

EDGE is a green building certification system focused on making buildings more resource efficient in over [140 countries](#). An innovation of International Finance Corporation (IFC), EDGE is a fast and easy to use mass market transformation tool. It empowers developers and builders to quickly evaluate and compare estimated costs for design strategies targeting reductions in energy use, water use, and embodied energy in materials. As a global certification partner, Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI) administers EDGE certification in over [120 countries around the world](#).

The EDGE Technical Online Workshop will help EDGE Project Teams understand the EDGE standard, utilize the software application, and navigate the certification process. It will also prepare [EDGE Expert candidates](#) to take the EDGE Exam.

The online course consists of five on-demand sessions. Students must successfully complete a short quiz after each session. Students must also complete the EDGE Software Practical Exercise on their own and upload the results. The entire course is estimated to take you 5 to 6 hours to complete. This course is conducted in English. A Spanish version of this course is available at <http://bit.ly/2hT8OXo>.

The course is \$150 US. You will have full access to the videos and other course resources for one year after purchasing the course.

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Learning Objectives

- 1) Gain an overview of EDGE and the certification process
- 2) Learn how to complete a self-assessment using the EDGE Software
- 3) Understand how energy, water, and materials efficiency strategies impact cost, savings and building performance
- 4) Learn best practices around bringing EDGE to the market

Syllabus

Session	Topics	Notes
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Orientation and Overview ▪ EDGE Program ▪ EDGE Certification Roles and Processes ▪ EDGE Expert and EDGE Auditor Roles ▪ EDGE Auditor Protocols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You must successfully complete a short quiz after the session.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EDGE Methodology ▪ EDGE Software Demonstration ▪ Technical Resources ▪ EDGE Software Practical Exercise Instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You must successfully complete the EDGE Software Practical Exercise and a short quiz after the session.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EDGE Software Practical Exercise Debrief ▪ Using EDGE Software to Maximize ROI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You must complete the session quiz by entering the special code received when you uploaded the EDGE Software Practical Exercise results.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Energy Efficiency Measures ▪ Water Efficiency Measures ▪ Materials Efficiency Measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You must successfully complete a short quiz after the session.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Consultative Approach to Sales ▪ Sales Resources ▪ EDGE Exam Resources and Tips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You must successfully complete a short quiz after the session. ▪ You should complete the Interactive Sales Exercise as you view the video. ▪ Students are provided with EDGE Exam tips and also resources to help sell EDGE in their local markets.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is this course right for me?

This course is designed for architects, engineers, and green building consultants. It is also appropriate for property developers and owners and those in the construction, government, banking or finance industries. In addition, this course prepares EDGE Experts candidates to take the EDGE Exam.

We strongly encourage you to take GBCI's free online "Introduction to EDGE" course, available in either [English](#) or [Spanish](#) before registering for this training. In only 30 minutes, you'll learn all about the EDGE software, the certification process, and business opportunities as both a consultant and EDGE Auditor.

EDGE is available for projects located in over 140 countries. Please visit <https://www.edgebuildings.com/connect/> to see the full list of countries where EDGE is available. Please note that GBCI administers EDGE certification in a subset of those countries (over 120 countries) and is the exclusive certification provider for all EDGE buildings in India. View the full list of countries where GBCI offers EDGE certification at <https://edge.gbc.org/where-edge-available>. GBCI is happy to provide you with EDGE training if you do business or plan to do business in markets where EDGE is applicable.

2. Will I get continuing education (CE) credits after completing this course?

Yes, the English course is eligible for 6 CE hours to maintain your LEED professional or AIA credentials. The Spanish version course is eligible for 5.5 CE hours as it is slightly shorter.

3. What is an EDGE Expert?

An EDGE Expert is a professional that helps a developer, owner, and larger project team understand the EDGE standard, software and certification system. The scope of the EDGE Expert's work includes advice on green design and assistance with preparation of an application for EDGE certification.

4. How do I become an EDGE Expert?

LEED APs are prequalified. If you are not a LEED AP, you must have a higher education qualification in a construction industry related field OR three (3) years of experience working in the construction industry (as a skilled professional or tradesperson) and a higher education qualification (not necessarily in a construction industry related field).

Professionals that meet the eligibility requirements must complete this EDGE Technical Workshop and successfully pass the EDGE Exam in order to be considered an EDGE Expert.

