

SERVICE UPDATE

New Requirements for Category Testing of Elevators

Beginning January 1, 2022, category testing of elevators must comply with the following *new* requirements in [Local Law 126 of 2021](#):

- The agency performing the category test must notify the Department of Buildings at least five (not seven) days prior to the Category 1 testing of escalators, Category 3 testing of water hydraulic elevators, and Category 5 testing of elevators.
- If a witnessing agency is required in [Table N1 of ASME A17.1, as modified by Chapter K1 of Appendix K of the New York City Building Code](#), the category test report is no longer required to include the signature of the witnessing agency inspector.

NOTE: The report must still include the signature of the witnessing agency director.

New Filing Deadlines

| Deadline for Submitting Category Test Report to DOB | Deadline for Correcting Defects Identified in the Category Test Report | Deadline for Submitting Affirmation of Correction to DOB |
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| Within 21 (not 60) days after the date of the category test | Within 90 (not 120) days after the date of the category test (owners may request up to two 45-day extensions) | Within 14 (not 60) days after the date the corrections were made |

Review [Local Law 126 of 2021 \(Article 304 of Title 28 of the Administrative Code\)](#) and [Title 1 of the Rules of the City of the New York Sections 101-07 and 103-02](#) for all the changes to the category test requirements that will become effective on January 1, 2022.

Category test reports must be submitted in [DOB NOW: Safety](#). A Service Notice with additional information about changes to DOB NOW related to the new category test requirements will be posted at nyc.gov/buildings.

Periodic Elevator Inspections

Review the [November 30, 2021 Service Update](#) for a description of the changes to the requirements for periodic elevator inspections.