



LEED + WELL

Streamlined Certification Process Guide

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Where we spend our time—in our communities, at work, at home—impacts our well-being and consequently creates a footprint that impacts our world. In addressing the health of our buildings, we address our own human health and that of the planet. Foundational support of the health of people and the planet is a core principle across LEED and WELL.

This understanding, further supported by events of the last several years, has given rise to a greater market focus and commitment to pursuing both LEED and WELL. As part of their deep strategic partnership, the International WELL Building Institute and U.S. Green Building Council have launched the **LEED + WELL Streamlined Certification Process**. The following versions of LEED are eligible for streamlined certification with WELL v2:

- LEED v4 BD+C,
- LEED v4 ID+C,
- LEED v4.1 BD+C, or
- LEED v4.1 ID+C.

Note the project boundary and scope must be the same for both certification programs.

From identifying comparable strategies to streamlining documentation, this new process identifies synergies between LEED and WELL and creates efficiencies for organizations pursuing both certification programs. It creates an opportunity for organizations to apply an integrated approach to health and sustainability, transforming how they unite stakeholders and make key business decisions.

In addition to this guide, the process is supported by:

LEED + WELL Crosswalk: this crosswalk outlines how individual WELL features map to specific LEED credits and vice versa. As buildings are being designed, project teams can use this document to understand where WELL and LEED are aligned and what strategies and initiatives will support both programs.

The use of this crosswalk is optional, and project teams may choose to use some or all of the credits/features listed. The notes column clarifies how points are awarded for the corresponding feature or credit in the other standard. There are three categories of pathways identified:

- Either the LEED or WELL approach may be used for compliance: The LEED credit achievement can be used to achieve the corresponding WELL feature(s) or the WELL feature achievement can be used to achieve the corresponding LEED credit.
- The LEED credit achievement can be used to achieve a corresponding WELL feature, but the reverse is not applicable.
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LEED + WELL Submittal Form: This form is a required submittal document for both LEED and WELL reviews and identifies the team's selected compliance pathways for third-party reviewers.

Registration and certification

The following steps outline the LEED + WELL streamlined certification process:

- Registration
 - For projects that are not yet registered for LEED or WELL:
 - When registering a LEED project, select the checkbox indicating the project is pursuing (or has earned) WELL, and enter the WELL project ID and project name.
 - When registering a WELL project, select the checkbox indicating the project is pursuing (or has earned) LEED, enter the LEED project ID and project name, and select the checkbox indicating intent to use the LEED + WELL crosswalk and streamlined certification process. Select the LEED + WELL Streamlined Certification card in the dashboard to opt-in, enter the LEED project information or learn more.
 - For projects that are already registered under either or both platforms:
 - Edit the project details page in LEED Online or WELL Online by selecting the checkbox indicating the project is pursuing either certification
 - Enter the corresponding project details
 - In WELL Online, select the checkbox indicating intent to use the LEED + WELL streamlined certification process.
- Documentation Submission
 - Use the LEED + WELL Submittal Form to identify which credits and features from the crosswalk are being attempted and the compliance path pursued.
 - Upload the LEED + WELL Submittal Form as documentation within both LEED Online and WELL Online:
 - In WELL Online, upload as one of the general documents.
 - In LEED Online, upload in the Special Circumstances section of the Project Information Form for LEED. Additionally, in LEED Online, for each credit pursuing the WELL compliance option, replace the required LEED documentation with a "LEED + WELL" note in the Special Circumstances section of the form.
 - To document compliance with specific credits and features leveraging the crosswalk, upload documentation in the platform associated with the compliance pathway you have chosen. Teams are not required to upload documents in both locations. For example, if the LEED credit is being used for compliance, upload associated documentation in LEED Online.
 - Your digital scorecards within LEED Online and WELL Online should indicate each credit and feature you are attempting for each certification program. Credits and features utilizing the crosswalk should be listed as attempting or pursuing in each digital scorecard, even if documentation will be provided through the other platform. The credits and features marked as attempted on each digital scorecard must match

- the relevant sections in the submittal form.
- Submit for the applicable phase of review within both LEED Online and WELL Online.
 - If LEED and WELL reviews are submitted at the same time, a simultaneous review will be performed as long as all of the above steps are complete.
 - Documentation Reviews
 - Both the LEED and WELL reviews will be completed and returned per the applicable review phase timeline. Any credits or features that use the crosswalk will have an aligned/coordinated status when reviews are returned.
 - If a feature or credit that is using the compliance path from one program is pending in the preliminary review, it will also be marked pending in the other program.
 - If an issue arises that impacts both projects, both reviews will be placed on hold. If the issue only impacts one project, then the impacted review may be placed on hold while the other is returned.
 - Upon completion, the coordinated reviews for each program will be returned in their respective platforms.

USGBC and IWBI are committed to fully supporting all projects. Have questions? [Contact us](#).

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