

To: DSA Stakeholders
From: The Division of the State Architect
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Subject: Document Updates and Announcements for the Third Quarter of 2019

To keep industry partners informed of new and revised forms and publications available online, as well as recent announcements, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) posts this list to the “News & Events” section of the DSA website each quarter. If you have questions regarding any of the forms, publications, or announcements in this summary, please email DSAcommunication@dgs.ca.gov.

New and Revised Forms and Publications:

JULY

- [DSA 1: Application for Approval of Plans and Specifications](#) Form updated to include the new Los Angeles regional office address and to add clarifying information to form fields. (Revised 07/11/19)
- *IR 10-1: Illumination Required for Means of Egress* (Deleted 07/12/19.)
- [PR 07-02: Modernization Grant for Accessibility and Fire and Life Safety Requirements](#) Procedure updated to remove past due dates. (Revised 07/25/19.)

AUGUST

- *BU 16-03: 2013 Pre-Check Extension and Renewals to the 2016 CBC* (Superseded by BU 19-02.)
- *BU 16-04: Submittals Utilizing the 2016 California Building Standards Code (Title 24, Parts 1 Through 12) Prior to the Effective Date* (Superseded by BU 19-03.)
- [BU 19-02: 2016 Pre-Check Extension and Renewals to the 2019 CBC](#) Newly issued bulletin notifies building manufacturers with pre-check (PC) plans approved under the 2016 California Building Code (CBC) of upcoming requirements to PC plans, following the adoption of the 2019 CBC. (Issued 08/21/19.)
- [BU 19-03: Submittals Utilizing the 2019 California Building Code \(Title 24, Parts 1 Through 12\) Prior to the Effective Date](#) Newly issued bulletin clarifies that DSA will consider requests, on a case-by-case basis, to utilize the 2019 California codes on projects submitted for plan review between December 1–31, 2019. DSA will continue to accept projects submitted utilizing the currently effective California Building Standards Code (2016 edition) through December 31, 2019, the last business day prior to the effective date of the 2019 California codes. (Issued 08/21/19.)

- [*IR A-33: Design-Build and Lease-Leaseback Alternative Project Delivery Methods*](#) Revised Interpretation of Regulations (IR) clarifies DSA procedures for ensuring compliance with the Education Code and the California Administrative Code when clients utilize Design-Build or Lease-Leaseback alternative project delivery methods. (Revised 08/20/19.)
- [*PL 19-01: Project Inspector Certification Extension*](#) Newly issued policy defines an extension period and reinstatement requirements offered by DSA to project inspectors losing their certification due to expiration. (Issued 08/19/19.)

SEPTEMBER

- [*BU 19-04: DSA Acceptance of ICC-ES California Building Code Supplement to ICC-ES Evaluation Reports*](#) Newly issued bulletin provides notice to product manufacturers, design professionals and DSA staff clarifying DSA acceptance of International Code Council-Evaluation Service, LLC (ICC-ES) CBC Supplements to evaluation reports that are specific to DSA-adopted regulations in the CBC. (Issued 09/10/19.)
- [*DSA 7: Application for Concurrence: Project is Exempt*](#) Revised form clarifies the nature of exemptions to recognize construction oversight, inspection and testing and adds DSA use checkboxes to clarify the applicable building code regulations containing requirements for exempt projects. (Revised 09/20/19.)
- [*IR A-3: Construction Management Services for Public School Projects*](#) Revised IR was updated to the current code requirements and received minor editorial changes. (Revised 09/11/19.)
- *IR A-10: Alteration and Reconstruction Projects – DSA Approval Exemption – 2001, 2007, 2010 CBC* (Archived 09/20/19.)
- [*IR 17-3: Structural Welding Inspection*](#) Revised IR clarifies “non-structural” welded element identification requirements and that proprietary products may require tests or special inspections beyond that specified in the IR. (Revised 09/24/19.)
- [*IR 17-8: Sampling and Testing of High-Strength Structural Bolts, Nuts and Washers*](#) Revised IR explicitly allows IR requirements to apply for other high-strength fasteners at architect/engineer discretion. (Revised 09/24/19.)
- [*IR 17-9: High-Strength Structural Bolting Inspection*](#) Revised IR explicitly allows IR requirements to apply to other high-strength fasteners at the design professional’s discretion and clarifies protective storage requirements and installation verification of fastener components. (Revised 09/24/19.)
- [*IR A-22: Construction Projects and Items Exempt from DSA Review*](#) IR revised and significantly reorganized to incorporate *IR A-10: Alteration and Reconstruction Projects – DSA Approval Exemption* (now archived) and Appendix A from *PR 14-02: Exempt Concurrence* such that exemption code interpretations are all contained within one IR. (Revised 09/20/19.) The following summarizes other substantive modifications:

- Clarifies the scope of the IR, types of exempt projects, what exemptions entail (including testing and inspection requirements, among others), and the applicable building code regulations for such projects.
- Reformats and modifies the Appendix through clarification of many items (including identification of maintenance items) as well as the addition of new items, which similarly applies to footnotes.
- [IR A-23: Construction Cost Reporting and DSA Fees](#) Revised IR was updated to the current template and code and received minor editorial changes. (Revised 09/11/19.)
- [IR A-24: Construction Phase Duties of School District, Contractor and Design Professional](#) Revised IR was updated to the current template and code and received minor editorial changes. (Revised 09/11/19.)
- [PR 14-02: Exempt Concurrence](#) Revised procedure had portions removed and incorporated into IR A-22 and added concepts of construction oversight and DSA inspection and testing to address exemptions; construction document format requirements to align with electronic plan review procedures and specified a time limit of six months to resubmit construction documents after DSA's initial non-exempt decision. (Revised 09/20/19.)

Announcements

PROJECTS SUBMITTED VOLUNTARILY UNDER THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2020

As a reminder, the effective dates of the 2019 California Building Standards Code (Title 24, Parts 1 -12) is January 1, 2020. DSA will consider requests, on a case-by-case basis, to utilize the 2019 California codes on projects submitted for plan review between December 1–31, 2019. Please refer to BU 19-03 for details.

DSA GUEST WIFI ENDED

DSA offices no longer provide a courtesy WiFi. This includes clients' access during back check appointments. Due to the amount of technology of our own we are trying to support, it is no longer sustainable for us to provide this service. The demand of the WiFi was negatively impacting the network operations manifesting as slower connection speed for the office computers.

Visitors are welcome to use their own mobile hotspots or their device's data to access the internet while at our offices.