

LEED v5 Building Design and Construction Addenda

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53	LTc1: Sensitive Land Protection	Documentation > Option 1 and 2	Reword documentation table as noted below: Option 1, row 1: "Documentation showing the previous development of the site." Option 1, row 2: "Vicinity map or aerial images showing the..." Option 2, row 3: "Calculations showing estimated area of sensitive land avoided." Option 2, steep slopes, row 2: "Description of the..."	2/20/2026
55	LTc2: Equitable Development	Achievement Pathways Table > Option 5 Requirements > Data Centers, Warehouses, and Distribution Centers Requirements Explained > Data Centers, Warehouses, and Distribution Centers	Achievement Pathways Table: - Delete Rows under Data Centers, Warehouses, and Distribution Centers: "Options 1, 2, and/or 3" and "AND" - In the final row, in the right most column, add "1" as the point for Option 5. Requirements: - Under Data Centers, Warehouses, and Distribution Centers, delete "Options 1, 2, and/or 3" and "AND" - Add "(1 Point)" to Option 5. Sensitive Project Location" title - Revise requirements under Option 5 to read as: "Meet Option 1, 2, and/or 3 above and Locate the project building a minimum of..." Requirements Explained - Under Data Centers, Warehouses, and Distribution Centers, add "Option 5. Sensitive Project Location" - Delete the text "Meet Options 1, 2, and/or..." - Revise second paragraph to read as: "Projects meet Options 1, 2, and/or 3 above and be at least 300 feet..."	2/20/2026
56	LTc2: Equitable Development	Requirements > Option 2 > Path 2 Requirements Explained > Option 2 > Path 2	Requirements > Option 2 > Path 2, third bullet: Change ratio to "1.2:1" Requirements Explained > Option 2 > Path 2 > 2nd paragraph: Change ratio to "1.2:1"	2/20/2026
63	LTc2: Equitable Development	Documentation Table	Please review updated Reference Guide for all changes to the Documentation Table.	2/20/2026
71	LTc3: Compact and Connected Development	Requirements > Option 1, Option 4, Option 5 Healthcare section	Add a new sentence to the end of first line in Option 1: "Previously developed existing rural healthcare campus sites may alternatively achieve one point with a minimum combined density, for the campus, of 30,000 square feet per acre (6,890 square meters per hectare)." Change Option 4 title to: "Connected Site" and delete all of Path 1, and the title of Path 2. Change Option 5 title to: "Pedestrian Access (1-2 points)" and delete all of Path 1, and the title of Path 2. Delete entire Healthcare section	2/20/2026
74	LTc3: Compact and Connected Development	Reference Guide	See February 2026 Reference Guide for all changes to this section.	2/20/2026

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83	LTc4: Transportation Demand Management	Requirements > Transportation Demand Assessment	- Change "Transportation Demand Assessment" to "Transportation Demand Management Assessment" for both the title of the section and within the second paragraph. - Revise 3rd bullet to read as "Assess transportation demand management strategies and low-carbon transportation options."	2/20/2026
84	LTc4: Transportation Demand Management	Reference Guide Content	See February 2026 Reference Guide for all changes to this section.	2/20/2026
97	LTc5: Electric Vehicles	Requirements Requirements Explained > Documentation Further Explanation	Requirements, Option 1 Change the 9 to an 8 in "has an accessible parking space at least 9 feet (2.5 meters) wide" Documentation In second row, change "9" to "8" feet Further Explanation Option 1, second bullet, first sub-bullet: change "nine" to "eight"	2/20/2026
99	SSp1: Minimize Site Disturbance	Table of Contents, Rating System Scorecards: Credit Category View, Rating System Scorecards: Impact Area View, Sustainable Sites > The title of the credit	Update all incorrect credit titles to "Minimize Site Disturbance"	2/20/2026
114	SSc3: Rainwater Management	Requirements Explained > Rainfall Event Calculations	Delete Footnote "15" from the last sentence of the section. This refers to a v4.1 Rainfall Event Calculator.	2/20/2026
116	SSc3: Rainwater Management	Requirements Explained > Documentation	Option 1 Rephrase as listed below: Option 1 - row 1: "Calculations showing percentile of rainfall events retained." Option 1 - row 2: "Documentation identifying any end uses that the project meets through collection and reuse of rainwater." Option 1 - row 3: "Documentation depicting and explaining the site's design conditions, including the overland flow paths of rainwater, the topography, and the soil conditions. Documentation must also outline how the rainwater will be managed..." Option 2 Rephrase as listed below: Option 2 - row 1: "Documentation depicting the difference between the projected..." Option 2 - row 3: "Documentation depicting and explaining the site's design conditions, including the overland flow paths of rainwater, the topography, and the soil conditions. Documentation must outline how the increase in runoff will be managed..."	2/20/2026

