

**To:** DSA Stakeholders  
**From:** The Division of the State Architect  
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**Subject:** Document Updates and Announcements for the Fourth Quarter of 2020  
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](mailto:DSAcommunication@dgs.ca.gov).

**New and Revised Forms and Publications:**

OCTOBER

- [BU 19-02: 2016 Pre-Check Extension and Renewals to the 2019 CBC](#) This bulletin has been revised to extend the effective date allowing the use of all 2016 pre-check (PC) plans until June 30, 2021 (See Section 1). This deadline has been extended to allow manufacturers to accommodate their high demand while obtaining approval of site-specific project plans in compliance with the 2019 California Building Code (CBC). (10/30/20)
- [IR 16-8: Solar Photovoltaic and Thermal Systems Review and Approval Requirements](#) This publication has been updated with minor revisions to the structural provisions and to the Fire and Life Safety requirements in Section 6. (10/08/20)

NOVEMBER

- [BU 20-03: Ground Mount Solar Photovoltaic Panel Systems](#) This bulletin has been revised to provide notice to stakeholders that the exemption for ground mount solar panel systems in prior versions of *IR 16-8: Solar Photovoltaic and Thermal Systems Review and Approval Requirements* has been removed in the current version. This bulletin also states that on or after January 1, 2021 construction of ground mount photovoltaic solar systems shall not commence without approved plans by DSA. (11/10/20)
- [IR A-15: Testing and Inspection of Remotely Fabricated Structural Elements](#) This publication was revised with clarifications on the DSA approval requirements for allowing exceptions to off-site inspector classification requirements and the necessity of *DSA 152-IPI: In-Plant Inspector Inspection Card/Verified Report* issuance prior to commencing in-plant construction. Additionally, “press boxes” were added to examples of factory-built buildings. (11/09/20)
- [IR 23-6: Wood Structural Panel Acceptance–Plywood and Oriented Strand Board \(OSB\): 2019 CBC](#) This publication was updated to meet the 2019 CBC. (11/23/20)

## DECEMBER

- *DSA 121: Relocatable Building Site Inspection Checklist* has been retired and is superseded by IR 16-1. (12/08/20)
- [IR A-1: Approval for Temporary School Use of DSA Approved Relocatable Buildings](#)  
This publication was revised to clarify the approved relocatable buildings on public school campuses for temporary emergency use or temporary interim use during modernization projects. (12/24/20)
- [IR A-11: Incremental Submittals](#) This publication was revised to clarify the provisions in the California Administrative Code (CAC) for dividing projects into increments, procedures for submitting increments for plan review and guidance in handling incremental projects throughout the plan review process. (12/29/20)
- [IR A-18: Use of Construction Documents Prepared by Other Professionals](#) This publication was revised to clarify situations where the use of a statement of general conformance is acceptable in lieu of overstamping projects under the jurisdiction of DSA. (12/29/20)
- [IR PC-2: Pre-Check \(PC\) Design Criteria for Modular Buildings: 2019 CBC](#) This publication had new requirements added in relation to PC submittals for modular buildings under the 2019 CBC. (12/08/20)
- [IR PC-6: Pre-Check \(PC\) Design Criteria for Relocatable Buildings: 2019 CBC](#) This publication had new requirements added to PC submittals for relocatable buildings under the 2019 CBC. (12/08/20)
- [IR 16-1: Design and Construction Requirements for Relocatable Buildings and Modular Elevator Towers: 2019 CBC](#) This publication provides notice to design professionals, building manufacturers and DSA staff on the maximum spacing requirements for cold-formed steel joists or rather for diaphragms sheathed with wood structural panels for projects submitted under the 2016 or 2019 CBC. (12/08/20)
- [PR 20-01: Request for Exempting Mortar Sampling and Testing](#) This procedure was created to outline the requirements for submitting a request to exempt mortar sampling and testing in masonry construction for projects submitted to DSA. (12/11/20)

**Announcements**

- None.