

Regional Priority Credits:

LEED Canada for New Construction and Major Renovations (NC) 2009

LEED Canada for Core & Shell Development (CS) 2009

This list of Regional Priority Credits (RPCs) is for use in the certification of LEED Canada NC 2009 and LEED Canada CS 2009 projects. Projects registered after August 31, 2012 are required to follow the methodology of using pre-selected RPCs from this list, and must therefore use version C (or later) of the [LEED Letter Templates](#). Previously registered projects have the option of updating to the new methodology for all regional priorities, or using the older methodology of submitting justification for their choice of regional priorities. All project teams are encouraged to adopt the newer methodology for greater simplicity. For further details, please refer to the [CaGBC's website](#).

Urban vs. Rural Regional Split

The LEED Canada Steering Committee sought to select a definition that was well established and could be easily referenced. As well, it was noted that one of the greatest challenges for projects can be a lack of established infrastructure, generally an issue in remote and very small communities. Considering this, the committee chose to use Statistics Canada's Census Tract Reference Maps for Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) and Census Agglomerations (CAs) - [view list](#) or [search by postal code / place name](#).

- **Urban regions:** Areas within census metropolitan areas (CMAs) and census agglomerations (CAs) that are not classified as "rural area"; that is, regions designated as "Core", "Secondary core" and "Fringe" in Census Tract Reference Maps.
- **Rural regions:** Areas within census metropolitan areas (CMAs) and census agglomerations (CAs) that are classified as "rural area" in Census Tract Reference Maps, AND all locations not falling within the boundaries of a CA or CMA.

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British Columbia	
Urban	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction (≥35%)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB ≥40%/ASHRAE ≥30%, Existing Buildings – MNECB ≥37% / ASHRAE ≥26%)
	MRc2 - Construction Waste Management (≥75%)
	RPC1 - Durable Building
Rural	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc4.1 - Alternative Transportation: Public Transportation Access (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc5.1 - Site Development: Protect and Restore Habitat
	WEc2 - Innovative Wastewater Technologies
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB ≥40%/ASHRAE ≥30%, Existing Buildings – MNECB ≥37% / ASHRAE ≥26%)
	MRc2 - Construction Waste Management (≥75%)

Alberta	
Urban	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	WEc1 - Water Efficient Landscaping (Option 2)
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction (≥35%)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB ≥40%/ASHRAE ≥30%, Existing Buildings – MNECB ≥37% / ASHRAE ≥26%)
	MRc5 - Regional Materials (≥30%)
	RPc1 - Durable Building
Rural	SSc5.1 - Site Development: Protect and Restore habitat
	WEc1 - Water Efficient Landscaping (Option 2)
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction (≥35%)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB ≥40%/ASHRAE ≥30%, Existing Buildings – MNECB ≥37% / ASHRAE ≥26%)
	MRc2 - Construction Waste Management (≥75%)
	RPc1 - Durable Building

Saskatchewan	
Urban	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction (≥35%)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB ≥40%/ASHRAE ≥30%, Existing Buildings – MNECB ≥37% / ASHRAE ≥26%)
	EAc3 - Enhanced Commissioning
	MRc2 - Construction Waste Management (≥75%)
	MRc5 - Regional Materials (≥30%)
Rural	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	SSc6.2 - Stormwater Design: Quality Control
	WEc1 - Water Efficient Landscaping (Option 2)
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction (≥35%)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB ≥40%/ASHRAE ≥30%, Existing Buildings – MNECB ≥37% / ASHRAE ≥26%)
	EAc3 - Enhanced Commissioning

Manitoba	
Urban	SSc1 - Site Selection
	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction ($\geq 35\%$)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
	EAc5 - Measurement and Verification – (Note: for LEED Canada CS 2009, either EAc5.1 or EAc5.2 is eligible)
Rural	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	SSc6.2 - Stormwater Design: Quality Control
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
	EAc3 - Enhanced Commissioning
	EQc8.1 - Daylight and Views: Daylight
	RPc1 - Durable Building

Ontario	
Urban	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	SSc7.1 - Heat Island Effect: Non-Roof
	SSc7.2 - Heat Island Effect: Roof
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction ($\geq 35\%$)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
Rural	SSc1 - Site Selection
	SSc4.1 - Alternative Transportation: Public Transportation Access (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc5.1 - Site Development: Protect and Restore Habitat
	SSc8 - Light Pollution Reduction
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction ($\geq 35\%$)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)