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125	SSc4: Enhanced Resilient Site Design	Requirements Explained > Flooding Further Explanation > Flooding	Requirements Explained: Revise the last sentence of the Flooding section to read as: "Projects can choose to integrate all of the components listed under "Critical Utilities," as well as flood-resistant materials or certifying under a qualifying design standard. Further Explanation > Flooding, revise third bullet to read as: "If Critical Utilities is chosen as one of the flood resilience strategies, then each sub-bullet under Critical Utilities must be achieved."	2/20/2026
127	SSc5: Heat Island Reduction	Requirements > Option 3. Tree Equity Further Explanation > Option 3	Requirements, Option 3: -Add "and U.S. projects without a Tree Equity Score" after "For international projects" in the 1st sentence of 2nd paragraph -Delete last sentence "Projects with no exterior work are exempt from this requirement." Further Explanation: -Delete last bullet under Option 3: "Projects with no exterior work that increase tree plantings...."	2/20/2026
128	SSc5: Heat Island Reduction	Requirements Explained > Documentation	Documentation Table, Option 1, 1st row: change "calculator" to "calculations" Documentation Table, Option 3, 1st row: revise to read as "Evidence depicting areas of existing condition and design/post-construction tree canopy cover on-site."	2/20/2026
130	WEp1: Water Metering and Reporting	Further Explanation > Meters and Types of Meters	Under Meters and Types of Meters, delete the last bullet: "Additions to existing buildings...."	2/20/2026
146	WEp2: Minimum Water Efficiency , WEc2: Enhanced Water Efficiency	WEp2 > Further Explanation > Option 2 WEc2 > Further Explanation > Option 1 and 2	WEp2 > Further Explanation > Option 2, Delete the 2nd bullet: "The calculations must include...." WEc2 > Further Explanation > Option 1, 1st bullet, revise reference to LTc4, Option 2. WEc2> Further Explanation > Option 2, add the following section: "Option 2. Fixtures and Fittings - Calculated Reduction ■ The calculations must include all restroom fixtures necessary to meet the occupants' needs (toilets, urinals, lavatories, and showers) when seeking LTc4: Transportation Demand Management, Option 2. Active Travel Facilities, Path 2. Shower and Changing Facilities.""	2/20/2026
160	WEc1: Water Metering and Leak Detection	Further Explanation > Option 1. Submeters	Delete 3rd and 4th sub-bullet under the first bullet.	2/20/2026
167	WEc2: Enhanced Water Efficiency	Requirements Explained > Documentation > Option 4	Add a new row for Option 4, Path 1. Irrigation: "Provide documentation confirming that a permanent irrigation system is not installed." Add a row for Option 4, Path 2: "USGBC Calculator"	2/20/2026
222	EAp2: Minimum Energy Efficiency	Requirements Explained > Exceptions to Mandatory Provisions	Replace the 3rd bullet with: ""Provisions that can be directly accounted for in ASHRAE 90.1, Appendix G PRM energy simulation."	2/20/2026

