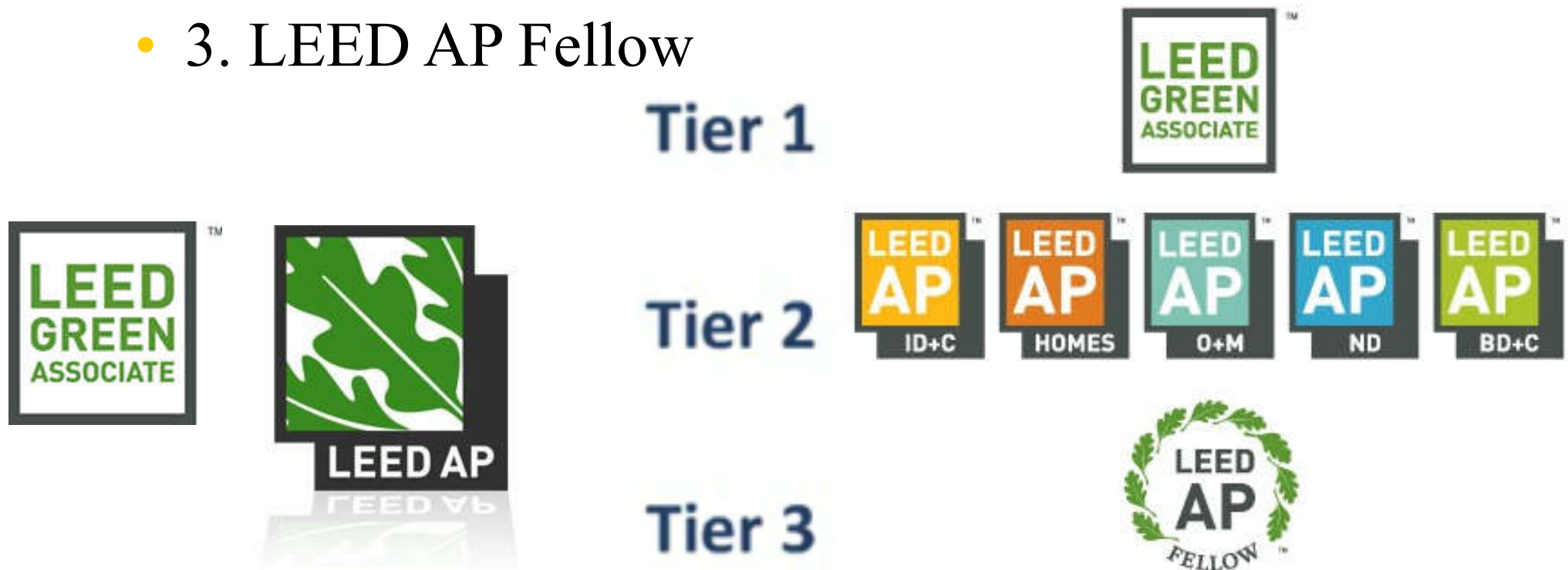
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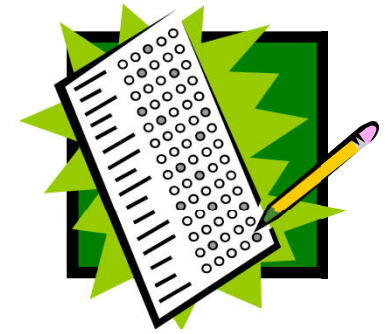
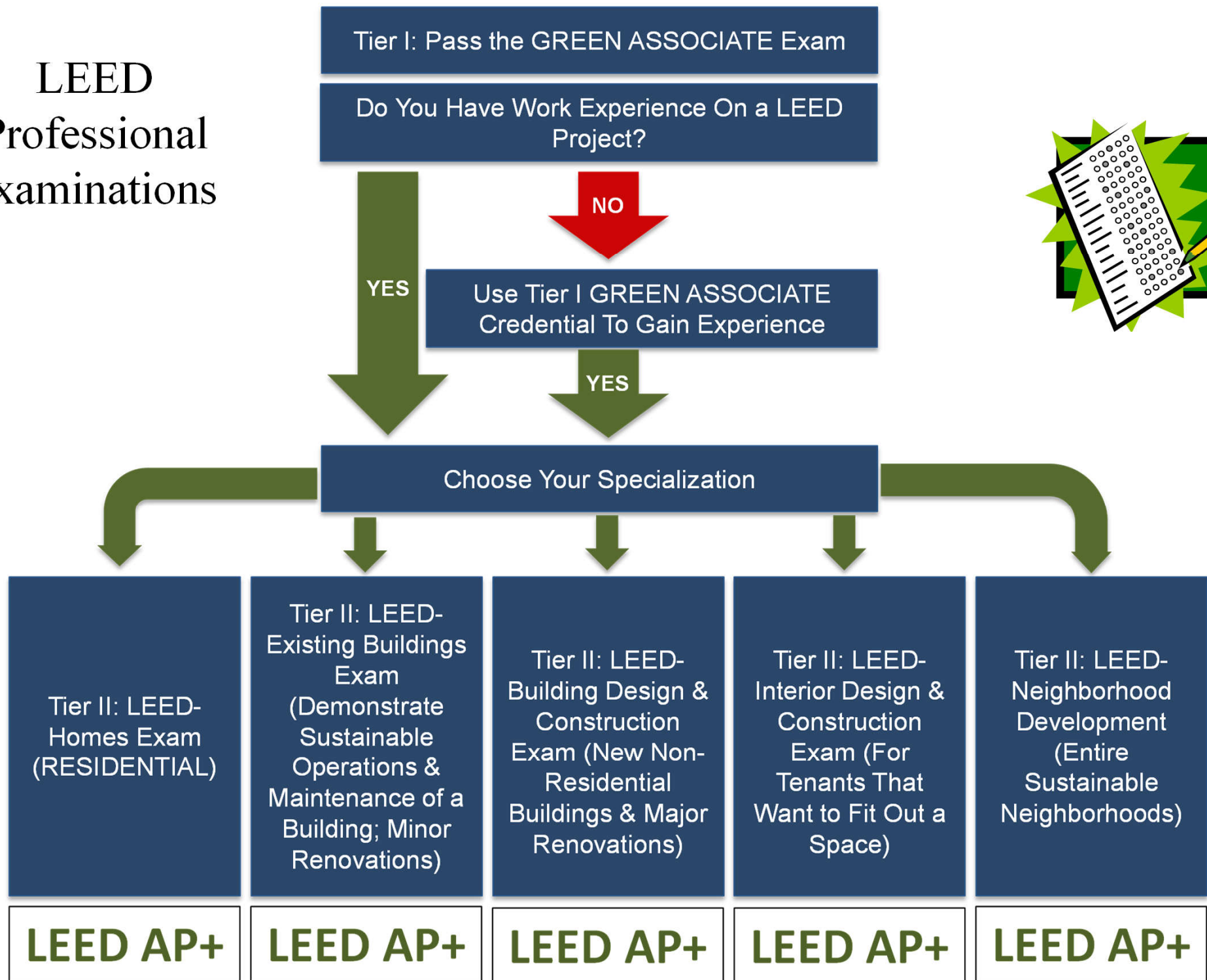


# LEED certification

- LEED professionals/credentials (3 tiers)
  - 1. LEED Green Associate (GA): entry level
  - 2. LEED AP+ with specialty: advance
  - 3. LEED AP Fellow



# LEED Professional examinations





# LEED Green Associate exam: sample question

## LEED Green Associate Examination www.prometric.com

Question 1 of 100

Time remaining: 01 : 59 : 59

**Which of the following should be addressed in IAQ Management during construction? (Choose 2)**

- Protection of HVAC equipment
- Pathway interruption
- Comply with ASHRAE 62.1 2007 requirements for ventilation
- Filter replacement schedule
- Specify materials with high VOC content

Previous

Mark

Next

Calculator

Review



# LEED certification

- Maintaining LEED credential
  - Continuing education (CE) required on a 2-year cycle (beginning on the exam date)
  - LEED GA: 15 CE hours biennially (3 must be LEED specific hours)
  - LEED AP: 30 CE hours biennially (6 must be LEED specific hours) as well as additional hours for additional specialties





# LEED certification

- USGBC introduced LEED v4.1 in 2019
  - <https://www.usgbc.org/leed/v41>
  - BD+C, ID+C, O+M, Residential, Cities and Communities, Recertification
  - LEED v4.1 emphasizes human health and integrates performance metrics powered by Arc (a new digital platform that uses data to help measure and improve sustainability performance, <https://arcskoru.com/>) to encourage ongoing tracking



# LEED v4.1 integrates performance metrics using Arc digital platform

## Arc Scores

Total Energy Water Waste Transportation Human Experience

— Last 12 months average

71/100



## Current Arc Scores



## Energy emissions breakdown

— Scope 1 — Scope 2

5.8M MTCO<sub>2</sub>e

MTCO<sub>2</sub>e

100K



Breakdown (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e)

