

**FINAL EXPRESS TERMS  
FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION/  
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HOSPITAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
REGARDING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE,  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 1  
(OSHPD 01/25)**

The state agency shall draft the regulations in plain, straightforward language, avoiding technical terms as much as possible and using a coherent and easily readable style. The agency shall draft the regulation in plain English. A notation shall follow the express terms of each regulation listing the specific statutes authorizing the adoption and listing specific statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific (Government Code Section 11346.2(a)(1)).

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**FINAL EXPRESS TERMS**

**ITEM 1**

**Chapter 7 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FACILITIES**

**ARTICLE 3 APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

**Section 7-118. Building energy efficiency program.**

Healthcare facility projects that consist of a newly constructed building or an addition that increases floor area and conditioned volume requires compliance with Title 24, Part 6, *California Energy Code*.

**(a) Documentation.** The following documentation is required to demonstrate compliance with Part 6.

**1. Certificate of Compliance.** For healthcare facilities, the Certificate of Compliance shall be signed by the design professional of record in responsible charge or the design professional delegated the portion of work for which they are responsible per Section 7-115. All Certificate of Compliance documentation shall conform to the California Administrative Code, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-103(a)1.A. items i, ii and iv. For all newly constructed buildings and additions regulated by Part 6, the applicant shall submit the applicable Certificate(s) of Compliance in the construction documents for approval.

**2. Certificate of Installation.** The Certificate of Installation shall be included in the testing, inspection, and observation program pursuant to Section 7-141. The

Certificate of Installation documentation shall comply with the *California Administrative Code*, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-103(a)3.B.

3. **Certificate of Acceptance.** The Certificate of Acceptance for envelope shall be included in the testing, inspection, and observation program pursuant to Section 7-141. The Certificate of Acceptance documentation shall comply with the *California Administrative Code*, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-103(a)4.A.

**Notation:**

Authority: Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18929, 18942 and 129850

Reference(s): Health and Safety Code, Section 129675-130079

**ITEM 2**

**Chapter 7 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FACILITIES  
ARTICLE 3 APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS  
Section 7-119. Functional program.**

**(a) General.**

**1. Functional program requirement.** The owner or legal entity responsible for the outcome of the proposed health care facility design and construction project shall be responsible for providing a functional program to the project's architect/engineer and to the Office. The requirement applies to all scopes and disciplines of the project that affect patient care directly or indirectly, by means of new construction, additions, or modifications to specific hospital departmental functions which form an integral part of the facility. Projects that only involve equipment replacement, fire safety upgrades, or renovations that will not change the occupancy, function, or use of existing space shall not require a functional program, except those projects for imaging, dietary and pharmacy sterile compounding.

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**(c) Functional program content.** The functional program for the project shall include the following:

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**Notation:**

Authority: Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18929, 18942 and 129850

Reference(s): Health and Safety Code, Section 129675-130079

**ITEM 3**

**Chapter 7 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FACILITIES  
ARTICLE 3 APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS  
Section 7-126. Deferred submittals.**

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(f) **Review time.** Review times for deferred submittals are subject to the same requirements associated with final construction documents in Section 7-125.

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**Notation:**

Authority: Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18929, 18942 and 129850

Reference(s): Health and Safety Code, Section 129675-130079

**ITEM 4**

**Chapter 7 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FACILITIES**

**ARTICLE 3 APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

**Section 7-129 Time Limitations.**

**7-129. Time limitations.**

- (a) Final construction documents shall be submitted to the Office within one year of the date of the Office's report on preliminary plans and outline specifications or the application shall become void unless an extension has been requested and approved. The architect or engineer in responsible charge may request one extension of up to 180 calendar days; however, the Office may require that the construction documents meet current regulations. The extension must be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.
- (b) The procedures leading to obtaining written approval of final construction documents shall be carried to conclusion without suspension or unnecessary delay. Unless an extension has been approved by the Office, the application shall become void if either of the following occur ~~when paragraph 1, 2 or 3 occurs~~:
  - 1. If project actual construction cost is \$500,000 or less and construction documents are not filed for backcheck within 45 calendar days after the date of return of checked construction documents to the architect or engineer in responsible charge. Backcheck submittals that do not contain a written response to all comments in accordance with Section 7-125(c) shall not be considered an official submittal to the Office. The architect or engineer in responsible charge may request one extension of up to 45 calendar days; however, the Office may require the construction documents be revised to meet current regulations. The extension must be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.
  - 2. If project actual construction cost is greater than \$500,000 and construction documents are not filed for backcheck within 90 calendar days after the date of return of checked construction documents to the architect or engineer in responsible charge. Backcheck submittals that do not contain a written response to all comments in accordance with

Section 7-125(c) shall not be considered an official submittal to the Office. The architect or engineer in responsible charge may request one extension of up to 90 calendar days; however, the Office may require the construction documents be revised to meet current regulations. The extension must be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.

~~3. A set of stamped construction documents are not submitted to the Office within 45 calendar days after the date shown with the identification stamp by the Office.~~

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- (d) ...
- (e) ...

**Notation:**

Authority: Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18929, 18942 and 129850

Reference(s): Health and Safety Code, Section 129675-130079

**ITEM 5**

**Chapter 7 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FACILITIES**

**ARTICLE 3 APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

**Section 7-133. Fees.**

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(a) **Plan review and field observation.** The fee for plan review and field observation shall be based on the estimated cost of construction as specified below. If the actual construction cost for a hospital or skilled nursing facility project exceeds the estimated construction cost by more than five percent (5%), a further fee shall be paid to the Office, based on the applicable schedule specified in (a) (1) or (2) and computed on the amount by which the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost.

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(o) **Hospital building seismic compliance extensions.** The Department shall charge actual costs to cover the review and verification of the extension documents submitted, pursuant to ~~Section 130060(g)~~ of the Health and Safety Code. The total cost paid for these services shall be nonrefundable.

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**Notation:**

Authority: Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18929, 18942 and 129850

Reference(s): Health and Safety Code, Section 129675-130079

**ITEM 6**

**Chapter 7 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FACILITIES**

**ARTICLE 4 CONSTRUCTION**

**Section 7-137. Notice of Start of Construction.**

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~~(a) As soon as a contract has been awarded, the governing board or authority of the health facility shall provide to the Office, on a form provided by the Office, the following:~~

- ~~1. Name and address of the contractor.~~
- ~~2. Contract price.~~
- ~~3. Date on which contract was awarded.~~
- ~~4. Date of construction start.~~

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**Notation:**

Authority: Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18929, 18942 and 129850

Reference(s): Health and Safety Code, Section 129675-130079

**ITEM 7**

**Chapter 7 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FACILITIES**

**ARTICLE 4 CONSTRUCTION**

**Section 7-153. Changes to the approved work.**

**7-153. Changes to the approved work.**

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**(b) Changes that do not materially alter the work.** The following types of changes in the work do not materially alter the work and do not require the submission of amended construction documents to the Office: ...

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- ~~4. Dimensional changes to rooms that do not affect code required minimum dimensions, fixed dimensions, minimum room or space requirements and required clearances.~~

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**Notation:**

Authority: Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18929, 18942 and 129850

Reference(s): Health and Safety Code, Section 129675-130079