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The International Living Future Institute (Living Future) offers a suite of high performance building certification programs, including the Living Building Challenge (LBC), Zero Carbon (ZC), and Zero Energy (ZE). These programs are designed to serve as a philosophy and advocacy tool, as well as a third-party certification based on actual performance.

Effective October 1, 2026, the following pricing structure will be applied to all registration and certification* applications. All fees listed below are in US Dollars. Please note that individual buildings should be registered independently unless a multi-building approach has been approved in writing by the Living Future team (learn more [here](#)).

New Building, Renovation, and Interior Typology registration fees per building:

	Organizational Members	Individual Members and Non-members
Living Building Challenge - Living, Petal	\$5,250	\$5,500
Living Building Challenge - Core	\$5,250	\$5,500
Zero Carbon**	\$2,500	\$2,750
Zero Energy**	\$2,500	\$2,750

All registration fees are due at the time of application. Projects are only considered registered for Living Future building scale programs after the registration application has been received, the registration agreement has been acknowledged, and the registration fee paid.

New Building, Renovation, and Interior Typology certification fees per building:

	Minimum Fee	USD per square foot	USD per square meter
Living Building Challenge - Living, Petal	\$7,500	\$0.14	\$1.51
Living Building Challenge - Core	\$5,000	\$0.09	\$0.97
Zero Carbon**	\$3,750	\$0.065	\$0.70
Zero Energy**	\$3,750	\$0.065	\$0.70

All certification fees are due prior to the commencement of the Ready Audit. Certification fees are calculated based on the published certification fees at the time the invoice is generated and are subject to change between project registration and certification.

Visit this [resource page](#) for more information on our building certification process, registering a project, or other helpful resources.

For any project teams that are interested in pursuing one of Living Future's building certifications, please reach out to sales@living-future.org or submit a Registration Form via Portal (instructions [here](#))

*Projects registered prior to April 1, 2024 with project specific certification fees noted in the registration agreement will continue to be held to the original agreed upon fees, scope, and project timeline, provided the project remains in good standing.

**Projects that wish to pursue dual Zero Carbon and Zero Energy Certification will receive a 50% discount on both their Zero Energy registration fee and certification fee.