Scope 1 20K

Scope 2 63K

## Arc Improvement Scores

Last 12 months average





# LEED process

- LEED project registration and certification
  - Submit online registration form ([www.gbci.org](http://www.gbci.org))
  - Fees vary depending on project type, size
  - LEED Platinum will receive a rebate of the fees
- LEED rating system selection:
  - Building Design and Construction (BD+C)
  - Interior Design and Construction (ID+C)
  - Building Operations and Maintenance (O+M)
  - Neighborhood Development (ND)



# LEED process

- **Building Design and Construction (BD+C)**
  - New Construction and Major Renovations
  - Core and Shell Development
  - Schools
  - Retails
  - Data Centers
  - Warehouses and Distribution Centers
  - Hospitality
  - Healthcare
  - Homes and Multifamily Lowrise
  - Multifamily Midrise



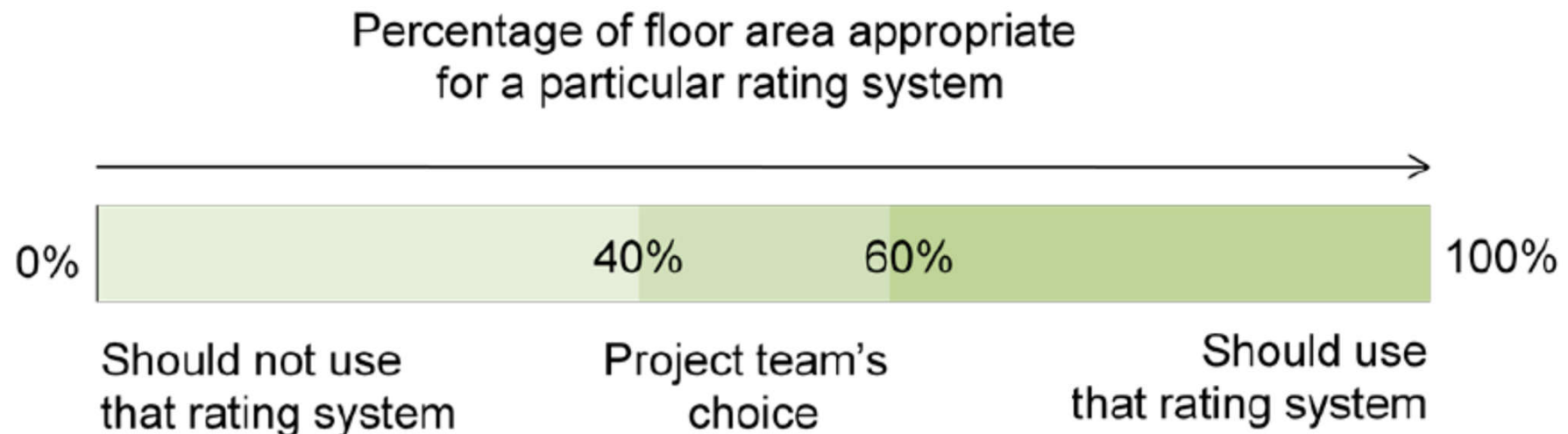
# LEED process

- Interior Design and Construction (ID+C)
  - Commercial Interiors
  - Retails
  - Hospitality
- Building Operations and Maintenance (O+M)
  - Existing Buildings
  - Retails
  - Schools
  - Hospitality
  - Data Centers
  - Warehouses & Distribution Centers



# LEED process

- **Neighborhood Development (ND)**
  - Plan (conceptual or master planning phases, or under construction)
  - Built Project
- Choosing between rating systems (**40/60 rule**)







# LEED process

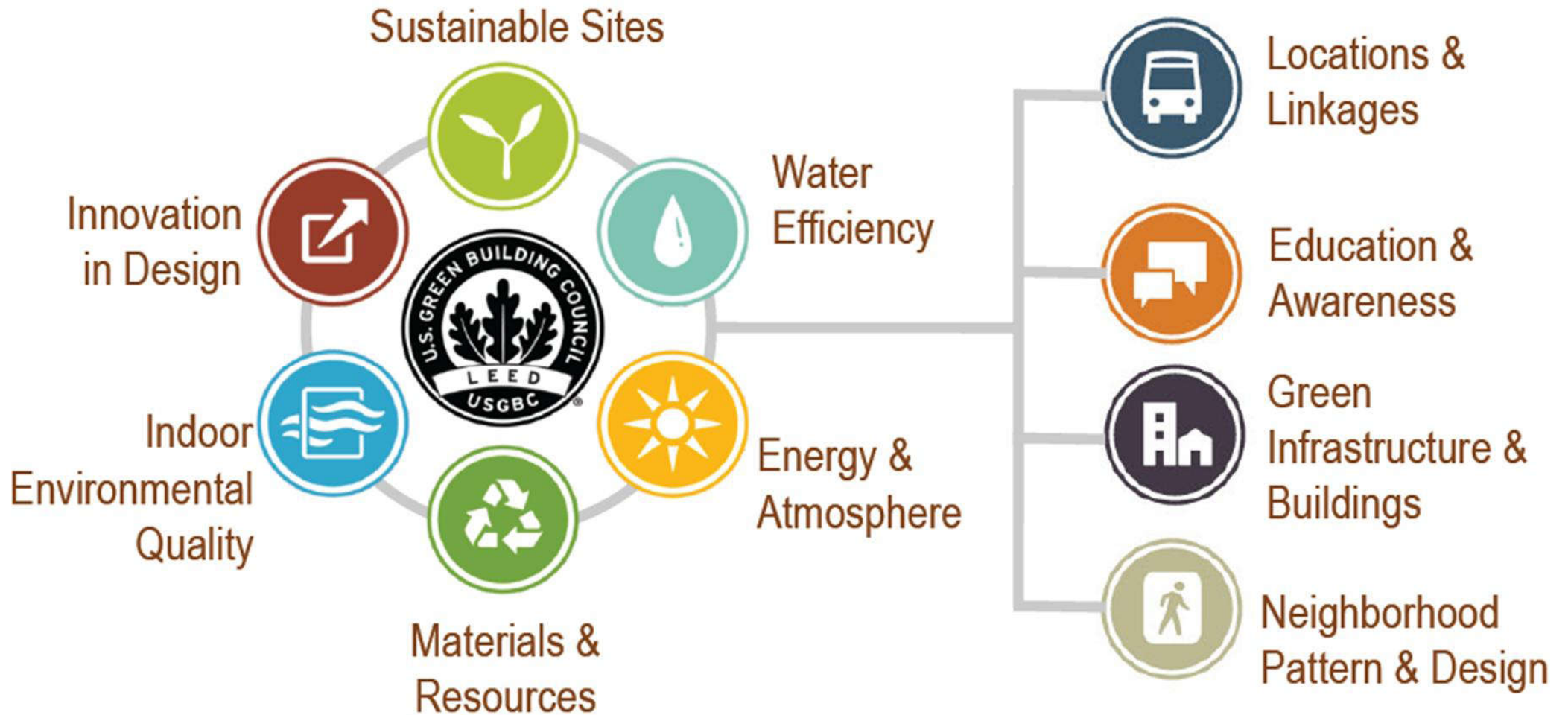
- Application process
  - The project team submits LEED letter templates and other documentation for credit review and certification
  - Decision makers: the professional responsible for submitting the templates and documentation
    - Such as LEED AP, architect, building services engineer, civil engineer, commissioning authority, facility engineer, interior designer, landscape architect
  - Two phases of submission:
    - Design phase + Construction phase



# LEED process

- **Minimum program requirements (MPRs)**
  - Define minimum characteristics that a project must possess in order to be eligible for LEED
    - Must comply with Environmental Laws
    - Must be a complete, permanent building or space
    - Must use a reasonable site boundary
    - Must comply with minimum floor area requirements
    - Must comply with minimum occupancy rates
    - Must commit to sharing whole building energy and water usage data
    - Registration & certification activity must comply with reasonable timetables

# LEED structure (LEED 2009 NC)





# LEED process

- Credits in LEED 2009 NC:
  - Sustainable Sites (**SS**)
  - Water Efficiency (**WE**)
  - Energy and Atmosphere (**EA**)
  - Materials and Resources (**MR**)
  - Indoor Environmental Quality (**IEQ**)
  - Innovation in Design (**ID**)
  - Regional Priority (**RP**)



# LEED basics – rating system example (LEED 2009-NC)

Category	Prerequisites	Credits	Possible points
Sustainable Sites (SS)	1	8	26
Water Efficiency (WE)	1	3	10
Energy & Atmosphere (EA)	3	6	35
Materials & Resources (MR)	1	7	14
Indoor Environmental Quality (EQ)	2	8	15
Innovation & Design Process (ID)	None	2	6
Regional Priority (RP)	None	1	4
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>110</b>



# LEED process

- Prerequisite (New Construction)
  - SSp1: Construction activity pollution prevention
  - WEp1: Water use reduction
  - EAp1: Fundamental commissioning of building energy systems
  - EAp2: Minimum energy performance
  - EAp3: Fundamental refrigerant management
  - MRp1: Storage and collection of recyclables
  - IEQp1: Minimum IAQ performance
  - IEQp2: Environmental tobacco smoke control



