

BULLETIN: ACCESS COMPLIANCE FEE SCHEDULE CHANGE

PURPOSE: To notify interested parties about changes to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) Access Compliance fee schedule, effective June 1, 2013.

BACKGROUND: On April 24, 2013, the California Building Standards Commission approved proposed increases to the DSA Access Compliance fee schedule as contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 5-104. These regulations also authorize DSA to reduce the fees for a period of up to four years if the State Architect determines that a lesser amount is sufficient to maintain the Access Compliance program. The State Architect has determined that a reduction in Access Compliance filing fees for projects with a construction cost in excess of \$25,000,000 is sufficient to maintain the Access Compliance program. The Access Compliance filing fees specified below are to be used in lieu of the fees published in Section 5-104.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND NEW FEE SCHEDULE:

The Access Compliance filing fee for project applications received by DSA on or after June 1, 2013 shall be calculated as follows:

- Five-tenths of one percent (0.5%) of the first \$500,000 of the project cost, plus
- Twenty-five one-hundredths of one percent (0.25%) of the excess of the project cost greater than \$500,000 (up to and including \$2,000,000), plus
- One-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the excess of the estimated project cost greater than \$2,000,000, (up to and including \$25,000,000), plus
- Eight one-hundredths of one percent (0.08%) of the excess of the estimated project cost greater than \$25,000,000, (up to and including \$50,000,000), plus
- Six one-hundredths of one percent (0.06%) of the excess of the estimated project cost greater than \$50,000,000, (up to and including \$100,000,000), plus
- Four one-hundredths of one percent (0.04%) of the excess of the estimated project cost greater than \$100,000,000.

The minimum fee in any case shall be \$500.

Examples of New Filing Fee Calculation (Effective June 1, 2013):

A. Estimated project cost = \$250,000

$$.005 \times \$250,000 = \mathbf{\$1,250 \text{ filing fee}}$$

B. Estimated project cost = \$5,000,000

$$\begin{aligned} .005 \times \$500,000 &= \$2,500 \\ .0025 \times \$1,500,000 &= \$3,750 \\ .001 \times \$3,000,000 &= \underline{\$3,000} \\ &\mathbf{\$9,250 \text{ filing fee}} \end{aligned}$$

C. Estimated project cost = \$130,000,000

$$\begin{aligned} .005 \times \$500,000 &= \$2,500 \\ .0025 \times \$1,500,000 &= \$3,750 \\ .001 \times \$23,000,000 &= \$23,000 \\ .0008 \times \$25,000,000 &= \$20,000 \\ .0006 \times \$50,000,000 &= \$30,000 \\ .0004 \times \$30,000,000 &= \underline{\$12,000} \\ &\mathbf{\$91,250 \text{ filing fee}} \end{aligned}$$

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DETERMINATION OF FILING FEES: The DSA Access Compliance filing fee is determined by applying the fee schedule to the estimated project cost, as reported by project owner, at the time of application for DSA review of construction documents (i.e. plans, specifications, and other documents).

When the actual project cost exceeds the estimated cost, a further fee may be due to the DSA, equal to the difference between the filing fee paid and the amount computed in accordance with the fee schedule using the actual cost of the project. Actual cost of the project is reported by the project owner using the Statement of Final Actual Project Cost (form [DSA 168](#)).



The fee schedule in effect at the time of filing shall apply throughout the duration of the project. Therefore, projects with applications filed on or before May 30, 2013, and reporting actual cost of the project on or after June 1, 2013, will not be subject to the new fee schedule.

For projects with applications filed between February 16, 2010 and May 31, 2013, see DSA Bulletin 10-01 (issued January 29, 2010).

For projects with applications filed prior to February 16, 2010, see Section 5-104 of the 2007 California Administrative Code ([2007 California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1](#)).