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232	EAp3: Fundamental Commissioning	Requirements	Delete the final sentence of the 3rd sub-bullet: “For envelope, include testing in the commissioning documents and witness a sample of tests (not required for Core and Shell projects).”	2/20/2026
242	EAp3: Fundamental Commissioning	Requirements Explained > Table 1	Delete the entire row for 'Operations and Maintenance Manual'	2/20/2026
246	EAp3: Fundamental Commissioning	Requirements Explained > Table 2	Replace "Operations and Maintenance Manual" with "Systems Manual"	2/20/2026
248	EAp3: Fundamental Commissioning	Requirements Explained > Documentation	Replace the first row with: "Provide the final or draft commissioning (Cx) report. If the report is a draft, include a list of incomplete tasks, and a plan for the completion of commissioning and training addressing climatic and other conditions required for performance of any deferred tests." Replace the fourth row with: "Functional performance tests. Include at least one completed performance test script for each applicable discipline"	2/20/2026
252	EAp4: Energy Metering and Reporting	Requirements Explained > Documentation	"Revise the second row to read as: "Documentation showing monitoring and recording devices for each energy source serving the project, including renewable energy and district energy (e.g. electrical plans, schedules, submittals, or other documents that detail the required monitoring and recording devices)""	2/20/2026
259	EAp5: Fundamental Refrigerant Management	Requirements Explained > Documentation	Revise the last row to read as: "Confirm that all identified leaks are repaired, and that leaks detected in field-installed piping are fixed prior to charging associated equipment with refrigerant."	2/20/2026

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275	EAc1: Electrification	Requirements Explained > Documentation	Revise the first row to read as: "Provide documentation of all heating, service water heating (SWH), solar water heating, process heating, and on-site electric generation equipment within the project. Include information on the energy source (including district energy), equipment quantity, capacity, and efficiency for each piece of equipment (e.g., mechanical, electrical, and/or plumbing schedules)" Delete the following two rows from NC > Option 2 > Path 1: "Total building space heating load at OA Temp 20°F or below." "Provide a description of the basis of analysis for space heating loads." Add a row to "Core and Shell Only" for All: "Excerpts from the applicable building code or tenant construction drawings confirming a weighted average COP of at least 1.8." Revise the last row to read as: "District energy system(s) (DES): Provide documentation and calculations demonstrating that the DES complies with the credit requirements at the district facility (e.g., no on-site combustion, no on-site combustion except at low temperatures, and if district heating the weighted average equipment COP)."	2/20/2026
285	EAc2: Reduce Peak Thermal Loads	Requirements Explained: New Construction > Path 2. ASHRAE 90.1 Trade-off Methods > Envelope loads	Revise the third line to read as: "Show the project achieves the required percentage improvement in the sum of system peak heating loads and system peak cooling loads...."	2/20/2026
287	EAc2: Reduce Peak Thermal Loads	Requirements Explained > Documentation	Please see the February 2026 Reference Guide for all changes to the Documentation Table.	2/20/2026
329	EAc4: Renewable Energy	Requirements Explained: Core and Shell > Option 1	Under Option 1. Renewable Energy Supply or Procurement in the first sentence, change "2 points" to "4 points" for the combination of Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 renewable energy.	2/20/2026
335	EAc4: Renewable Energy	Requirements > Renewable Energy Classifications > Tier 3	Under Tier 3, revise second bullet to be: Renewable fuels that are Green-e® Renewable Fuels certified or equivalent.	2/20/2026