# LEED process

- All LEED rating systems (except LEED for homes) have 100 base points + 6 ID + 4 RP = 110 points
  - LEED for homes have 125 point scale + 11 ID
- LEED 2009 NC award scale:
  - Platinum 80 points and above
  - Gold 60–79 points
  - Silver 50–59 points
  - Certified 40–49 points





# LEED process

- Credit weightings
  - Based on the potential environmental impacts and human benefits of each credit with respect to a set of impact categories
- Project checklist forms
  - Determine which LEED rating system and level of certification would be best suited for the project
  - Also called LEED credit Scorecard
- Credit templates and calculators
  - Access via LEEDonline ([www.usgbc.org/leedonline](http://www.usgbc.org/leedonline))



# LEED 2009 New Construction Checklist

## Sustainable Sites

26 Possible Points

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite 1	Construction Activity Pollution Prevention	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 1	Site Selection	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 2	Development Density and Community Connectivity	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 3	Brownfield Redevelopment	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4.1	Alternative Transportation—Public Transportation Access	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4.2	Alternative Transportation—Bicycle Storage and Changing Rooms	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4.3	Alternative Transportation—Low-Emitting and Fuel-Efficient Vehicles	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4.4	Alternative Transportation—Parking Capacity	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 5.1	Site Development—Protect or Restore Habitat	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 5.2	Site Development—Maximize Open Space	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 6.1	Stormwater Design—Quantity Control	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 6.2	Stormwater Design—Quality Control	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 7.1	Heat Island Effect—Nonroof	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 7.2	Heat Island Effect—Roof	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 8	Light Pollution Reduction	1

## Water Efficiency

10 Possible Points

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite 1	Water Use Reduction	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 1	Water Efficient Landscaping	2-4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 2	Innovative Wastewater Technologies	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 3	Water Use Reduction	2-4

(Source: USGBC)

# LEED 2009 New Construction Checklist (cont'd)

## Energy and Atmosphere

35 Possible Points

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite 1	Fundamental Commissioning of Building Energy Systems	Required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite 2	Minimum Energy Performance	Required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite 3	Fundamental Refrigerant Management	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 1	Optimize Energy Performance	1-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 2	On-site Renewable Energy	1-7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 3	Enhanced Commissioning	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4	Enhanced Refrigerant Management	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 5	Measurement and Verification	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 6	Green Power	2

## Materials and Resources

14 Possible Points

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite 1	Storage and Collection of Recyclables	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 1.1	Building Reuse—Maintain Existing Walls, Floors and Roof	1-3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 1.2	Building Reuse—Maintain Existing Interior Nonstructural Elements	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 2	Construction Waste Management	1-2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 3	Materials Reuse	1-2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4	Recycled Content	1-2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 5	Regional Materials	1-2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 6	Rapidly Renewable Materials	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 7	Certified Wood	1

# LEED 2009 New Construction Checklist (cont'd)

<b>Indoor Environmental Quality</b>		<b>15 Possible Points</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite 1 Minimum Indoor Air Quality Performance	Required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite 2 Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Control	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 1 Outdoor Air Delivery Monitoring	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 2 Increased Ventilation	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 3.1 Construction Indoor Air Quality Management Plan—During Construction	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 3.2 Construction Indoor Air Quality Management Plan—Before Occupancy	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4.1 Low-Emitting Materials—Adhesives and Sealants	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4.2 Low-Emitting Materials—Paints and Coatings	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4.3 Low-Emitting Materials—Flooring Systems	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 4.4 Low-Emitting Materials—Composite Wood and Agrifiber Products	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 5 Indoor Chemical and Pollutant Source Control	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 6.1 Controllability of Systems—Lighting	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 6.2 Controllability of Systems—Thermal Comfort	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 7.1 Thermal Comfort—Design	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 7.2 Thermal Comfort—Verification	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 8.1 Daylight and Views—Daylight	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 8.2 Daylight and Views—Views	1
<b>Innovation in Design</b>		<b>6 Possible Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 1 Innovation in Design	1-5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 2 LEED Accredited Professional	1
<b>Regional Priority</b>		<b>4 Possible Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit 1 Regional Priority	1-4

(Source: USGBC)



# LEED process

- LEED Pilot Credit Library
  - <http://www.usgbc.org/leed/tools/pilot-credits>
  - To test new and revised LEED credit language, alternative compliance paths, and new or innovative green building technologies and concepts
  - LEED project teams may pursue an unlimited number of pilot credits, however points awarded is limited by the number of Innovation credits available (up to 5 for LEED 2009 projects)



# LEED process

- EAp2: Minimum energy performance
  - **Intent:** Establish the minimum level of energy efficiency for the proposed building and systems
  - **Requirements:** Mandatory provisions of ASHRAE 90.1 and
    - Prescriptive requirements of 90.1 **or**
    - Performance requirements of 90.1 Section 11 (Energy Cost Budget Method) **or**
    - The requirements in the local energy code, whichever is more stringent

# ASHRAE 90.1 compliance approaches

## Building System

## Compliance Options

Envelope

HVAC

SWH

Power

Lighting

Other

**Mandatory Provisions**  
(required for most compliance options)

Prescriptive Option

Trade Off Option

Energy Cost Budget

Simplified

Energy Code Compliance

(Source: US Department of Energy)



# LEED process

- **EAc1: Optimize energy performance**
  - **Intent:** Achieve increasing levels of energy performance above the baseline in the prerequisite standard to reduce environmental impacts associated with excessive energy use
  - **Requirements:** Awards points for improving performance rating of the design building vs. baseline building as per ASHRAE Standard 90.1 (Appendix G) [1 to 19 points]

# EAc1: Optimize energy performance (Up to 19 points)

<b>New Buildings</b>	<b>Existing Building Renovations</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>12%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>14%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>16%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>18%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>20%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>22%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>24%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>26%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>28%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>30%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>32%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>34%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>36%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>38%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>40%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>42%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>44%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>46%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>48%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>19</b>

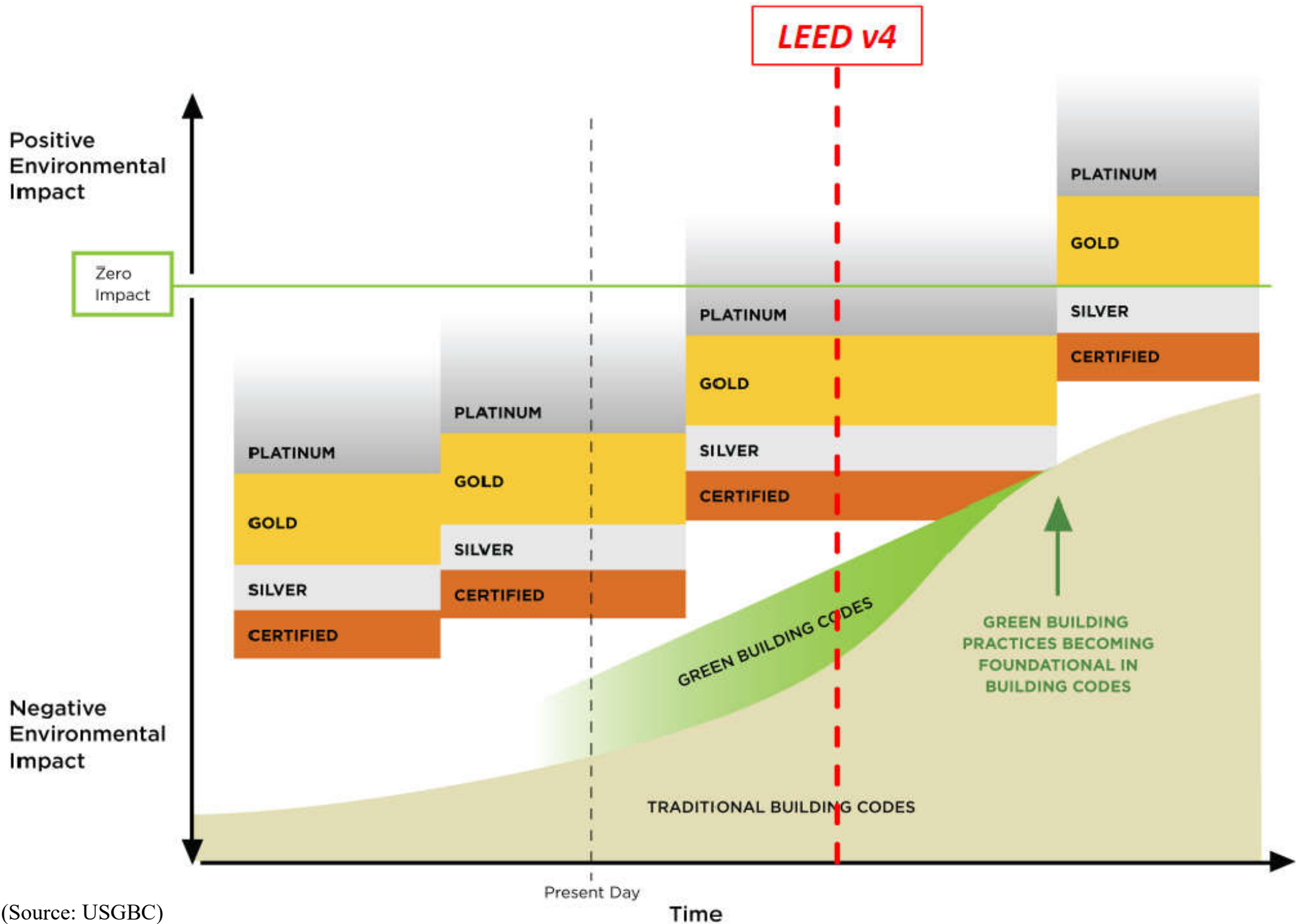




# LEED v4

- Changes in the LEED v4:
  - Global focus
    - SI units
    - Alternative compliance paths
  - New and more stringent prerequisites and credits
  - Online credit library
    - <http://www.usgbc.org/credits>
  - Market sector language
    - Different rating systems for different building types
  - Link with LEED ND