Quebec	
Urban	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	SSc7.1 - Heat Island Effect: Non-Roof
	SSc7.2 - Heat Island Effect: Roof
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
	MRC5 - Regional Materials ($\geq 30\%$)
Rural	SSc1 - Site Selection
	SSc4.1 - Alternative Transportation: Public Transportation Access (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc5.1 - Site Development: Protect and Restore Habitat
	SSc6.2 - Stormwater Design: Quality Control
	SSc8 - Light Pollution Reduction
	WEc2 - Innovative Wastewater Technologies

New Brunswick	
Urban	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction ($\geq 35\%$)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
	MRC2 - Construction Waste Management ($\geq 75\%$)
	MRC5 - Regional Materials ($\geq 30\%$)
	EQc8.1 - Daylight and Views: Daylight
	RPC1 - Durable Building
Rural	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction ($\geq 35\%$)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
	MRC5 - Regional Materials ($\geq 30\%$)
	EQc8.1 - Daylight and Views: Daylight
	RPC1 - Durable Building

Nova Scotia	
Urban	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	WEc2 - Innovative Wastewater Technologies
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
	EAc5 - Measurement and Verification – (Note: for LEED Canada CS 2009, either EAc5.1 or EAc5.2 is eligible)
	MRc5 - Regional Materials ($\geq 30\%$)
Rural	SSc6.2 - Stormwater Design: Quality Control
	WEc2 - Innovative Wastewater Technologies
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
	EAc2 - On-Site Renewable Energy (NC $\geq 7\%$, CS $\geq 1\%$)
	EAc5 - Measurement and Verification – (Note: for LEED Canada CS 2009, either EAc5.1 or EAc5.2 is eligible)
	MRc2 - Construction Waste Management ($\geq 75\%$)

Prince Edward Island	
Urban	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
	EAc5 - Measurement and Verification – (Note: for LEED Canada CS 2009, either EAc5.1 or EAc5.2 is eligible)
	MRc2 - Construction Waste Management ($\geq 75\%$)
	MRc5 - Regional Materials ($\geq 30\%$)
Rural	SSc1 - Site Selection
	SSc6.2 - Stormwater Design: Quality Control
	WEc2 - Innovative Wastewater Technologies
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB $\geq 40\%$ /ASHRAE $\geq 30\%$, Existing Buildings – MNECB $\geq 37\%$ / ASHRAE $\geq 26\%$)
	EAc5 - Measurement and Verification – (Note: for LEED Canada CS 2009, either EAc5.1 or EAc5.2 is eligible)
	MRc2 - Construction Waste Management ($\geq 75\%$)

Newfoundland & Labrador	
Urban	SSc2 – Development Density and Community Connectivity (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc6.1 - Stormwater Design: Quantity Control
	MRC2 - Construction Waste Management (≥75%)
	MRC5 - Regional Materials (≥30%)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB ≥40%/ASHRAE ≥30%, Existing Buildings – MNECB ≥37% / ASHRAE ≥26%)
	RPc1 - Durable Building
Rural	SSc1 - Site Selection
	SSc4.1 - Alternative Transportation: Public Transportation Access (Option 1, 2, or 3)
	SSc5.1 - Site Development: Protect and Restore Habitat
	SSc8 - Light Pollution Reduction
	MRC2 - Construction Waste Management (≥75%)
	MRC5 - Regional Materials (≥30%)

Territories (includes Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut)	
Urban	SSc5.1 - Site Development: Protect and Restore Habitat
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB ≥40%/ASHRAE ≥30%, Existing Buildings – MNECB ≥37% / ASHRAE ≥26%)
	EAc2 - On-Site Renewable Energy (NC ≥7%, CS ≥1%)
	EAc3 - Enhanced Commissioning
	EAc5 - Measurement and Verification – (Note: for LEED Canada CS 2009, either EAc5.1 or EAc5.2 is eligible)
	RPc1 - Durable Building
Rural	SSc1 - Site Selection
	SSc5.1 - Site Development: Protect and Restore Habitat
	WEc3 - Water Use Reduction (≥35%)
	EAc1 – Optimize Energy Performance (Option 1, New Buildings – MNECB ≥40%/ASHRAE ≥30%, Existing Buildings – MNECB ≥37% / ASHRAE ≥26%)
	EAc2 - On-Site Renewable Energy (NC ≥7%, CS ≥1%)
	MRC7 - Certified Wood