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## ***Buildings News - Special Edition***

### **The New NYC Construction Codes Are Now in Effect**



The [New NYC Construction Codes](#) are now in effect, and applicants may choose to use the [New Codes](#) or the [1968 Building Code](#) during a one-year interim period. The New Codes will be mandated for all new construction on July 1, 2009 - though certain administrative provisions, enforcement provisions and construction safeguards under the New Codes are now required. To ease this transition we will be updating our [website](#) frequently to provide easy access to information about operational changes. For answers to specific questions, please contact our [Codes experts](#) or for general questions, reach the Department's Call Center representatives 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday, at (212) 227-4514. View the Mayor's Office [Press Release](#).

### **Interim Requirements under the New Codes**

#### **Information You Need To Know**

For applicants submitting certain alteration, professionally-certified and D14 applications that comply with the New NYC Construction Codes, there are interim requirements that must be followed for applications submitted between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008:

- **Alteration Types 1 and 2.** Applicants seeking to perform Alteration Type 1 or Type 2 work under the New NYC Construction Codes must submit an analysis of the building's fire safety and structural systems. Applications for certain types of work are exempted from this analysis requirement.
- **Professionally-Certified Applications.** For professionally-certified New Building applications using the New Codes, the Department will be performing additional reviews to confirm compliance with egress and fire protection system requirements.
- **D14 Applications.** During this interim period, the Department will not accept any D14 applications submitted under the New Codes.

To learn more, view the [service announcement](#) (27 kb-pdf).

## Helpful Guidelines for Filing Applications

### Information You Need To Know

To ease the transition to the New NYC Construction Codes, we have created an easy-to-follow guide that details when filings must comply with the New Codes, when to use the new versions of the PW1 and TR1 forms and more information about Special Inspections. To learn more, view our [Filing Guidelines](#) (23 kb-pdf).

## Guidelines for New Forms

### Information You Need To Know

The Department has revised or updated a number of applications to support the implementation of the New Codes:

- **Application Processing.** If a job was suspended because of a required change on the [PW1](#) or the [Schedule A](#) or [B](#) forms, the applicant must resubmit the application using the new revised version of the applicable form.
- **TR1.** All jobs that did not reach approval status before June 30, 2008 must resubmit the new 2008 TR1 form and comply with the new requirements for Special Inspections.
- **PW2.** Both versions of the PW2 form will be accepted in the borough offices until August 1, 2008. If a site safety coordinator is required, the new PW2 must be submitted.

To learn more, view the Guidelines for New Forms [service announcement](#) (20 kb-pdf) and the New Revised TR1 [service announcement](#) (20 kb-pdf).

## New Construction Equipment Safety Standards Required

### Information You Need To Know

With the implementation of the New NYC Construction Codes, Alteration Type 2 and Type 3 applications for construction equipment must now comply with Chapter 33 of the 2008 Building Code. To learn more, view the [service announcement](#) (20 kb-pdf)

## BISWeb Now Reflecting New ECB Violation Classification

### Information You Need To Know

To advance transparency and public access to violation information, the Buildings Department has enhanced the BISWeb ECB Violation Details screen to reflect the ECB violation reclassification under the New NYC Construction Codes. To learn more, view the [service announcement](#) (227 kb-pdf) and the new Violation Classification and Certificate of Correction [rule](#).

## New Licensing Terms and Fees Now in Effect

### Information You Need To Know

With the launch of the New Codes, application fees for Hoist Machine Operator, Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor and Master Plumbing licenses have increased. Additionally, licensees whose applications are processed after July 1, 2008 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

have also increased. To learn more, view the Licensing Fee Changes [fact sheet](#) (35 kb).

## Special Inspections Replacing Controlled Inspections

### Information You Need To Know

To improve construction quality and safety, [Special Inspections](#) have now replaced Controlled Inspections. Special Inspections are an important verification that work considered critical to life safety and property protection has been or is being conducted according to approved plans and specifications. To learn more, view our Special Inspection [Codes Compass](#) and [table](#) (39 kb-pdf).

## New Filing Representative ID Required

### Information You Need To Know

The Buildings Department will be registering and issuing new filing representative identification cards, replacing the existing expeditor cards. Filing representatives who fail to obtain the new identification card by December 31 will not be permitted to conduct business with the Department. To learn more about the new identification cards, please view the [service announcement](#) (29 kb-pdf).

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