# LEED v4: A shift in focus, deeper transformation



(Source: USGBC)

# Video presentation



- LEED® v4 Certification (3:10)
  - <https://youtu.be/xHnlnXt9Td8>
  - A comprehensive update for LEED and a radical jump forward for the green building rating system
  - Major changes in LEED v4: 
    - Integrative Process
    - Location & Transportation
    - Materials & Resources (life cycle thinking, product transparency, environmental product declarations EPDs, health product declarations HPDs)
    - Other changes on Sites, Water, Energy and IEQ



# LEED v4 for BD+C: New Construction and Major Renovation

## Project Checklist

Project Name

Date

<b>Integrative Process</b>		<b>1</b>
Credit 1	Integrative Process	1

<b>Location and Transportation</b>		<b>16</b>
Credit 1	LEED for Neighborhood Development Location	16
Credit 2	Sensitive Land Protection	1
Credit 3	High Priority Site	2
Credit 4	Surrounding Density and Diverse Uses	5
Credit 5	Access to Quality Transit	5
Credit 6	Bicycle Facilities	1
Credit 7	Reduced Parking Footprint	1
Credit 8	Green Vehicles	1

<b>Sustainable Sites</b>		<b>10</b>
Y	Prereq 1 Construction Activity Pollution Prevention	Required
	Credit 1 Site Assessment	1
	Credit 2 Site Development--Protect or Restore Habitat	2
	Credit 3 Open Space	1
	Credit 4 Rainwater Management	3
	Credit 5 Heat Island Reduction	2
	Credit 6 Light Pollution Reduction	1

<b>Water Efficiency</b>		<b>11</b>
Y	Prereq 1 Outdoor Water Use Reduction	Required
Y	Prereq 2 Indoor Water Use Reduction	Required
Y	Prereq 3 Building-Level Water Metering	Required
	Credit 1 Outdoor Water Use Reduction	2
	Credit 2 Indoor Water Use Reduction	6
	Credit 3 Cooling Tower Water Use	2
	Credit 4 Water Metering	1

<b>Energy and Atmosphere</b>		<b>33</b>
Y	Prereq 1 Fundamental Commissioning and Verification	Required
Y	Prereq 2 Minimum Energy Performance	Required
Y	Prereq 3 Building-Level Energy Metering	Required
Y	Prereq 4 Fundamental Refrigerant Management	Required
	Credit 1 Enhanced Commissioning	6
	Credit 2 Optimize Energy Performance	18
	Credit 3 Advanced Energy Metering	1
	Credit 4 Demand Response	2
	Credit 5 Renewable Energy Production	3

<b>Energy and Atmosphere Continued</b>		
Credit 6	Enhanced Refrigerant Management	1
Credit 7	Green Power and Carbon Offsets	2

<b>Materials and Resources</b>		<b>13</b>
Y	Prereq 1 Storage and Collection of Recyclables	Required
Y	Prereq 2 Construction and Demolition Waste Management Planning	Required
	Credit 1 Building Life-Cycle Impact Reduction	5
	Credit 2 Building Product Disclosure and Optimization - Environmental Product Declarations	2
	Credit 3 Building Product Disclosure and Optimization - Sourcing of Raw Materials	2
	Credit 4 Building Product Disclosure and Optimization - Material Ingredients	2
	Credit 5 Construction and Demolition Waste Management	2

<b>Indoor Environmental Quality</b>		<b>16</b>
Y	Prereq 1 Minimum Indoor Air Quality Performance	Required
Y	Prereq 2 Environmental Tobacco Smoke Control	Required
	Credit 1 Enhanced Indoor Air Quality Strategies	2
	Credit 2 Low-Emitting Materials	3
	Credit 3 Construction Indoor Air Quality Management Plan	1
	Credit 4 Indoor Air Quality Assessment	2
	Credit 5 Thermal Comfort	1
	Credit 6 Interior Lighting	2
	Credit 7 Daylight	3
	Credit 8 Quality Views	1
	Credit 9 Acoustic Performance	1

<b>Innovation</b>		<b>6</b>
	Credit 1.1 Innovation	1
	Credit 1.2 Innovation	1
	Credit 1.3 Innovation	1
	Credit 1.4 Innovation	1
	Credit 1.5 Innovation	1
	Credit 2 LEED Accredited Professional	1



<b>Regional Priority</b>		<b>4</b>
	Credit 1 Regional Priority: Specific Credit	1
	Credit 2 Regional Priority: Specific Credit	1
	Credit 3 Regional Priority: Specific Credit	1
	Credit 4 Regional Priority: Specific Credit	1

<b>Total</b>		<b>110</b>
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(Source: USGBC)



Certified 40 to 49 points Silver 50 to 59 points Gold 60 to 79 points Platinum 80 to 110

# LEED 2009 vs. LEED v4

Category	LEED 2009	%	Category	LEED v4	%
N/A	0	0%	Integrative Design 	1	1%
Sustainable Sites	26	24%	Location & Transport 	16	15%
			Sustainable Sites	10	9%
Water Efficiency	10	9%	Water Efficiency	11	10%
Energy & Atmosphere	35	32%	Energy & Atmosphere	33	30%
Materials & Resources	14	13%	Materials & Resources	13	12%
Indoor Environmental Quality	15	14%	Indoor Environmental Quality	16	15%
Innovation	6	5%	Innovation	6	5%
Regional Priority	4	4%	Regional Priority	4	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>			<b>110</b>	



# LEED v4

- Integrative Process A circular icon with a green border and a white background, containing a stylized green figure of a person with arms raised, symbolizing integration or collaboration.
  - Requires team to analyse opportunities for water and energy savings early in design (1 pt)
  - Requires iterative energy modelling
  - Requires water budget
- Location & Transportation A circular icon with a blue border and a white background, containing a stylized blue bus, symbolizing transportation.
  - Changes Sustainable Site credit points and introduce new credits, e.g.
    - Select a LEED ND certified site (1 pt)
    - Access to quality transit (5 pts)
    - Green vehicles (1 pt)



