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## ***The New NYC Construction Codes Upcoming Buildings Department Changes***



As the effective date of the [New NYC Construction Codes](#) nears, the Buildings Department is revising many application forms and processes to support the modernization of the [1968 Building Code](#). To assist our applicants with a smooth transition, we are making many of these forms available prior to the July 1, 2008 implementation date. While the New Codes will not be mandated for new construction until July 1, 2009, certain administrative provisions, enforcement provisions and construction safeguards go into effect this July 1.

Below, you'll find a helpful overview of what changes to expect. Please visit the [NYC Construction Codes](#) section of our website for the most up-to-date information. You may also email operational questions to our experts at [OperationsRedesign@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:OperationsRedesign@buildings.nyc.gov).

### **Application Processing Update**

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The New Codes require some changes be made to the information collected during application processing. Some of these changes will apply to all applications; others will apply only to applications submitted under the New Codes that are filed between July 1, 2008 and July 1, 2009. To learn which forms will change, please check the [Forms](#) section of our website. [eFiling](#) will also reflect these changes and will be the easiest way to navigate updates when using these forms.

#### **[Revised PW1 Form](#)**

To support the July 1, 2008 New Codes implementation the PW1 form, the first document filed with the Buildings Department to initiate the application process, has been updated and is now available online in draft format. The new version collects additional information on Demolitions, Job Types and Building Characteristics. As of July 1, 2008, the Department will only accept the revised PW1 form.

## [Revised PA1 Form](#)

Under the New NYC Construction Codes, any initial or renewal application for a Place of Assembly Permit will be issued as a Place of Assembly Certificate of Operation. As of July 1, 2008, the Department will only accept the revised PA1, now available in draft format online.

**Special Note:** While applicants cannot submit the revised PW1 and PA1 until July 1, 2008, please familiarize yourself with the new versions in advance. Beginning July 1, 2008, the Department will only accept the new versions of these forms. New versions of these forms are currently available online in draft format and will be available for preparation on June 23.

## [Special Inspections](#)

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Beginning July 1, 2008, [Special Inspections](#) will replace Controlled Inspections. Special Inspections are inspections conducted by qualified individuals during construction to verify work is being done according to approved plans and specifications. The [revised TR1 form](#), now available online in draft format, includes a new qualification statement that the principal/director of the Special Inspection Agency must sign, certifying he or she is qualified to perform Special Inspections. View the Special Inspections [fact sheet](#) and [qualifications](#) from [Code Compass](#).

### **Progress Inspections:**

The [revised TR1](#) also includes Progress Inspections, which are inspections that are made throughout the progress of work to verify substantial compliance with approved construction documents. The [Approved Agency Rule](#) describes the qualifications to conduct Progress Inspections.

## [Revised TR1](#)

While the revised TR1 includes new information, the process to submit the form will remain the same: 1) the design applicant identifies Special and Progress Inspections on the TR1 prior to approval, 2) the Special Inspection or Approved Agency identifies which inspections it will conduct prior to the issuance of the permit, and 3) the Special Inspection or Approved Agency certifies completion of inspections prior to sign off. The newly-revised form is now available in draft format in the [Forms](#) section of our website at [www.nyc.gov/buildings](http://www.nyc.gov/buildings).

## [Site Safety - Update](#)

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As of July 1, 2008, a certified [Site Safety Coordinator](#) will be required to supervise construction or demolition of all 10- to 14- story buildings. On June 2, 2008, the Department began certifying Site Safety Coordinators. To become a Site Safety Coordinator, applicants must register with the Licensing Unit by filing a [LIC2](#). To support this new requirement, we have updated several forms:

- [LIC2](#): This Licensing Application has been updated to collect applicable Site Safety Coordinator information regarding previous convictions and outstanding fines. This form is now available on our website. Applicants with any conviction and/or fines must complete the new Licensing Supplemental Affidavit (LIC34), also available on our website.
- [LIC34](#): This new form must be completed by any applicant who has been convicted of

any crimes and/or has any outstanding fines.

- [PW2](#): This form now includes an area for information on the Site Safety Coordinator and required permits for alterations and demolitions. This form will be available on our website beginning July 1, 2008.

**Special Note:** While only the revised LIC2, LIC34 and PW2 forms will be available online after July 1, 2008, the Department will accept either version until September 2, 2008, unless the application requires a designated Site Safety Coordinator. In that case, only the revised version of the PW2 will be accepted. View the [fact sheet](#) and [how to guide](#) for more information.

## Photoluminescent Markings

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The requirement to install photoluminescent sign and stair strips in all existing high-rise office buildings is being expanded to include newly constructed high-rise buildings in most other occupancy groups. We have created a new [TR7 form](#) for these new buildings, though the Department will continue to accept the Photoluminescent Report for existing buildings.

### New Required Item for Photoluminescent Markings

The new TR1 requires a Special Inspection to ensure photoluminescent egress markings are properly installed in certain new high-rise buildings. A draft version of the [new TR1](#) is available online and will be ready for use on July 1, 2008.

## Tenant Protection Plan

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### PW1 Supports New Required Item

To better protect New York City residents, the New Codes enhance Tenant Protection Plan requirements. Applicants must indicate on the PW1 which units will be occupied during proposed work in occupied, multiple-dwelling properties, including Single-Room Occupancies. In addition, the Tenant Protection Plan must be included in the notes section of the submitted plans. View Section [28-104.8.4](#) for more information.

## Certifying Correction of Boilers

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As of the July 1, 2008 implementation of the New NYC Construction Codes, any defects found during a low-pressure boiler inspection must be corrected within 45 days of the inspection. After the correction is made, the owner must file the new Affirmation of Correction form with the Buildings Department within 45 days of the inspection. The deadline for the 2008 inspection and report filing remains December 31, 2008. View the [fact sheet](#) for more information.

## *Did You Know?*

Did you know that all new and newly-revised forms are getting a slight name change? Updated and new forms will no longer have a hyphen. For example, the PW-1 will now be called the PW1.

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