

SERVICE NOTICE

Update #5: Occupancy Submissions

Department of Buildings staff are working to address the high volume of occupancy submissions that have been received since the [expansion of DOB NOW: Build on March 1, 2021](#). A Service Notice will be posted weekly to provide current service levels.

Current Schedule of Occupancy Service Levels (first review by Plan Examiner)

Borough	Average Business Days to Process	Longest Wait Time in Business Days
Bronx	6 days	up to 2 days
Brooklyn	2 days	up to 2 days
Manhattan	4 days	up to 20 days
Queens	3 days	up to 8 days
Staten Island	4 days	up to 3 days
Development Hub	11 days	up to 14 days
Citywide	5 days	up to 20 days

Current Certificate of Occupancy Service Levels (first review by Project Advocate)

Borough	Average Business Days to Process	Longest Wait Time in Business Days
Bronx	1 day	up to 1 day
Brooklyn	7 days	up to 7 days
Manhattan	16 days	up to 29 days
Queens	10 days	up to 23 days
Staten Island	2 days	up to 2 days
Citywide	10 days	up to 29 days

After Project Advocate review is complete, review by a Borough Commissioner and Quality Assurance (QA) Admin is completed within 2 business days.

90-day Extension for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy

If a Schedule of Occupancy or Certificate of Occupancy request was submitted in DOB NOW prior to the expiration date of the TCO that was issued in BIS, an email is being sent from a DOB Borough Commissioner granting a 90-day extension of the TCO two days in advance of the TCO expiration date. Once the Schedule of Occupancy request that was submitted in DOB NOW: Build is approved, a Certificate of Occupancy request (of any type) must also be submitted and then approved before there can be any subsequent renewal. Renewal fees will be applied based on the expiration date of the TCO prior to the extension.

Visit the [DOB NOW training page](#) to sign up for a Q&A Session held Tuesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and to view FAQs and other training resources. Questions can also be submitted to the DOB NOW help form at www.nyc.gov/dobnowhelp.