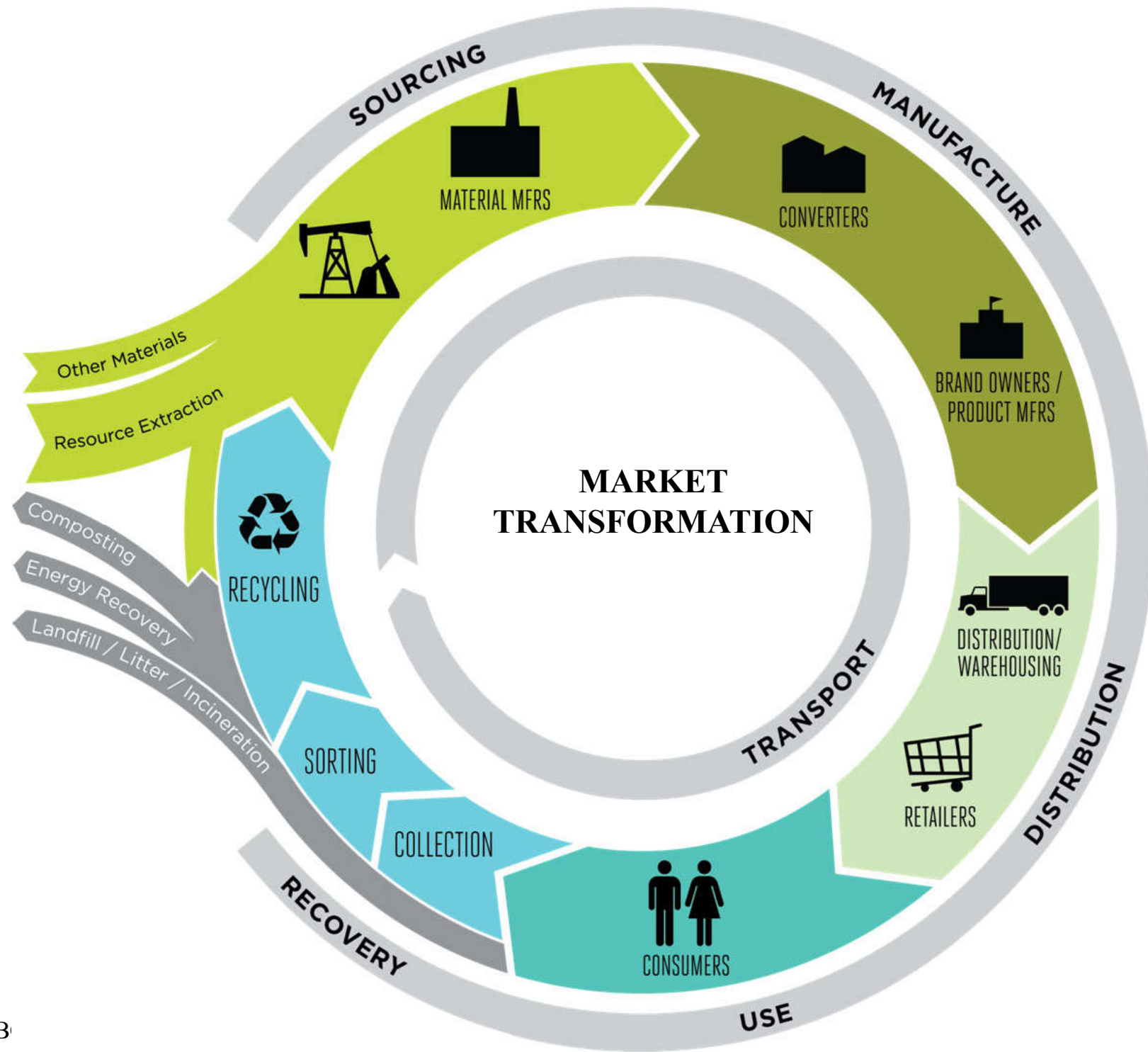
# LEED v4

- Materials & Resources



- New prerequisite:
  - Construction & demolition waste management planning
- New credits:
  - Building life-cycle impact reduction (5 pts)
  - Building product disclosure and optimization – environmental product declarations (2 pts)
  - Building product disclosure and optimization – sources of raw materials (2 pts)
  - Building product disclosure and optimization – material ingredients (2 pts)



# LEED v4 focuses on market transformation of the manufacturing industry









# LEED v4

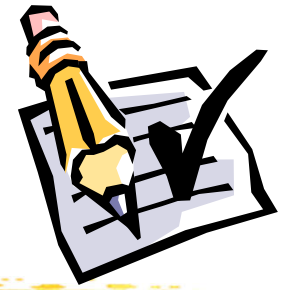
- Sustainable Sites 
  - New credits, e.g.
    - Site assessment (1 pt)
    - Rainwater management (3 pts)
- Water Efficiency 
  - New prerequisites:
    - Outdoor water use reduction
    - Building-level water metering
  - New credits:
    - Cooling tower water use (2 pts)
    - Water metering (1 pt)



# LEED v4

- Energy and Atmosphere An orange circular icon with a white sunburst design inside.
  - New prerequisites:
    - Building-level energy metering
  - New credits:
    - Advanced energy metering (1 pt)
    - Demand response (2 pts)
- Indoor Environmental Quality A blue circular icon with a white soundwave design inside.
  - New credit:
    - Acoustic performance (1 pt)

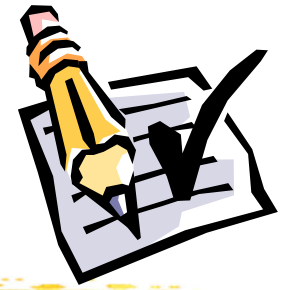
# Key factors to consider




- Passive design
  - Taking advantage of the sun and wind
- Regenerative Projects
  - Support the health, generate electricity and send back to the grid. Its goal to achieve “net zero”
- The triple bottom line
  - People (Social)
  - Planet (Environmental)
  - Profit (Economic)



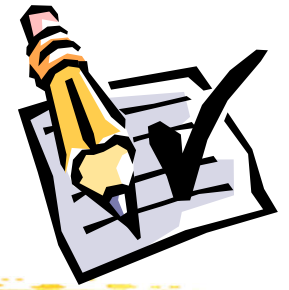
# Key factors to consider



- Sustainable sites 
  - Develop only on appropriate sites
  - Provide for non-auto access
  - Preserve open space
  - Manage stormwater
  - Reduce urban heat island effect
  - Reduce light pollution of the night sky



# Key factors to consider



- Water conservation

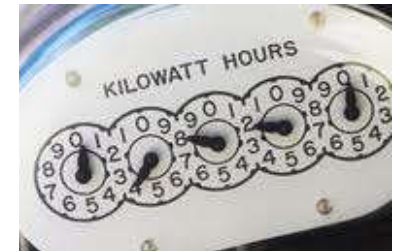


- Reduce use of potable water for irrigation and for building water use and sewage conveyance

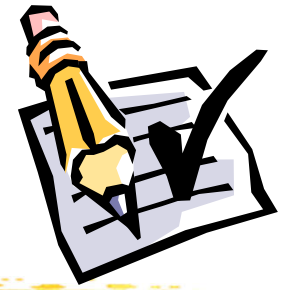
- Energy efficiency and atmosphere protection



- Reduce building energy use
- Use less harmful chemicals for refrigerants
- Generate renewable energy on-site
- Provide for ongoing energy savings
- Purchase green power for project use



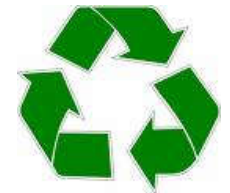
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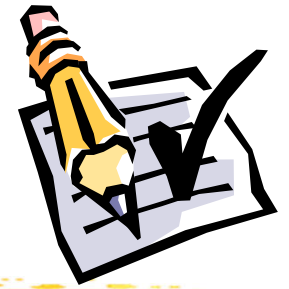
- Materials and resource conservation



- Provide for recycling
- Reuse existing buildings
- Reduce construction waste generation
- Use salvaged and recycled content materials
- Source materials regionally
- Use rapidly renewable (agricultural) materials and certified wood products



# Key factors to consider



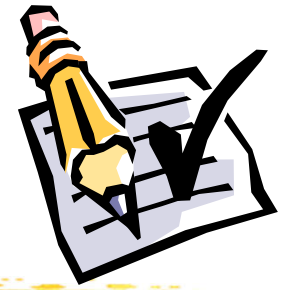
- Indoor environmental quality



- Improve indoor air quality
- Increase outside air ventilation
- Manage air quality during construction
- Use only nontoxic quality finishes, carpets, and composite wood products
- Reduce exposure to toxic chemicals during building operations
- Provide for individual comfort control
- Maintain thermal comfort standards



# Key factors to consider



- Indoor environmental quality (cont'd)



- Provide daylighting and views to the outdoors

- Encourage innovation and integrated design



- Provide for exemplary performance above LEED standards and encourage other innovations
- Use accredited professionals on the design team



# Hong Kong BEAM



HONG KONG BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT METHOD

香港建築環境評估法

- HK-BEAM

- Previous versions:

- Version 1/96R - for new office designs
- Version 2/96R - for existing office buildings
- Version 3/99 - for new residential buildings
- Hotel Building Environmental Assessment Scheme (HBEAS)

- Issues covered:

- Global issues & use of resources
- Local issues
- Indoor issues

With reference to the  
early version of  
BREEAM in UK

# Hong Kong BEAM



- HK-BEAM



HONG KONG BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL  
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香港建築環境評估法

- Versions 2004:

- HK-BEAM 4/04 New Buildings
- HK-BEAM 5/04 Existing Building



**BEAM Society**  
建築環保評估協會

- Approach and criteria

- Site aspects
- Materials aspects
- Energy use
- Water use
- Indoor environmental quality (IEQ)
- Innovation & performance enhancements

Make reference to  
LEED v.1/v.2 in  
USA

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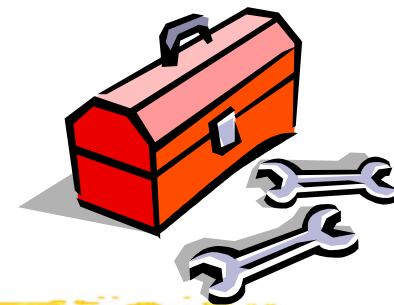
香港建築環境評估法

- HK-BEAM

- Weighting system to reflect
  - Relative importance of criteria
  - Relative areas of the spaces
- Overall assessment grade (IEQ must meet min. %)

• Platinum	75% (Excellent)	min. IEQ 65%
• Gold	65% (Very Good)	min. IEQ 55%
• Silver	55% (Good)	min. IEQ 50%
• Bronze	40% (Above average)	min. IEQ 40%
- Website: <https://www.beamsociety.org.hk/>

# Hong Kong BEAM



- BEAM Plus development
  - Version 2009: (Nov 2009)
    - BEAM Plus for New Buildings
    - BEAM Plus for Existing Buildings
  - Version 1.1 (Apr 2010)
    - With minor refinements
    - Introduce BEAM Professionals
  - Version 1.2 (Jul 2012)
    - Addresses issues on passive design
    - Minor amendments to other aspects
  - Version 2.0 (Sep 2019)



