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PURPOSE:

This Bulletin clarifies when to apply the 2020 New York City Energy Conservation Code (NYCECC) or the 2025 NYCECC to New Building (NB) and Alteration (Alt) applications.

SUBJECT(S):

Construction documents, application for; Construction documents, approval of; New building application; alterations, application; Energy Code; 2020 NYCECC, applicability; 2025 NYCECC, applicability; 2025 NYCECC, effective date

RELATED CODE SECTIONS & RESOURCES: 1 RCNY 5000-01

I. BACKGROUND

The Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (ECCCNYS) became effective on **December 31, 2025**. By State law, all local government energy codes, including New York City Energy Conservation Code (NYCECC), must be no less stringent than the ECCCNYS. The 2025 New York City Energy Conservation Code (2025 NYCECC) has been adopted in compliance with State Law; however, it will not be enforced until updated compliance software platforms are publicly available. The anticipated enforcement date of the 2025 NYCECC is **March 30, 2026**. The Department of Buildings will continue to enforce the 2020 NYCECC until such time. Any change to this date will be communicated by the Department by Service Update.

This Bulletin clarifies the conditions under which the provisions of the 2025 New York City Energy Conservation Code (NYCECC) and 2025 NYC ASHRAE 90.1 apply as they pertain to application submissions.

II. NEW PROJECTS

If the application for construction document approval is submitted on or after March 30, 2026, then the application must comply with the 2025 NYCECC or 2025 NYC ASHRAE 90.1. If the application for construction approval is filed before March 30th, 2026, then it must comply with the 2020 NYCECC.

For an application to be considered filed, the following requirements must be met:

- the construction documents submitted meet the minimum requirements for completeness, as per 1RCNY 5000-01 and the Department's Project Guidelines
- the application includes a complete energy analysis
- the application thereafter is diligently pursued to completion.

Jobs filed before March 30, 2026, with an incomplete energy analysis or with a **pre-filing** or **incomplete** status are considered incomplete application submissions and will have to comply with the 2025 NYCECC.

III. PRIOR PROJECTS

Complete energy submissions filed before March 30, 2026, must comply with the 2020 NYCECC.

BIS projects with a BIS Job Status Code or 'D' and an Online Code 'A/P' prior to March 30, 2026, must comply with the 2020 NYCECC.

Projects filed before March 30, 2026, that change their NYCECC or ASHRAE 90.1 compliance path from a prescriptive compliance path (e.g. Tabular Analysis, ResCheck or ComCheck) to a modeling compliance path (i.e., ERI, Energy Cost Budget Method or Appendix G) on or after March 30th, 2026; must comply with the 2025 NYCECC or 2025 NYC ASHRAE 90.1.

IV. POST APPROVAL AMENDMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT APPLICATIONS FILED ON OR AFTER MARCH 30, 2026

Post Approval Amendments to existing applications that do not include a material compliance change may comply with the 2020 NYCECC or the NYCECC applicable at the time those projects were filed.

Post Approval Amendments to existing applications that undergo a material compliance change must comply with the 2025 NYCECC or 2025 NYC ASHRAE 90.1.

Subsequent filings to existing complete applications must follow the same version of the NYCECC in effect as the original application as long as this does not represent a material compliance change.

V. 2025 NYCECC DATE

WORK TYPE	TRIGGER	DATE	2020 NYCECC	2025 NYCECC
New Buildings* and New Buildings* with Existing Elements	Complete Submission as per this Bulletin	Before March 30, 2026	✓	
		On or after March 30		✓
Alteration* applications to Existing Buildings	Complete Submission as per this Bulletin	Before March 30, 2026	✓	
		On or after March 30		✓
Post Approval Amendments to existing applications	Complete Submission as per this Bulletin	Before March 30, 2026	✓	
		On or after March 30		✓
Subsequent filings**	Complete Submission as per this Bulletin	Before March 30, 2026	✓	
		On or after March 30		✓

* New Building and Alteration applications must include a Professional Statement, Energy Progress Inspection requirements, Energy Analysis, and Supporting Documentation as outlined in the Project Guidelines. The Supporting Documents must include the Building Envelope, Mechanical Systems, Lighting & Electrical Power, and any Other Requirements <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/business/project-guidelines.page>.

** Subsequent related filings submitted after March 30, 2026, must follow the same version of the NYCECC in effect as the original application as long as this does not represent a material compliance change

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Read the Service Update: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/pdf/nycecc-sn.pdf>
- See the 2025 ECCCNY: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/NYSECC2025P1>