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## What's New

### New Staff to Advance Construction Safety



On Sunday, May 18, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Acting Buildings Commissioner Robert D. LiMandri announced that \$5.3 million has been added to the Buildings Department budget to fund 63 new positions dedicated to enhancing oversight and enforcing construction safety requirements. Of these new positions, 56 will be implementing Phase III of the Department's [Special Enforcement Plan](#). The funding adds seven positions to enable the Department to implement [Local Law 36](#) (60 kb-pdf),

which requires general contractors building one-, two- and three-family homes to [register](#) with the Department. The additional resources are part of the Mayor's FY 2009 Executive Budget. View the Mayor's Office [press release](#) for more information.

### Upcoming Job Fair for Licensed Engineers

Information You Need To Know



Are you an engineer interested in working for the Buildings Department? On June 17, the Department is hosting a [job fair](#) (328 kb-pdf) for licensed engineers at 49-51 Chambers Street in Manhattan from 11am to 3pm. If you can't attend, email your résumé to [recruit@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:recruit@buildings.nyc.gov). To view more [job postings](#) or to learn about the [benefits](#) of working at the Department, visit the [Career Opportunities](#) section of our website.

## Site Safety Coordinator Certification

Dedicated to Safety



On June 2, the Department will begin certifying Site Safety Coordinators who will be responsible for supervising construction and demolition of 10- to 14-story buildings. The Department is in the process of developing education, training, inspection and notification requirements for Site Safety Coordinators. On May 29, the Department will hold a public hearing on the proposed Site Safety Coordinator and

Site Safety Manager qualifications rule. The hearing will be held at 2pm at the Buildings Department headquarters, located at 280 Broadway in Manhattan, in the 3rd floor conference room. For more information, view the [service announcement](#) (42 kb-pdf) and our [How to Become a Site Safety Coordinator](#) guide (35 kb-pdf).

## Extended Hours for Certification Applications

Making it Easier

To better process Site Safety Coordinator Certification applications, beginning June 10, the Licensing Unit will provide extended service hours every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Appointments for certification are required, and applicants may set an appointment by calling (212) 566-4100. To learn more, view the [service announcement](#) (29 kb-pdf).

## BISWeb Enhancement: Vacate Order Banners

Information You Need To Know



To advance transparency and public access to information, we are enhancing [BISWeb](#) property profiles to highlight vacate order information. Beginning May 26, properties with an active vacate order will have a yellow banner at the top of their BISWeb property profile, similar to the red banners indicating properties with active Stop Work

Orders. To learn more, view the [service announcement](#) (24 kb-pdf).

## Update to Tracking Numbers

Information You Need To Know

Because the [Licensing Unit](#) now updates and issues general contractor tracking numbers, all contractors with an active tracking number must bring their original insurance certificates to the Licensing Unit by October 31. Contractors who do not meet this deadline will have invalid tracking numbers and will not be permitted to pull or renew permits. To learn more, view the General Contractor Registration [fact sheet](#) (33 kb-pdf).

## General Contractor FAQs

Information You Need To Know



On April 1, the Buildings Department launched a [new registration program](#) for general contractors seeking permits to erect one-, two- or three-family homes. We have created a Frequently Asked Questions guide to assist contractors registering with the Department. View the General Contractor [FAQs](#) (53 kb-pdf) for more information.

## Licensing Term and Fee Changes

### Information You Need To Know

Beginning July 1, fees will be increased for Hoist Machine Operator, Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor and Master Plumber license applications. In addition, licensees whose applications are processed after this date will receive a three-year license term, instead of the current one-year term. View the License Term and Fee Changes [fact sheet](#) (24 kb-pdf) for more information. Concrete Testing Laboratories' annual license renewal fees will also increase. To learn more, view the Licensing Fee Changes [fact sheet](#) (35 kb).

## License Reinstatement Change

### Information You Need To Know

Beginning July 1, the Buildings Department will no longer reinstate licenses that have been expired for more than five years. Individuals with licenses expired more than five years must reapply for the license and meet the license's original requirements, including taking any necessary examinations. To learn more about this change, view the License Reinstatement [fact sheet](#) (50 kb-pdf).

## New NYC Construction Codes Updates

### Information You Need To Know



To make it easier for you to find the most up-to-date information about the New NYC Construction Codes, we have added three new sections to our website: "[New Codes Rules](#)," "[OTCR: Materials & Inspections](#)" and "[Upcoming Operational Changes](#)." The New Codes Rules section provides an overview of new rules that are being promulgated to implement provisions under the New Codes and includes a status chart on these rules. The OTCR section includes important information about the Office of Technical Certification and Research, and the Operational Changes section outlines any operational changes associated with the New Codes. Visit these sections, located on the left-hand side of our website under the [NYC Construction Codes](#) link, for more information.

## *Buildings Around Town*

### Buildings Receives ICC Award



On Wednesday, May 7, the [International Code Council](#) presented the Buildings Department with the Raising the Profile Award. The award honors individuals or organizations for contributions to raising public awareness of the work accomplished by code officials to improve public safety in the built environment. The Department was recognized for its programs to improve public safety, including the [Scaffold Safety Team](#), [Scaffold Worker Outreach Program](#) and the teams created under the [Special Enforcement Plan](#). To learn more, view the ICC's [press release](#) (27 kb-pdf) and Acting Commissioner LiMandri's [statement](#) on the award.

## ***Training & Workshops***

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### **New NYC Construction Codes Experts Coming to Your Borough**

**Dedicated to Safety**



In preparation for July 1, 2008 when the New NYC Construction Codes go into effect, Buildings Department experts will be leading informational seminars over the next several weeks to provide an overview of the New Codes, highlight upcoming operational changes and answer any questions. View the [fact sheet](#) (25 kb-pdf) for more information about these sessions.

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

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Did you know that you can find up-to-date information on rules being developed by the Department to implement provisions under the [New NYC Construction Codes](#)? Visit the [New Codes Rules](#) section of our website to view drafted and finalized rules.

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