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## What's New



### B-SCAN Launched in Brooklyn!

On July 30, 2007, the Brooklyn Borough Office launched the Building Scan and Capture Application Network ([B-SCAN](#)). B-SCAN scans virtually all contents of job folders (with the exception of architectural plans) for the electronic processing, storage and online retrieval of documents associated with New Building and Alteration applications. Already implemented in Staten Island and the Bronx, B-SCAN will be live citywide in the coming months. For more information, view the [press release](#).

### Inspector Job Fair



On August 8, 2007, the Buildings Department will host a job fair for Construction, Boiler, Plumbing and Elevator Inspectors. The job fair will be held in Manhattan at 280 Broadway in the 6th Floor Training Room from 12 pm to 6 pm. Interested in employment at the Buildings Department? Visit our website for more [Career Opportunities](#).

### Electrical Guidelines for Sidewalk Sheds

#### Dedicated to Safety

To ensure the safety of workers and the public, the Buildings Department requires that all sidewalk shed electrical installations be installed by a New York City Licensed Electrician and must be done in accordance with the NEC 2005 Electrical Code and the NYC Amendments to the 2005 NEC ([Local Law 49/2006](#)) (421 kb-pdf). View the [fact sheet](#) (34 kb-pdf) for guidelines when installing lighting in sidewalk sheds.

### Exams for Hoist Machine Operators

#### Information You Need To Know

At the end of the year, the Buildings Department will begin administering exams for Hoist Machine Operator (HMO) Class A and Class B licenses, replacing the Department of Citywide Administrative Services. Currently, the Department is looking for sites where the practical exams

can be conducted. Potential sites will be evaluated based on their size, location, and capacity to conduct practical exams. If you would like to become a practical exam site, view a [letter](#) (40 kb-pdf) to the Cranes & Derricks Advisory Board or contact our [Cranes and Derricks](#) unit.

## ***Buildings Around Town***

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### **CoreNet Global Sustainability Panel**

On July 25, 2007, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster participated in "The Green Dream: NYC & Sustainability - What Does It Mean For You?" panel sponsored by [CoreNet Global](#). CoreNet Global is a worldwide association for corporate real estate and related professionals that seeks to be an industry leader in thought and opinion. The panel was moderated by Reuters' Glen Eliot and focused on key sustainability issues facing the industry and the Mayor's [PlaNYC](#) initiatives.

## ***Reminders***

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### **Construction Superintendent Registration Has Begun**

**Dedicated to Safety**

Registration to become a Construction Superintendent began July 5, 2007. As of January 1, 2008, all new building and demolition projects 14 stories and below will need to be supervised by a registered Construction Superintendent. Individuals already serving as a Construction Superintendent on a permit (New Building, Demolition or Alteration Type 1) that was active between January 7, 2007 and July 5, 2007, can [register online](#). To learn more about registration or the necessary requirements, view the [fact sheet](#) (47 kb-pdf).

## ***Did You Know?***

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Did you know that since April 30, 2007, 11,585 documents have been scanned via the new [B-SCAN](#) initiative, resulting in 645 permits issued?

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