HKGBC  
BEAM Plus  
綠建環評

HK-BEAM was transformed to BEAM Plus, which is certified by HKGBC

# Hong Kong BEAM



- Certification body: HKGBC

- Setting the policy
- Final appeal
- Audit to BEAM Society



- Assessment body: BEAM Society

- Technical assessment
- First appeal



- Assessment process & submission guidelines

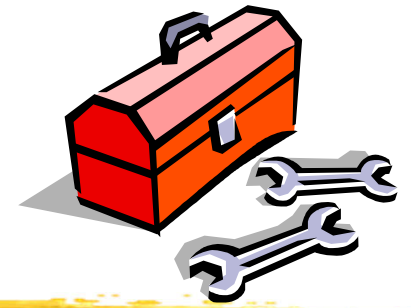
- [https://www.beamsociety.org.hk/en\\_beam\\_assessment\\_project\\_1.php](https://www.beamsociety.org.hk/en_beam_assessment_project_1.php)

# BEAM Plus v1.2 assessment criteria [credits] [weighting]

New Buildings	Existing Buildings
Site aspects (SA) [22+3B] [25%]	Site aspects (SA) [18+1B] [18%]
Materials aspects (MA) [22+1B] [8%]	Materials aspects (MA) [11+2B] [12%]
Energy use (EU) [42+2B] [35%]	Energy use (EU) [39+2B] [30%]
Water use (WU) [9+1B] [12%]	Water use (WU) [7+2B] [15%]
Indoor environmental quality (IEQ) [32+3B] [20%]	Indoor environmental quality (IEQ) [30+3B] [25%]
Innovations and additions (IA) [5B+1]	Innovations and additions (IA) [5B+1]



# Hong Kong BEAM



- BEAM Plus (Version 1.1 or 1.2)
  - Overall grade: (with min. for SA, EU and IEQ)

	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Site Aspects</b>	<b>Energy Use</b>	<b>IEQ</b>	<b>Innov. &amp; Addn.</b>	
Platinum	75%	70%	70%	70%	3 credits	Excellent
Gold	65%	60%	60%	60%	2 credits	Very Good
Silver	55%	50%	50%	50%	1 credit	Good
Bronze	40%	40%	40%	40%	---	Above Average

# Example of BEAM Plus weighting and grading

BEAM Plus for New Buildings Category	Credit Mark Earned (A)	Credit Mark Applicable (B)	% of Credit Marks Earned (C=100*A/B)	Category Weighting (D)	Weighted Category Mark (E=C*D)	Category Grade
Site Aspect	19	22	86%	0.25	22%	Platinum
Water Use	7	22	32%	0.08	3%	-
Energy Use	30	42	71%	0.35	25%	Platinum
Material Use	8	9	89%	0.12	11%	-
Indoor Environment Quality	25	32	78%	0.20	16%	Platinum
Total Weighted Category Mark					77%	
Innovation Credit Mark Earned					3	Platinum
Final BEAM Credit Mark					80%	Platinum
Overall BEAM Grade					<b>Platinum</b>	32



# Hong Kong BEAM



- BEAM Plus technical analysis, such as:
  - SA8 Microclimate around Buildings
    - Wind effects, air ventilation assessment, air paths, building permeability, landscaping
  - SA9 Neighborhood Daylight Access
    - Vertical daylight factor, unobstructed vision area
  - EU1 Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions
    - Performance-based Building Energy Code or Appendix G of ASHRAE 90.1 (performance rating method)
  - IEQ15 Natural Lighting
    - Average daylight factor  $\geq 2\%$

Require  
inputs from  
engineers  
or  
specialist  
consultant

# Total number of BEAM plus registered NB projects (up to 15 May 2023)



Data as of  
15/05/2023

## BEAM Plus Project Directory and Statistics

Include all versions of valid and expired New Buildings Projects (NB) [V1.1, V1.2, V2.0, V2.0 Pilot]

### Total Number of Registered New Buildings Projects:

# 1,688

Select all	NB V1.1	NB V1.2	NB V2.0	NB V2.0 Pilot
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Figure 1. Project Type Distribution

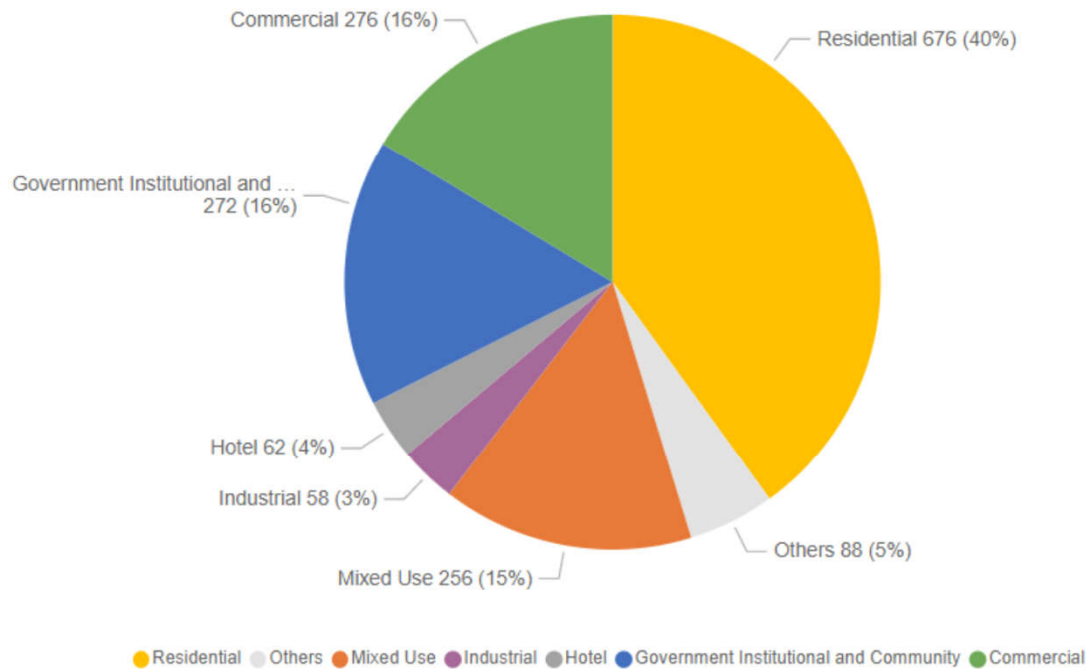
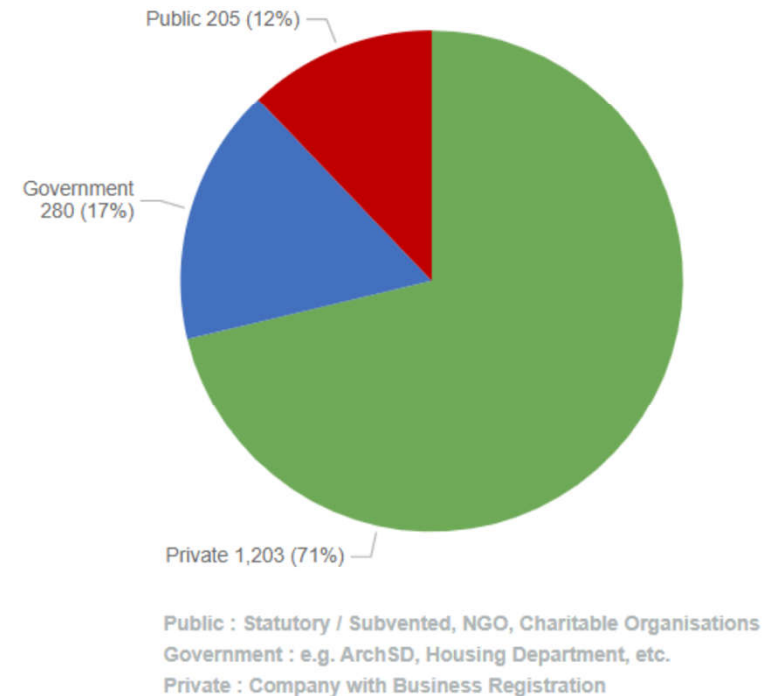
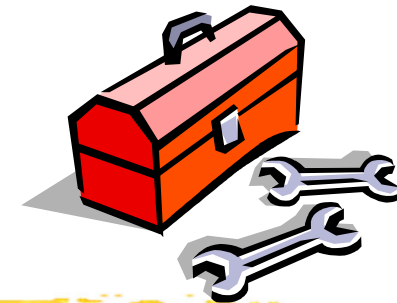


Figure 2. Owners / Developers Distribution



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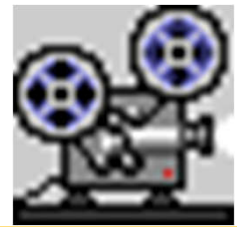
- Uptake of BEAM Plus in Hong Kong:
  - New government buildings with floor area  $> 10,000 \text{ m}^2$  will aim to obtain the second highest grade or above under BEAM Plus or LEED
  - Buildings Department has included BEAM Plus on the Practice Notes on the wholesale conversion of industrial buildings, permitting the exemption of certain regulatory provisions
  - Since 2011, BEAM Plus certification is required as a prerequisite for gross floor area (GFA) concessions for certain green and amenity features
  - CLP Subsidy Scheme for BEAM Plus