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340	EAc5: Enhanced Commissioning	Requirements Explained > Option 1 > Path 1 > Timing of CxP engagement Requirements Explained > Option 1 > Path 2 > BECxP > Timing of BECxP engagement.	Option 1 > Path 1 > Timing of CxP engagement Delete the following sentence: "If the CxP is engaged after pre-design, alternative measures must be taken to ensure alignment with the intent of the Standard 202 timeline." and replace with the following sentence: In certain scenarios, it may be possible for the CxP to be engaged after pre-design and still meet the intent of the ASHRAE 202 timeline." Option 1 > Path 2 > BECxP > Timing of BECxP engagement. Delete the following sentence: "If the BECxP is engaged after pre-design, alternative measures must be taken to ensure alignment with the intent of E2947-21a timeline." and replace with the following: "In certain scenarios, it may be possible for the BECxP to be engaged after pre-design and still meet the intent of the E2947-21a timeline."	2/20/2026
344	EAc5: Enhanced Commissioning	Requirements Explained > Documentation	Revise the first row to read as: "Provide the final or draft commissioning (Cx) report. If the report is a draft, include a list of incomplete tasks, and a plan for the completion of commissioning and training addressing climatic and other conditions required for performance of any deferred tests." Revise the fourth row to read as: Functional Performance Test scripts: Provide at least one completed performance test script for each applicable discipline." Revise the third row under Option 2 > Path 1 and Path 2 to read as: "Upload showing a sampling of the visualizations from the EIS and/or FDD (e.g. screenshots or reports generated)"	2/20/2026
352	EAc6: Grid Interactive	Requirements Explained > Documentation > Option 4	Replace both rows for Option 4 with following: "Provide a narrative and calculations addressing the following: •A description of the critical equipment that requires continuous operation for the project. •A description of the on-site renewable and energy storage systems, including the capacity of each system. •Calculations and a description of the controls confirming the capability for the project to operate independently from the grid to power the critical loads with the project's onsite renewable and energy storage systems for at least three days (72 hours)"	2/20/2026
375	MRp2: Quantify and Assess Embodied Carbon	Requirements Explained > Results of the Embodied Carbon Quantification > High-priority embodied carbon sources	Remove "and implemented" from the sentence: "For each of these key sources, explain how the team evaluated and implemented project specific strategies to reduce their environmental impact."	2/20/2026

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401	MRC3: Low-Emitting Materials	Requirements Requirements Explained > Calculating Product Category Achievement	Requirements: - In the first sentence, remove phrase "permanently installed products," - Under Flooring and Insulation product category, delete all instances of "membrane" - Under Furniture product category, delete "permanently installed" from the second bullet. Requirements Explained: Delete "membrane" from the first sentence in the fourth paragraph.	2/20/2026
418	MRC4: Building Product Selection and Procurement	Requirements Explained > Table 2	In the Flooring row: -Strike Terrazzo flooring from the examples of products. -Remove the 's' from 'Laminates Flooring' example. -Remove 'Wood and composite' from 'Wood and composite wood subflooring' example. Add 'Reused solid' before 'wood.' -Remove Wall base example. In the Wall row remove the following examples: - Cubicle wall - Window treatments	2/20/2026

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487	EQc3: Accessibility and Inclusion	Requirements Requirements Explained	BD+C: Requirements > Accessibility for Social Health: Change "single-use restroom OR one multi-use" to "single-user restroom OR one multi-user" in the second bullet. BD+C and ID+C: Requirements Explained > Table 3. or Table 2. Change "single-use restroom OR one multi-use" to "single-user restroom OR one multi-user" in the second row.	2/20/2026
488	EQc3: Accessibility and Inclusion	Requirements Explained	Add "(ONLY FOR PROJECTS IN REGIONS WITH NO ACCESSIBILITY CODE)" after RAMPS FOR ACCESSIBLE ROUTES AND ENTRANCES, CLEAR WIDTH FOR HUMAN PASSAGE, and FRONT APPROACH WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SECTION AND Delete " as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the first sentence under RAMPS FOR ACCESSIBLE ROUTES AND ENTRANCES (ONLY FOR PROJECTS IN REGIONS WITH NO ACCESSIBILITY CODE)	2/20/2026
499	EQc4: Resilient Spaces	Requirements Explained > Referenced Standards	Under Referenced Standards, delete the following three bullets: - FEMA P-361 (fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_p-361_safe-rooms-for tornadoes-and-hurricanes_122024.pdf) • FEMA E-74 (2011) (fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fema_earthquakes_reducing-the risks-of-nonstructural-earthquake-damage-a-practical-guide-fema-e-74.pdf) • REDi Version 1.0 (redi.arup.com)"	2/20/2026
528	EQc5: Air Quality Testing and Monitoring	Requirements Explained > OPTION 2. CONTINUOUS INDOOR AIR MONITORING > Monitor Specifications	Under the Monitor specifications section, delete "Grade B" after "UL 2095" and change "2095" to "2905" in the last section of the last sentence.	2/20/2026

*Shaded rows denote rating system changes.

Note: The online version of the rating system takes precedent over the rating system portions of the LEED v5 project guidance and application; project teams are required to adhere to the rating system and rating system addenda effective at the time of the project's registration date.