

Guiding Principles Compliance Professional (GPCP) Program Details

The Green Building Initiative® created the Guiding Principles Compliance Professional (GPCP) program to train qualified individuals to become expert users of the Guiding Principles Compliance environmental assessment system. Credentialed GPCPs possess a demonstrated knowledge of green building and management practices, familiarity with the Guiding Principles Compliance assessment criteria, and expertise with the GPC Survey and third-party assessment process.

Interested parties must apply online, pay the application fee, and submit their completed application form or résumé for review. Once approved, candidates will be authorized to purchase the GPCP Package, which includes the training materials, final exam, and initial two-year credential. Upon completing the training and passing the exam, GPCPs can market their services as consultants on Guiding Principles Compliance assessment projects.

The GPCP training program is delivered through an online learning management system (LMS) accessed from the user's GBI Account and takes approximately five hours to complete. The training is divided into seven sessions, and each section includes a video presentation and study guide. The final exam consists of 100 multiple-choice questions and is accessible online after completing all training components. You must achieve a minimum score of 80 percent on the exam to obtain the credential. If you do not achieve a passing score, you may retake the exam at no additional cost. After successful completion of the exam, GBI staff will review your score and provide instructions for obtaining your GPCP credential.

The GPCP program has been approved by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for continuing education (CES) credit under the course code "GBIGPCPJUL18" and the course title "Guiding Principles Compliance Professional Training." Those who complete the training and pass the exam with an 80 percent or higher are eligible to receive 5 LU/HSW credits from AIA. Eligible individuals should contact GBI at training@thegbi.org after passing the exam and provide their AIA member number for credit reporting.

The following is an outline of the GPCP program goals and objectives:

Session 1 – Why Green Buildings?

Learning Objectives

- Understand that buildings are one of the heaviest consumers of our natural resources and learn why green building is important.

Session 2 – The Green Building Initiative

Learning Objectives

- Describe the mission of the Green Building Initiative
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of those involved in a GPC assessment
- Recall the benefits of a third-party assessor

Session 3 - Guiding Principles Compliance (GPC) Program Overview

Learning Objectives

- Recall the background on the Federal Government's Guiding Principles
- Explain what a GPCP is and the benefits to becoming one

- Identify the components of a Guiding Principles Compliance assessment
- Describe the eligibility requirements
- Summarize the benefits of a Guiding Principles Compliance assessment

Session 4 – Guiding Principles Compliance for New Construction Program

Learning Objectives

- Identify the Guiding Principles
- Demonstrate understanding of the specific items assessed within each category
- Understand documentation required to demonstrate compliance

Session 5 – Department of Defense Guiding Principles Compliance for New Construction Program

Learning Objectives

- Identify the Guiding Principles
- Demonstrate an understanding of the UFC 1-200-02 assessment compliance
- Understand documentation required to demonstrate compliance

Session 6 – GPC for NC and DOD GPC for NC Assessment Process

Learning Objectives

- Identify the major steps within the Guiding Principles Compliance assessment process
- Describe the quote process
- Explain how to access the GPC Quote Request form
- Understand how to order a GPC Assessment
- Describe how to complete the GPC survey
- List the steps of the third-party assessment
- Recall the scheduling process
- Identify the two options for final certifications
- Explain the steps involved in preparation for the site visit
- Describe what happens after the site visit
- Summarize what is included within the assessment report
- Identify the types of recognition available
- List which items are included with the assessment purchase
- Explain how to order recognition items

Session 7 – GPCP Resources & Benefits

Learning Objectives

- Identify and locate available user resources on the GBI website
- Understand the Guiding Principles Compliance Professional benefit

Certified Professionals are encouraged to use the GPCP title and logo to promote Guiding Principles Compliance and market their GPCP services. Logos and a variety of other resource materials are available to GPCPs through an

online reference library within their GBI User Account. Additionally, a comprehensive [List of Credentialed Professionals](#) is available on the GBI website.

After receiving the credential, GPCPs are expected to keep their Guiding Principles Compliance knowledge current by periodically reviewing the online materials and completing training updates as they become available. The GPCP credential is initially valid for two years, at which point payment of biennial membership dues is required to maintain it.