<https://www.clp.com.hk/en/community-and-environment/community-funds/beam-plus>

# Development of BEAM Plus in Hong Kong



Strong link to government policy and requirements (e.g. Climate Action Plan HK2030+ and Energy Saving Plan)



Video: Green Buildings? BEAM Plus! (3:19)  
<https://youtu.be/p4WszGgXfSM>

(Source: HKGBC)

# Hong Kong BEAM



- The BEAM Plus Family

- <https://www.hkgbc.org.hk/eng/beam-plus/introduction/>



- Neighbourhood (ND): Masterplanning stage of building development projects



- New Buildings (NB): New building projects and major renovation/alteration works on existing buildings

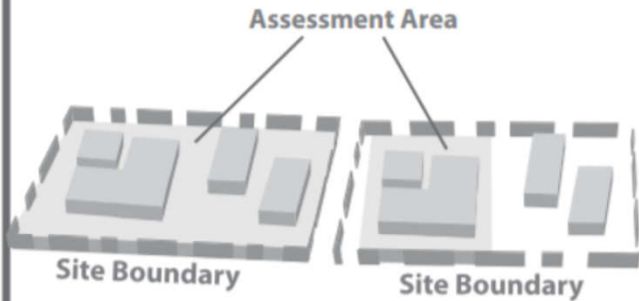


- Existing Buildings (EB): Operation and maintenance performance of existing buildings



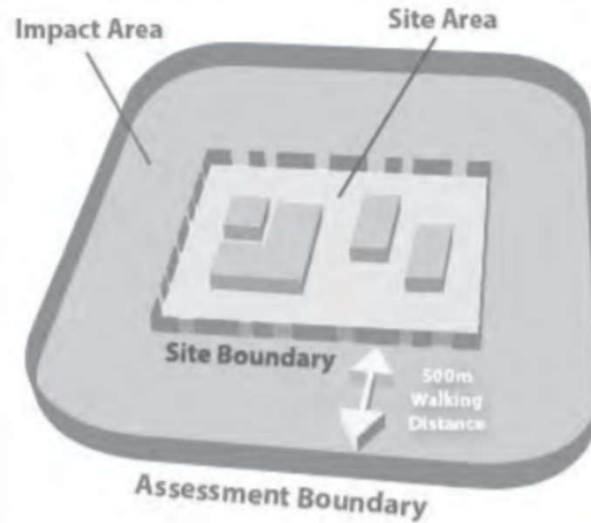
- Interiors (BI): Fit-out works of premises
  - Data centres and existing schools

## BEAM Plus NB Version 1.2



Assessment Area = Site Area  
OR  
Assessment Area = Partial Site Area

## BEAM Plus Neighbourhood Version 1.0

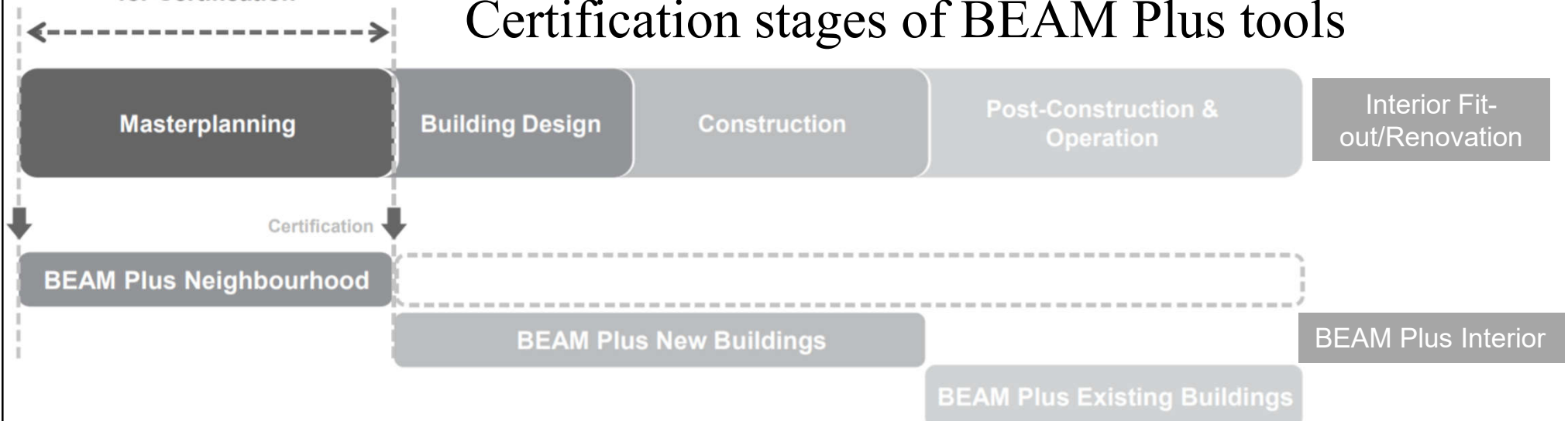


Assessment Area  
= Site Area + Impact Area

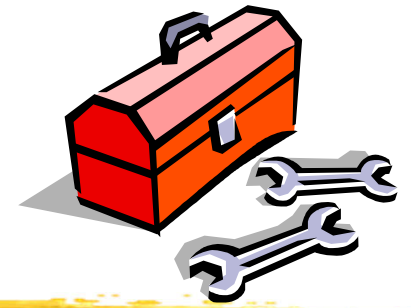
Comparison of  
assessment area of  
BEAM Plus NB and  
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Plus Neighbourhood

Applicable Work / Project stage  
for Certification

## Certification stages of BEAM Plus tools



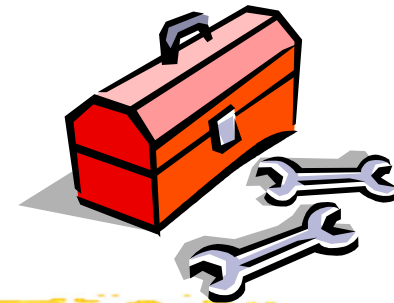
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- BEAM Plus Interior (BI) (Aug 2013)
  - Used by occupants or tenants of new or existing buildings (fit-out, renovation and refurbishment)
  - Include 7 aspects:
    - Green Building Attributes (GBA) [8]
    - Management (MAN) [1p, 10]
    - Materials Aspects (MA) [3p, 26]
    - Energy Use (EU) [26]
    - Water Use (WU) [6]
    - Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) [24]
    - Innovations (IV) [10]



