

## **BULLETIN: APPLICABILITY OF PRE-CHECK (PC) DESIGN CRITERIA FOR NON-PC PROJECTS**

Division of the State Architect (DSA) documents referenced within this publication are available on the [DSA Publications webpage](#).

**PURPOSE:** This bulletin informs clients that the Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria documents prepared by DSA for the respective PC project types shall also be considered and incorporated in site-specific submittals for structures of the same project type. ←

**BACKGROUND:** The PC Design Criteria documents were created by DSA to promote uniform statewide criteria for code compliance in design and in plan review of public school, community colleges and essential services building projects. For the 2019 California Building Code (CBC), each of these documents will be updated and issued as an Interpretation of Regulations (IR) as noted below. For cases where a non-PC project submittal includes a structural system addressed in one of these documents, the documents shall be applied in the same manner as a means for the responsible engineer to demonstrate code compliance when developing and submitting construction documents for DSA review. These documents are intended to be a tool to identify and highlight the common and unique, critical and/or overlooked code requirements that must be considered and incorporated into the design as applicable, to provide a complete and consistent set of construction documents accepted at all DSA regional offices.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** A project submitted under a site-specific application shall satisfy the requirements in the respective PC Design Criteria document, even if the project is not part of a PC application (e.g., a site-specific modular building that is not part of a PC package). This applies to any project submittal containing structures that are frequently submitted as PC projects, including but not limited to the construction types noted in the documents below:

- *IR PC-1: Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria for Freestanding Signs and Scoreboards.*
- *IR PC-2: Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria for Modular Buildings.*
- *IR PC-3: Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria for Modular Elevator Towers.*
- *IR PC-4: Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria for Open Fabric Shade Structures.*
- *IR PC-5: Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria for Precast Concrete Buildings.*
- *IR PC-6: Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria for Relocatable Buildings.*
- *IR PC-7: Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria for Steel Cantilevered Column Structures (Ordinary and Special).*
- *IR PC-8: Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria for Light-frame Wood Buildings with Metal Deck Diaphragms.*

If there are any questions as to the applicability of the PC Design Criteria documents, the design professional shall contact the respective DSA regional office where the project will be submitted to schedule a pre-application meeting prior to submittal. If a project scope has individual design components (e.g., solar carport over garage) that have been addressed in one of the PC Design Criteria documents, the design professional is encouraged to utilize any applicable criteria within these documents as a means to demonstrate code compliance.