Acceptable Construction Industry Roles		
Architect	Contractor	Planner
Architectural Technologist	Construction Manager	Procurement & Contracts Management
Bid Manager	Developer	Quantity Surveyor
Building Surveyor	Electrical Engineer	Site Engineer
CAD Technician	Estimator	Site Manager
Civil Engineer	Energy/Environmental Engineer	Skilled Tradesperson
Contracts Manager	Facilities Manager	Structural Engineer
	Mechanical Engineer	

5. What are the benefits of being an EDGE Expert?

As an EDGE Expert, you will be seen by developers and owners as a trusted resource and advisor on EDGE certification. You can market your understanding of the EDGE software to potential developers, which will inspire confidence that their project can achieve certification with your knowledge, insights and support. This will allow you to develop new skills to stay competitive in the market, enabling you to expand your business and services and attract new customers. As an EDGE Expert, you will also influence best practices in bio-climatic design and make a positive impact by helping to create more resource-efficient buildings.

6. What is the EDGE Exam? Where can I take it? How much is it?

The EDGE Exam is administered by Prometric (a third-party testing center) and currently costs \$100 USD. A complete list of test center locations may be found at <http://www.prometric.com/edge> by clicking on the “Locate a Test Center” link. You may also take the EDGE Exam from the comfort of your home or office as long as your workspace and computer meet the requirements specified in the [Remotely Proctored Candidate Information Bulletin](#). The EDGE Exam is administered via computer and consists of 75 multiple-choice questions with a 2.5 hour limit. All exams are closed-book. The exam is currently available in English, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Indonesian Bahasa.

Please contact edgeexam@ifc.org with any additional questions about the EDGE Exam.

7. Can I retake the EDGE Exam if I do not pass the first time?

You may retake the EDGE Exam once more within two months of your first attempt. Retaken exams will be different from the original EDGE Exam. Each exam attempt will cost \$100 (paid to Prometric). If you do not pass the exam within the specified time period you will have to retake the training. Please note that you will have full access to the on-demand videos and other course resources for one year after purchase.

8. Is an owner or developer required to hire an EDGE Expert for a project seeking EDGE certification?

Hiring an EDGE Expert is not required. However, we highly recommend having an EDGE Expert or another individual on the project team that has experience with EDGE to help facilitate the certification process.

9. What is the difference between an EDGE Expert and an EDGE Auditor?

An **EDGE Expert** is a professional that helps a developer, owner, and larger project team understand the EDGE standard, software, and certification system. The scope of the EDGE Expert’s work includes advice on green design and assistance with preparation of an application for EDGE certification.

An **EDGE Auditor** is an individual who determines by investigation and evaluation of objective evidence whether a building meets the requirements of the EDGE Standard. The EDGE Auditor completes this assessment by reviewing project documentation (Design Audits), conducting visits to the project site (Site Audits), and making Recommendations for certification to GBCI. EDGE Auditors must be independent from the developer/owner/project team of the project they audit. The EDGE Auditor does not influence project design nor makes recommendations. The EDGE Auditor only becomes involved once the project application is received to begin the certification process.

EDGE Auditors have additional steps they must complete on top of what is required to be an EDGE Expert. EDGE Auditors must meet minimum [eligibility requirements](#), submit an application, and take GBCI’s EDGE Auditor Candidate Workshop. They also need to sign an EDGE Auditor agreement with GBCI and pay a nominal annual maintenance fee. [Learn more](#) about the EDGE Auditor position.

10. How can I become an EDGE Auditor?

EDGE Experts may apply to become an EDGE Auditor at <https://edge.gbci.org/auditors>. You will also find a detailed description of the role, eligibility requirements, and process to become an EDGE Auditor on the same page. EDGE Auditor candidates must complete GBCI’s EDGE Auditor Candidate Workshop. [Learn more](#) about the EDGE Auditor position.

EDGE Auditors that have completed the process described on <https://edge.gbci.org/auditors>, including completing training, successfully passing the EDGE Exam, and signing an EDGE Auditor agreement with GBCI, may provide EDGE Auditor services in any country where GBCI administers EDGE certification. The full list can be found at <https://edge.gbci.org/where-edge-available>. The list may be updated over time by IFC. We strongly recommend you check that EDGE is applicable in your home market before registering for EDGE training.