# Hong Kong BEAM

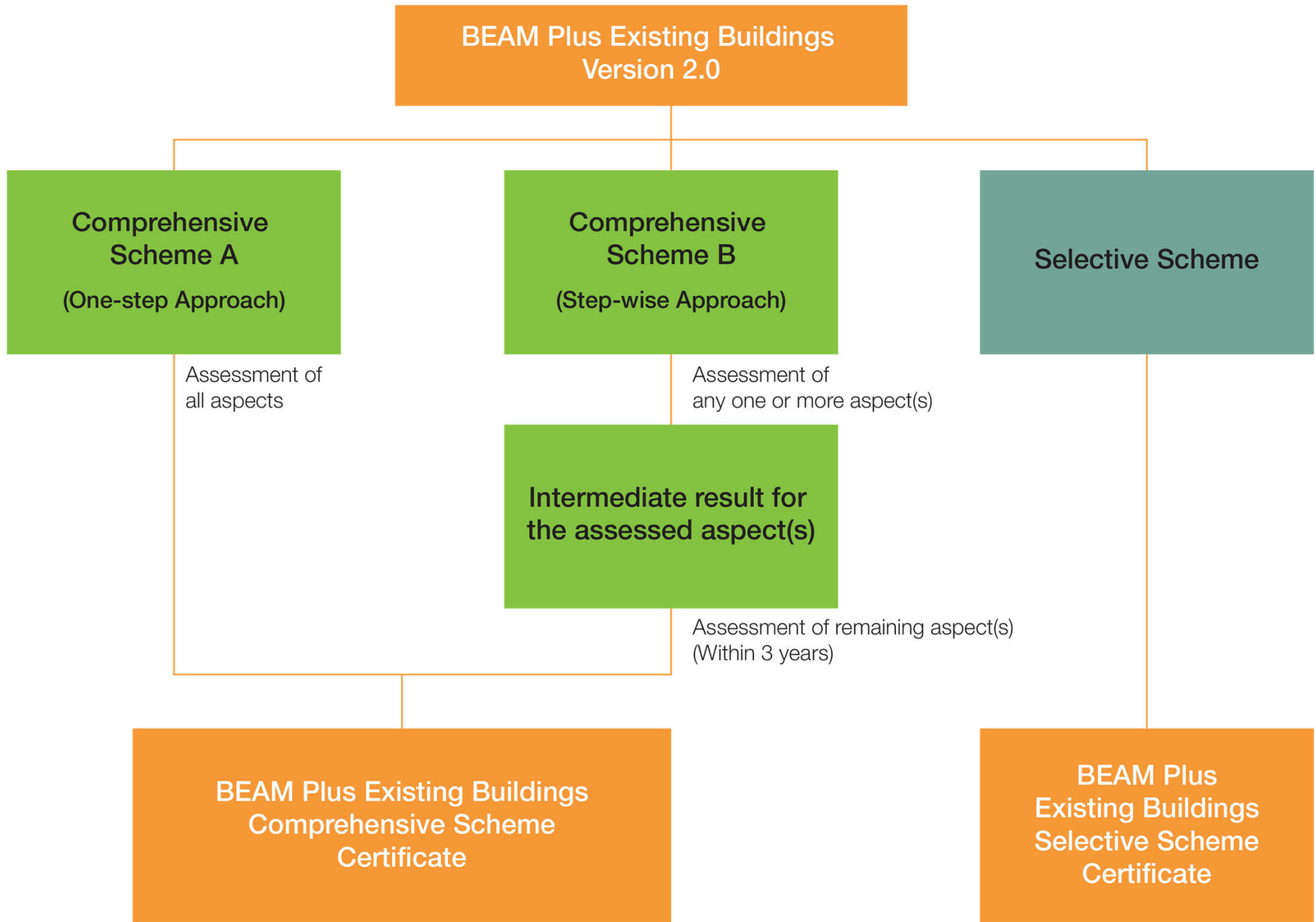


- BEAM Plus Neighbourhood (2016)
  - For early inception or masterplanning stage of a development project (to assess urban & communities sustainability)
    - Emphasis on space between buildings
    - Embrace socio-economic elements
    - Be a good neighbour
  - Consider two new aspects:
    - Community Aspects
    - Outdoor environmental quality





# BEAM Plus Existing Buildings v.2 (2016)



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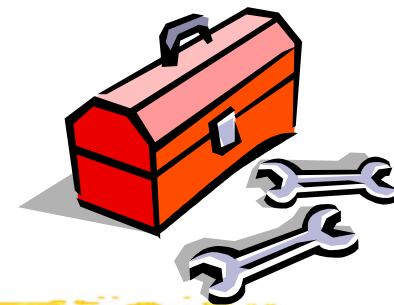
- BEAM Plus New Buildings v2.0 (05.2021)
  - More human centric & integrated design; more adaptable, certain & practicable
  - Credit performance categories:
    - Integrated Design & Construction Mgt. (IDCM) - 18%
    - Sustainable Sites (SS) - 15%
    - Materials & Waste (MW) - 9%
    - Energy Use (EU) - 29%
    - Water Use (WU) - 7%
    - Health & Wellbeing (HWB) - 22%
    - Innovations & Additions (IA) - max. 10 credits



# Credit performance categories in BEAM Plus New Buildings v2.0



# Hong Kong BEAM



- **BEAM Professionals (BEAM Pro)**

- Accredited by HK Green Building Council (HKGBC)
- Facilitate BEAM Plus submission

- **BEAM Assessors (BAS)**

- Undertake the building assessment on behalf of HKGBC

- **Green Building Faculty**

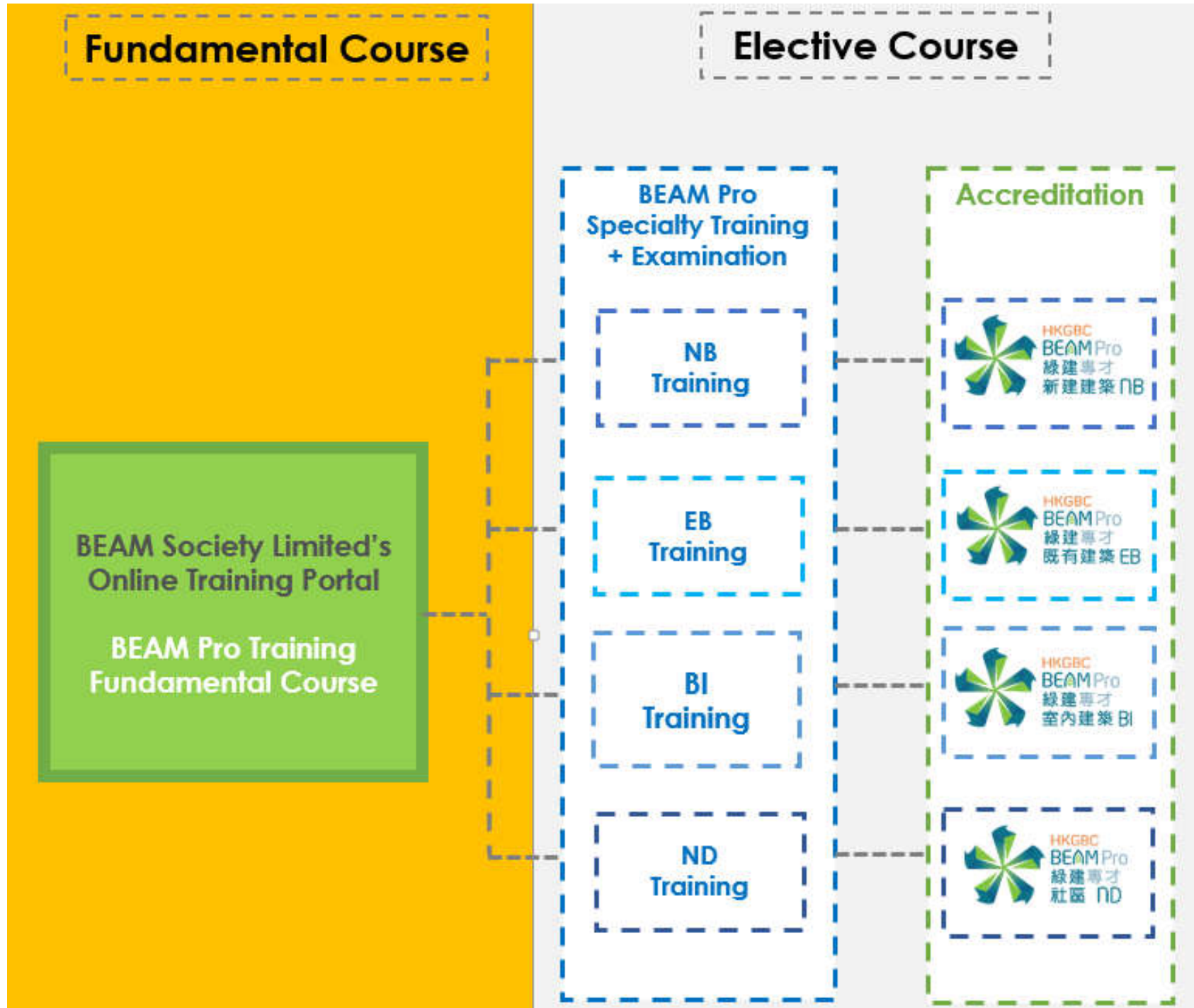
- Experienced professionals to drive BEAM Plus & BEAM Professionals development and training

- **BEAM Affiliate (BA)**

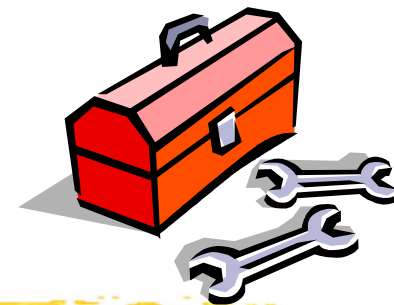
- Sub-professionals to support green building design, construction and operations



# BEAM Professional training and examination



# Hong Kong BEAM



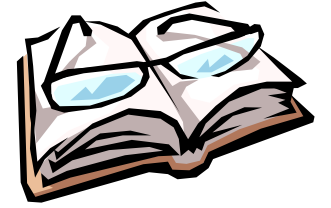
- iBEAM (Assessment Automation System)
  - Automate the assessment process ONLINE
  - Retrieve technical standards pertaining to the development of sustainable built environment
  - Project Dashboard & Credit Summary Dashboard
  - e-Forms, Credit Interpretation Request (CIR)
  - <https://ibeam.hk>



Beyond GREEN with iBEAM



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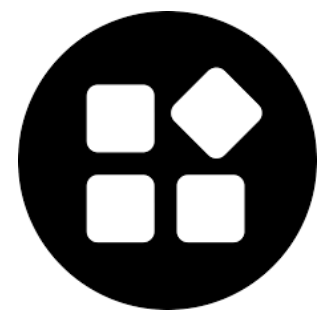


# Further Reading

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- LEED rating system
  - <https://www.usgbc.org/leed>
- LEED USGBC <http://leed.usgbc.org/>
- BEAM Plus
  - <https://www.hkgbc.org.hk/eng/beam-plus/introduction/>
- BEAM Online Training Portal
  - <https://www.beamsociety.org.hk/onlinetraining/>

# Useful Tools



- USGBC Explore app (explore LEED registered and certified buildings)

- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/usgbc-explore/id1441681908>



- BEAM Plus app (BEAM Plus related info)

- App Store <https://apps.apple.com/hk/app/beam-plus/id1257598183>

- Google Play

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bsl.beamplus>

