

To: DSA Stakeholders
From: The Division of the State Architect
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Subject: Document Updates and Announcements for the First Quarter of 2025.

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.

NEW AND REVISED FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS

JANUARY

- [DSA 450: EDC 17672 Green Schoolyards Compliance Declaration](#) This form was issued to certify that the project qualifies for limiting path of travel improvements required by California Building Code Part 2, Chapter 11B, Section 11B-202.4 to 20 percent of the adjusted construction cost of the project, in accordance with EDC 17672. (Issued 01/06/25)
- [BU 24-03: EDC 17672 Green Schoolyard, Path of Travel Requirements](#) This BU was issued to clarify the allowance for Green Schoolyard project as defined, to limit path of travel improvement requirements to 20 percent of the adjusted construction cost. (Issued 01/06/25)
- [IR 17-9: High-Strength Structural Bolting Inspection: 2022 CBC](#) This IR was revised to provide clarification relating to pre-installation verification requirements for high-strength fastener assemblies. (Revised 01/09/25)
- [IR 25-2: Suspended Lay-In Panel Ceiling: 2022 CBC](#) This IR provides guidelines for the design and installation of metal suspension systems for lay-in ceilings on projects under DSA jurisdiction. (Revised 01/17/25)
- [IR 17-1: Special Inspection Program \(SIP\)](#) This IR was revised to clarify special inspection and field testing procedures in section 3.4 and minor editorial revisions were made. (Revised 01/21/25)
- [IR 9-1: Emergency Voice/Alarm Communication Systems](#) This IR has been revised, reformatted and clarified for ease of the user to provide a more logical and sequential flow, consistency with the Title 24 and current policies and practices. (Revised 01/27/25)
- [DSA 102-IC: Construction Start Notice/Inspection Card Request](#) This form was revised to include a new section for submitting site safety plans to DSA in accordance with *BU 24-05: Fire Life Safety During Construction and Demolition*, reorganization for the geotechnical aspects of a project, and revised portions to include "remove all" in "permission level" columns. (Revised 01/27/25)

FEBURARY

- [IR A-22: Construction Projects and Items Exempt from DSA Review](#) This IR clarifies the scope of construction work that is eligible to be exempt from plan review and approval by DSA. This new edition of the IR updates the project cost threshold values that are established in California Administrative Code (CAC) Sections 4-308 and 4-309(a) and are adjusted annually based upon

the construction cost index published by Engineering News-Record. The IR has also undergone a significant reorganization to improve its usability. (Revised 02/04/25)

- [IR EB-4: Rehabilitation Required by Cost: 2022 CAC](#) This IR was revised to clarify how DSA determines when a rehabilitation, as defined in California Administrative Code (CAC) Section 4-314, is required to an existing certified school building in accordance with CAC Sections 4-306 and 4-309(c), Item 1. (Revised 02/06/25)
- [BU 24-05: Fire Life Safety During Construction and Demolition](#) This BU was revised to clarify the purpose statement and section 1.3 to clarify applicability and intent in response to questions from stakeholders. Section 1.3 clearly directs that the required site safety plan (SSP) is to be submitted in conjunction with the form DSA 102-IC at the start of construction. (Revised 02/25/25)
- [IR A-7: Inspector Certification and Approval](#) This IR was revised to clarify that DSA lifted the connection-based restrictions for Class 3 pre-checked (PC) fabric shade structures that prohibited field welding or high-strength fasteners. Any PC fabric shade structure less than 2000 square feet in plan view may be inspected by Class 3 Project Inspectors, irrespective of connection type. (Revised 02/28/25)

MARCH

- [DSA 162: Historical Building Code Appeal](#) This form was issued for any appellant adversely affected by regulation, rule, omission, interpretation, decision or practice relating to the Title 24 Part 8, California Historic Building Code pursuant to Health and Safety Code 18960. (Issued 03/18/25)
- [BU 24-05: Fire Safety During Construction and Demolition](#) This BU was updated due to subparagraph 1.3 being revised to clarify that the requirement for the Site Safety Plan (SSP) is applicable only to those projects submitted for plan review on or after February 1, 2025. Subparagraph 1.3.1 has been added to clarify SSP submittal requirements for stockpile projects and similar factory-built construction. (Revised 03/25/25)

DSA 200 Series:

The DSA has provided some minor editorial changes to the general project information section for clarity and consistency and added "Contractor" to the distribution list at the bottom of each of the following DSA forms listed below. These forms can be found on DSA's [Forms](#) webpage.

- [DSA 201: Soil Compaction](#)
- [DSA 202: Sieve Analysis](#)
- [DSA 203: Tension/Bend](#)
- [DSA 204: Compression](#)
- [DSA 205: Concrete Masonry Unit](#)
- [DSA 206: Anchor Load](#)
- [DSA 207: Masonry Core Shear/Compression](#)
- [DSA 208: High Strength Bolt Test Report](#)
- [DSA 209: Fireproofing Density](#)
- [DSA 210: Ultrasonic \(NDT\)](#)
- [DSA 250: Special Inspection Report](#)