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## **Code Council Developing Green Building Certification for Inspectors**

The International Code Council is developing an Inspector of Green Building Technologies certification exam to demonstrate a code official's ability to understand the application of green building technology and assess adherence with green building programs. The new certification will help provide assurances that green and sustainable buildings also are safe.

"The International Code Council and its members are proud of their support to protect the public through responsible and innovative green building technology that is safe, sustainable and affordable," said Code Council CEO Rick Weiland. "Communities and code officials can use the Certified Inspector of Green Building Technologies as a tool to help ensure that green building programs are implemented in a coordinated manner with the International Codes."

The Inspector of Green Building Technologies certification exam will assess the ability to understand the green aspects of the International Codes including the *International Energy Conservation Code* and the *International Plumbing Code*. It also will measure the level of knowledge about the leading green building rating systems such as the *National Green Building Standard* under development by the Code Council and the National Association of Home Builders, the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, and the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes program and associated standard. These programs generally include components that address sustainable sites, efficiencies of water, energy and other resources, indoor environmental quality and maintenance.

"This new certification will test building safety professionals' knowledge of green building to ensure the structure or system is safe and sustainable as provided by the various green building rating systems," said Code Council Board President Steve Shapiro, Director of Codes Compliance for Hampton, Va. "As code officials, we can have a positive impact on our communities by facilitating safe and sustainable construction while promoting the environmentally-focused features of the I-Codes."

To develop the certification, the Code Council is creating an Exam Development Committee of recognized experts. Committee members must be proficient with green building practices. Individuals interested in serving can apply online at [iccsafe.org/certification/edc/](https://iccsafe.org/certification/edc/), or call 1-888-\_\_\_\_\_  
ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 5287. For more information about the International Code Council's Certification program visit [iccsafe.org/certification](https://iccsafe.org/certification).

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties, and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

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