



The Cleaning Industry Climate Initiative
A Program of
The Green Cleaning Network &
Leonardo Academy's Cleaner & Greener® Program

Certification Steps

Steps for Applying for Certification

1. When you have completed the registration process, you will receive certification application forms by email.
2. Fill out the certification application forms required for the level of certification you are seeking.
3. Submit the application form. You will shortly after be invoiced for the Certification Application Fee.
4. After initial review is complete, answer any follow up questions and pay for any additional offsets needed based on the certification application review.
5. Receive certification.
6. Renew certification annually by updating documentation and offset estimated total annual emissions at least 3 times (300%).

Levels of Certification

- **Certified:** Document onsite emissions and emissions from electricity use & offset estimated total emissions 300%
- **Silver:** Add documentation of emissions from travel and transportation & offset estimated total emissions 300%
- **Gold:** Add documentation of emissions from supply chain & offset estimated total emissions 300%
- **Platinum:** Complete documentation for Certified, Silver, and Gold levels & offset estimated total emissions 600%

Certification review includes:

1. Verification of energy use and emissions caused by your company in the areas covered by the level of certification applied for
2. Verification of the energy use and emissions reduction program of the company
3. Verification of the amounts and types of emissions offsets required for your company to achieve the level of certification applied for
4. Competitive procurement of the desired level of emissions offsets for your company

Certification Application Fees

After Leonardo Academy receives your certification application, we will notify you how much the review will cost and get your approval before we proceed. The cost of the certification review is based on the magnitude of effort required. The better the information you can include in your certification application, the lower the certification review cost will be.

Offset Purchase Cost

The cost of the actual purchase of the desired level of offsets will be invoiced separately at the end of the certification review process. You will be notified of the cost of the proposed offset purchase with a request for your approval before the purchase is made.

About Leonardo Academy Leonardo Academy is a charitable nonprofit (501c3) organization. We are The Sustainability Experts. We provide Sustainability: implementation support services, education, tools, and achievement metrics and standards. We provide consulting services that drive sustainability achievements into the marketplace. We make sustainability practical. We work on a wide variety of sustainability issues including sustainable buildings, sustainable vehicles, sustainable organizations, emissions foot prints, emissions reduction and offset strategies, and other environmental issues.

The Green Cleaning Network The Green Cleaning Network is a nonprofit clearinghouse dedicated to sharing information, stimulating discussion, and educating the marketplace in order to accelerate the adoption of Green Cleaning for the benefit of human health and the environment. To learn more, visit www.greencleaningnetwork.org

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