

## 3.15 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Policy

### Policy Statement

The Nova Scotia Government is committed to ensuring that new buildings constructed by the province and those buildings that the province contributes financially towards, are designed and constructed to certain environmental and energy efficient standards.

### Policy Directives

1. All building construction financed by the Government of Nova Scotia, including but not limited to schools, hospitals, court and corrections facilities, long term care facilities and office buildings, will be designed and constructed to a minimum of LEED silver rating as determined by the Canada Green Building Council.
2. a) The Nova Scotia government will only consider a financial contribution to the construction of a new building provided that the design incorporates mandatory LEED silver standards, or an acceptable equivalent in energy efficiency and water consumption.  
b) Acceptable equivalent for energy efficiency is a thirty-five (35) per cent improvement over the 1997 Model National Energy Code.  
c) Acceptable equivalent for water consumption is an improvement of twenty (20) per cent over the LEED CaGBC Baseline Water Fixture Requirements.
3. Organizations requesting a financial contribution under the terms referenced in section 2 (a) will be required to produce a document from a bona fide architect, building designer or engineer verifying that the building design meets requirements for the energy efficiency and water consumption criteria referenced in section 2 (a) (b) or (c), or other suitable verification.
4. Following one-year of occupancy of completed buildings, any organization that has received financial contributions under the terms of section 2 (a) (b) or (c) will be required to provide a post-occupancy comparison of target efficiencies versus actual upon request of the funding department.
5. a) This policy is not applicable in instances where acceptable environmental and or energy efficiency standards already exist, including inter-government agreements.  
b) For the purposes of financial contributions described in 2(a), this policy is

- applicable to stand-alone buildings only and does not apply to renovations.
- c) This policy will not apply to applications for building construction funding that have been approved or have been under government consideration prior to November 1, 2008.

## **Enquiries**

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