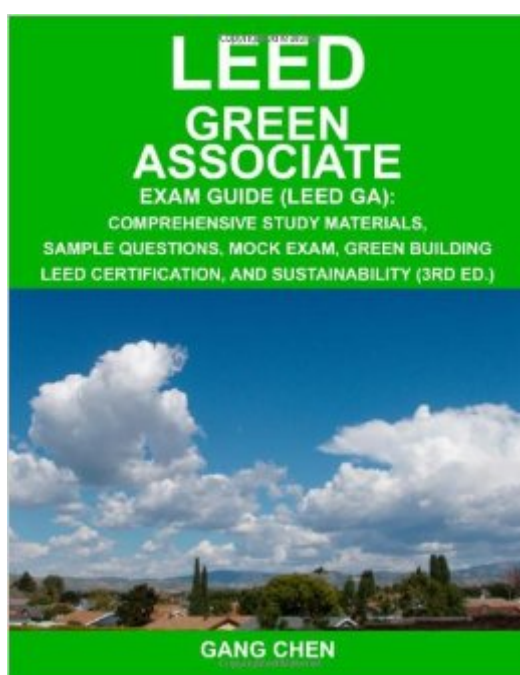


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# LEED Green Associate Exam Guide: Comprehensive Study Materials, Sample Questions, Mock Exam, Green Building LEED Certification, And Sustainability, 3rd Edition



## Synopsis

Many of you ask us for the updated version for our LEED books. Your wait is over. "LEED Green Associate Exam Guide (LEED v4 GA) (ISBN-13: 9781612650180)" has been published! It is available at [GreenExamEducation.com](http://GreenExamEducation.com) Pass the LEED Green Associate Exam, Get Your Building LEED Certified, Fight Global Warming and Save Money! Starting on December 1, 2011, GBCI began to draw LEED Green Associate Exam questions from the second edition of Green Building and LEED Core Concepts Guide. We have incorporated this latest information in our book, and changed our book title to LEED Green Associate Exam Guide. 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:

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 Green Associate Prep! "I took the 1-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." -ConsultantVA See all our books at

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## Customer Reviews

**FOREWORD:**My review was originally posted in October 2011. However, I consented to the author's request (via personal email) for it to be removed because it was "hurting book sales." Instead of using the criticism to improve the book, the author made no changes since then. In retrospect, if the author truly believed in his product and its ability to help others, he would neither focus on sales nor make requests for negative reviews to be removed. Therefore, I am compelled to re-post my review to share my unbiased opinion.  
**REVIEW:**For the LEED GA exam, because the information covered is an overall approach to LEED, it is more efficient and cost effective to use a study guide as your primary source rather than force through the detailed, dry materials provided by the USGBC. Granted that all exam questions come from USGBC material, it's a waste of time to try and master every detail. Remember, the test is only 100 questions, so it's best to understand the general concepts and big picture items.I received a copy of the "LEED GA Exam Guide" to review **AFTER** passing the exam. Having previously reviewed several other guides as well as the USGBC study guide, it was interesting to see the comparisons.  
**Pros:**1. Provides clear introduction for those unfamiliar with LEED and in the dark about sustainable design.2. Content follows a coherent flow.3. Language is straight forward and easy to understand.4. Offers basic study tips and strategies using

mnemonics.5. Contains several practice exams and sample questions.6. Good preparation and transition for Tier II (LEED AP) exams.Cons:1. One of the larger guides out there in terms of pages.2. Layout and editing of content is distracting and confusing. Too many words are underlined or in bold.3. Too much information can be overwhelming. The reader should filter out and extract only key points.4. There are no helpful charts or illustrations supplementing the concepts being discussed.5. Filled with only text and bullet points - very data driven.Overall, the guide is successful in serving its purpose: provide necessary information to pass LEED GA exam. The user may have to invest some time into organizing their own notes into tables and charts. I would recommend this guide to those who study well with information presented in PowerPoint-style bullet form.

I'm glad I used this book for my LEED GA 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. When you're studying to pass the exam, you just need to know what to memorize (this would be different if you are trying to learn the concepts for work, which I think you're better off getting LEED project work experience!). Gang Chen's book gives you most of what you need to memorize in the core 120+ pages as opposed to other resources that are 250 pages full of fluff. Just remember, you only need to answer about 60% of the questions correct to pass the exam.My only critique of the book is that I wish Gang Chen used different mnemonic acronyms or helped you concentrate on what is more important to memorize. "Find My Fun! Oh! Oprah Enters Energy Management Group" makes less sense to me than memorizing Fundamental Commissioning, Minimize Energy Performance, Fundamental Refrigerant Management, etc. The test itself asks for specific numbers in order to gain a certain credit in a category. That's more important to memorize!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 improve, and do a little outside research. You just need a 60% passing score...

I wish I had read all of the other reviews before purchasing this book. I am in strong agreement that this is not a helpful resource for the GA exam. I started with this book, but quickly found that it contained far more information than was in any way necessary for this test, and that continuing with it would be a waste of time. I only wish I had not wasted the money.You do not need to read or memorize the vast majority of the information in this book to do well on this exam - nor do you need to read the original USGBC sources from cover to cover. If anything, the time I spent with this book negatively affected my preparation for the test, because this book initially intimidated me into thinking that the test would be much more difficult and involved than it is. I put this aside and just

skimmed the USGBC summaries of each point, and this served me quite well on the test. I realized after taking the test that it's not at all designed to measure memorization - it requires nothing more than a solid understanding of the intent of each point. So, in general this book seemed to miss the mark in terms of relevance to the test, and I had to wonder whether the author has any first-hand experience with this test. I have noticed in reading the reviews from others that the author of this book has a tendency to personally reply to every low-rating review - so before he responds to this one with an accusation that I must be one of his competitors, be assured that I am not - I'm just a test-taker - now LEED AP BD+C - who found better success with more concise USGBC materials than with this 3rd-party offering. I would strongly suggest that anyone considering purchasing this book first click on some of the author's comments to other reviews of his products. The tone and writing style exhibited in those comments is EXACTLY how this book reads.

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