

**To:** DSA Stakeholders  
**From:** The Division of the State Architect  
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**Subject:** Document Updates and Announcements for the Fourth Quarter of 2024

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” 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

- [PR 24-01: Back Check Procedure for Design Professionals](#) This PR informs design professionals submitting projects to DSA of a two-phase back check procedure, including notifications, scheduling, readiness check, and steps to follow for Phase 1 and Phase 2 back checks. (10/16/24)
- [IR 22-4: Buckling-Restrained Brace Frames: 2022 CBC](#) This IR provides clarification of building code requirements for buckling-restrained brace (BRB) design, testing, inspection, and construction observation. Design of BRBF systems, structural products and materials shall comply with the applicable sections in the California Building Code (CBC). (10/22/24)
- [DSA 109: Transfer of Responsibility – Geotechnical Engineer](#) This form has been updated to have checkboxes for submission email addresses for each DSA regional office. (10/30/24)

### NOVEMBER

- [BU 24-02: ACI Modifications to Reinforcing Steel Specifications](#) This bulletin alerts design professionals, project inspectors and testing laboratories of changes to reinforcing steel specifications and verification testing. This BU also describes the methods acceptable to DSA to demonstrate compliance with those changes. (11/18/24)
- [IR 17-10: Sampling, Testing and Tagging of Reinforcing Bars](#) This IR had minor edits to testing requirements to incorporate uniform elongation testing for reinforcing steel, when applicable. (11/18/24)
- [PR 18-09: Electronic Plan Review for Over-the-Counter \(OTC\) Projects](#) This PR is one of multiple documents that in combination describe the process and requirements for Electronic Plan Review (EPR) of projects under DSA jurisdiction. (11/18/24)
- [PR 18-04: Electronic Plan Review for Design Professionals](#) This PR is one of multiple documents that in combination describe the process and requirements for Electronic Plan Review (EPR) of projects under DSA jurisdiction. Since October 2018 the review

and approval of all project applications and post approval documents have been processed in digital format through this EPR procedure. (11/19/24)

## DECEMBER

- [IR 31-1: Construction and Installation of Free-Standing, Open-Sided Shade Structure Canopies](#) This IR clarifies requirements for the construction and installation of shade structure canopies on public school and community college campuses. (12/03/24)
- [BU 24-04: EDC 17586 \(AB 2565, 2024\) Interior Door Locking Requirements for K-12 Schools](#) This BU provides clarification for school districts serving kindergarten and grades 1 through 12, inclusive, and design professionals, of the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 2565 which enacts Education Code (EDC) 17586 effective on January 1, 2025. (12/10/24)
- [PL 24-01: Workforce Housing Projects and Community College Student Housing Projects Submitted to DSA](#) This PL informs the decisions of community college districts (CCD) regarding student housing projects, and CCD and K-12 school districts (SD) regarding workforce housing projects. (12/18/24)
- [PR 08-03: Seismic Mitigation Program](#) This PR defines the steps and requirements to obtain DSA concurrence necessary to receive funding for seismic mitigation of eligible buildings under the Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP) for California K-12 public schools. (12/18/24)
- [BU 24-05: Fire Safety During Construction and Demolition](#) This BU provides guidance on the development of, and requirement for, a site fire safety plan for the construction of new buildings, additions or alterations to existing buildings, reconstruction projects, and nonconforming building rehabilitation projects submitted for approval using the 2022 CBC and later. (12/23/24)
- [PR 13-02: Project Certification Process](#) This PR provides a required, prescribed method for compliance with applicable sections of the above regulations related to certification of construction projects. (12/26/24)