

To: DSA Stakeholders
From: The Division of the State Architect
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Subject: Document Updates and Announcements for the First Quarter of 2021
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:

JANUARY

- [DSA 175: Project Inspector Examination Application](#) This form was revised for individuals interested in registering for the 2019 code-based Project Inspector Certification Examination. (Revised 01/07/21)

FEBRUARY

- [BU 21-01: Plan Submittal Requirements for Schools Participating in the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus \(SEES\) Programs](#) This publication was issued to provide guidance on the installation and requirements for carbon dioxide monitors that meet the requirements of the School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification Program, also known as SEES. (Issued 02/26/21)
- [IR A-34: Cargo Containers Used as Laboratory Units](#) This publication was issued to confirm DSA’s position on the use of cargo containers converted to laboratory pod units on public school campuses and clarifies the installation requirements. The revision was made to the Background information. (Revised 02/01/21)

MARCH

- [DSA 1-L: Outdoor Water Use Self-Certification of Landscape Irrigation Design and Documentation](#) This form went through minor editorial revisions. (Revised 03/11/21)
- [DSA 3: Project Submittal Checklist](#) This form was revised to correct typographical errors on the 02/13/20 version. (Updated 03/12/21)
- *DSA 180: Project Inspector Performance Record* This form has been discontinued. Other DSA publications will be revised to reflect this change. (Removed 03/22/21)
- [PR 15-03: Compliance with CalGreen Code Outdoor Water Use Regulations](#) This procedure underwent minor editorial revisions as a result of the revisions of form DSA 1-L. (Revised 03/05/21)

- [*IR 16-8: Solar Photovoltaic and Thermal Systems Review and Approval Requirements*](#)
This publication was revised to indicate in Section 6.2 the elimination for the requirement for Class A fire hazard classification and directing that photovoltaic (PV) panels have a fire hazard classification as achieved through testing in accordance with Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards 1703 and 2703. (Revised 03/30/21)
- [*IR A-28: Fire Alarm System Changes in Existing Buildings*](#) This publication was revised to indicate that the fire protection/life safety system designs need to be upgraded to maintain design integrity (Section 2). (Revised 03/19/21)

Announcements

New DSA Academy

The Division of the State Architect (DSA) continues to prepare the DSA Academy collection of courses for the move to a new learning management system (LMS). The expected completion is late spring 2021. The classes moving to the new LMS are the Project Inspector Overview and the Structural Plan Review Class, and the code amendment classes. Classes offered will be on-demand and through webinar.

Valuation Threshold Update

The Valuation Threshold for Alterations, Structural Repairs or Additions to Existing Buildings – In accordance with the 2019 California Building Code Chapter 2 definition of VALUATION THRESHOLD, the 2021 valuation threshold is \$172,418 and will be updated again in January 2022.

Additional information is available on [DSA's Access Compliance Reference Materials](#) web page.