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What's New

New Codes Training at Javits Center



On Friday, February 29, the Buildings Department is hosting a comprehensive training session on the new [NYC Construction Codes](#) for the public and construction industry. The Department's technical staff will focus on the new 2008 Building Code and new administrative procedures under the [New Codes](#). Licensed industry professionals may receive three hours continuing education credit for attending. This program will be at the [Jacob](#)

[K. Javits Convention Center](#) in Manhattan. [Registration](#) is required, and seating is limited. View the [flyer](#) (85 kb-pdf) for more information.

eFiling Trial Now Available

Information You Need To Know



MORE WEEKS

We've launched a trial version of our expanded [eFiling](#) system, now making online PW-1 Form preparation possible. Once completed, applicants print out their completed sets of forms, add their appropriate signatures and seals, and submit the application with any other filing requirements at a borough office. Until the full eFiling launch February 19, the borough offices will manually enter these applications. [Register](#) today for an eFiling account. View our [eFiling Registration Quick Guide](#) (312 kb-pdf) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (161 kb-pdf) for more information.

Last Day to Use Old PW-1 Form Approaching

Information You Need To Know

With our eFiling expansion approaching, February 8 marks the final day applicants may submit filings using the former PW-1 Form. Thereafter, applicants must use the [new PW-1](#) Form or PC Filing. Manually-filed applications using the former PW-1 Form must have any errors fully corrected, submitted and finished at DEAR by February 15; if not, applicants will be required to re-submit the application using the new PW-1 Form.

New BISWeb Application Detail

Making It Easier

To facilitate our expanded eFiling system and the transition to the new PW-1 Form, we are updating the BISWeb Application Detail Page on February 19. Key changes

to the page will include: re-formatting to mirror the new PW-1 Form; making status information more visible at the top of the page; and tailoring the online application to your filing. View the BISWeb Application Detail Page [Fact Sheet](#) (58 kb-pdf) for more information.

Coming Soon: PENS Expansion

Making It Easier

To make it easier for you to do business with us, April 1 we're expanding our [Plan Exam Notification System](#) (PENS) to make scheduling plan examination appointments more efficient. To use the system, registered professionals and registered expeditors must provide Buildings with an email address and PIN number by February 14. For more information, view an informational [letter](#) (31 kb-pdf) explaining this upcoming expansion.

Organization of the New Codes

Information You Need To Know



The new [NYC Construction Codes](#) are now easier to use and easier to navigate. For example, the 1968 Building Code's subjects are often spread across numerous subchapters. Now, Title 28, Section 700 of the NYC Administrative Code is clearly written as the [2008 Building Code](#), which contains 34 chapters and 11 appendices that organize and address requirements by subject.

Training & Workshops

eFiling Public Information Sessions

Making It Easier



To ease the transition from PC Filing to eFiling, the Buildings Department is now offering citywide eFiling Public Information Sessions. These workshops present an overview of the expanded eFiling system and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions. If you only attend one eFiling training session, this is the one you shouldn't miss! View the [service announcement](#) (29 kb-pdf) for more information.

Buildings Around Town

BTEA Seminar on the New Codes



On Thursday, January 31, Buildings technical experts delivered a [presentation](#) (1,543 kb-pdf) on the new [NYC Construction Codes](#) at a seminar hosted by the Building Trades Employers' Association. The presentation focused on differences between the [New Codes](#) and the [1968 Building Code](#), as well as new enforcement and administrative provisions. [BTEA](#) is the largest contractor association in New York City and represents more than 1,500 construction management,

general contractors and specialty contractor construction companies doing business in NYC.

Excavation Seminar

On Wednesday, January 30, Excavations Unit Chief Engineer Tim Lynch, PE, led a

discussion on excavation, underpinning and historic construction at a lecture hosted by the [American Institute of Architects Queens Chapter](#) and the [New York State Society of Professional Engineers](#). To learn more about our newly-created Excavations Unit under the Special Enforcement Plan, view the [press release](#).

Reminder

Coming Soon: eFiling Expands to Construction Job Applications

Information You Need To Know



On February 19, we're expanding our [eFiling](#) system to include construction permit application filings. This upgraded system will enable applicants to use eFiling and its electronic interview-style process to prepare the new PW-1 Form online for initial and subsequent filings. Because of this expansion, beginning February 19, PC Filing will no longer be available. All PC Filing applications must be completed and uploaded at DEAR by February 15. View an informational [letter](#) (64 kb-pdf) for more important dates.

Half-Day Office Closure on February 29

Information You Need To Know

On Friday, February 29, the Buildings Department will be closed until 1:30pm for an agencywide strategic meeting. Customer service will be open from 1:30pm until 4:30pm.

Did You Know?

Did you know that in the first half of Fiscal Year 2008, the number of initial building permits issued citywide by the Buildings Department stayed relatively constant, while the number of violations issued increased? To learn more, view our monthly [BUILD](#) report [press release](#).

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