

To: DSA Stakeholders

From: The Division of the State Architect

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Subject: Document Updates and Announcements for the Third 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

JULY

- [IR EB-1: Existing Building Regulations Overview](#), [IR EB-2: Conversion of Nonconforming Building](#), [IR EB-3: Evaluation and Design Criteria Report](#), [IR EB-5: Rehabilitation Required by Scope](#) and [IR EB-6: Voluntary Seismic Upgrade](#) have been updated in coordination with the 2025 California Administrative Code, the 2025 California Building Code, and their adopted standards. Editorial and organizational changes have been made to improve the readability and clarity of the documents. (Revised 07/02/25)
- [IR 18-1: Controlled Low-Strength Material \(CLSM\): 2025 CBC](#) and [IR 18-2: Segmental Retaining Wall Systems of Precast Concrete Units: 2025 CBC](#) have been updated in coordination with the 2025 California Building Code and its adopted standards. Editorial and organizational changes have been made to improve the readability and clarity of the documents. These changes are identified with margin marking in accordance with DSA standards. (Revised 07/15/25)
- [IR 16-4: Folding and Telescopic Seating: 2025 CBC](#), [IR 16-5: Bleachers and Grandstands: 2025 CBC](#), [IR 16-6: Composite Base for HVAC Units: 2025 CBC](#) and [IR 16-9: Pendant Luminaires: 2025 CBC](#) have been updated in coordination with the 2025 California Building Code and its adopted standards. Editorial and organizational changes have been made to improve the readability and clarity of the documents. Other revisions have been implemented to improve understanding and communication as guided by feedback received from users of the documents. These changes are identified with margin marking in accordance with DSA standards. (Revised 07/18/25)
- [IR 23-1: Prefabricated Wood Construction Connectors: 2025 CBC](#) This IR was revised to clarify load capacity, design, installation, and fabrication requirements for prefabricated wood construction connectors used on construction projects under DSA jurisdiction. (Revised 07/30/25)

AUGUST

- [DSA 102-IC: Construction Start Notice/Inspection Card Request](#) This form was revised to improve alignment of project cost information with form *DSA 168: Statement of Final Actual Project Cost and Instructions*. (Revised 08/07/25)
- [BU 25-01: 2022 Pre-Check Extension and Renewals to the 2025 CBC](#) The purpose of this bulletin is to provide adequate time for building manufacturers to prepare pre-check (PC) plans utilizing the 2025 California Building Code (CBC) and obtain DSA approval before required use of 2025 PC plans due to adoption of the 2025 CBC. (Revised 08/19/25)
- [BU 25-02: Submittals Utilizing the 2025 California Building Standards Code \(Title 24, Parts 1 Through 12\) Prior to the Effective Date](#) The purpose of this bulletin is to announce that DSA will consider requests, on a case-by-case basis, to voluntarily utilize the 2025 California codes for projects submitted for plan review prior to the effective date of such codes. (Issued 08/19/25)
- [IR 23-4: Metal-Plate-Connected Wood Trusses: 2025 CBC](#) This IR was revised to clarify the criteria and process under which DSA will review, approve and requires inspection of manufactured wood trusses. (Revised 08/20/25)
- [IR 19-6: Flat Wall Insulating Concrete Form \(ICF\) Construction: 2025 CBC](#) This IR was revised to clarify requirements, inspections, testing, and acceptance criteria for the use of flat wall insulating concrete forms (ICF) in cast-in-place concrete construction on projects under DSA jurisdiction. (Revised 08/28/25)

SEPTEMBER

- [PR 18-02: Pre-Check \(PC\) Permanent Modular or Relocatable Building Designs CALGreen/Energy Code Compliance Review](#) This PR has many updates to PC procedures which including but are not limited to the addition of climate zone groups, cardinal orientations, required documentation for PC applications, revisions to the PC design after approval, limitations in applications for the construction and relocation of a PC, and a new glossary term. (Revised 09/19/25)
- [DSA 403-PC: Energy Code Compliance Checklist for Pre-Checked \(PC\) Building Designs](#) This form was issued to replace the form DSA 403 PC-PRE and DSA 403 PC-PER for the 2025 California Energy Code, *effective December 1, 2025*. (Issued 09/19/25)