

To: DSA Stakeholders
From: The Division of the State Architect
Date: October 29, 2026

Subject: Document Updates and Announcements for the Third Quarter of 2026.

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 A-4: Geohazard Report Requirements: 2025 CBC](#) This IR was revised to add targeted exceptions and clarifications, expand applicability to Risk Category IV buildings, and update provisions to align with the 2025 code. (Revised 07/07/26)
- [DSA 1: Application for Approval of Plans and Specifications and Instructions](#) This form was revised to streamline the DSA 1 form by removing outdated requirements, adding clarification options for geohazard report submissions, reorganizing rehabilitation-related items, and updating instructions to better reflect DSA’s intent. (Revised 07/06/26)
- [DSA 3: Project Submittal Checklist](#) This form’s instructions for Line 14 were updated to clarify that a PTN is not required when submitting reports for review only. (Revised 07/06/26)
- [IR A-22: Construction Projects and Items Exempt From DSA Review](#) This IR was revised to clarify plan review, design, and inspection requirements, define reroofing-related PV system work as an addition, update code terminology, and refine the applicability of fire alarm, water piping, and fire protection system requirements. (Revised 07/06/26)
- [DSA 102-IC: Construction Start Notice/Inspection Card Request](#) This form’s Section 3 has been updated and coordinated to clarify Site Safety Plan (SSP) requirements. These revisions include new exceptions clarifying when an SSP is not required to be submitted to DSA. (Revised 07/01/26)
- [BU 24-05: Fire Safety During Construction and Demolition](#) This BU has been updated and coordinated to clarify Site Safety Plan (SSP) requirements. These revisions include new exceptions clarifying when an SSP is not required to be submitted to DSA. (Revised 07/20/26)
- [PR 26-01: Special Inspection Program \(SIP\)](#) This PR was revised to rename IR 17-1 to PR 26-01, updates references to the 2025 codes, streamlines SIP evaluation and equipment requirements, clarifies personnel qualifications, and refines DSA acceptance procedures and accreditation standards. (Issued 07/28/26)

AUGUST

- [PR 20-02: Online Payments for Plan Review Filing Fees, Plan/Field Review Fee Invoices and Project Certification Re-Examination Fees](#) This PR was updated to improve the Fiserv payment usability and enhance the client experience. (Revised 08/28/26)

- [DSA 250: Special Inspection Report](#) This form has updated Sections 1-3 and added form instructions. (Revised 08/24/26)
- [DSA 251: Structural Test Report](#) This form was issued and shall be used to report Structural Tests that do **not** already have a form in the DSA 200 form series. (Issued 08/24/26)

OCTOBER

- [BU 25-01: 2022 Pre-Check Extension and Renewals to the 2025 CBC](#) This bulletin was revised to extend the use of 2022 CBC pre-check plans for Open Fabric Shade Structures and Steel Cantilevered Canopy Structures through June 30, 2027, giving manufacturers additional time to transition to the 2025 CBC while a significant code change is under review. (Revised 10/23/26)
- [IR A-6: Construction Change Document](#) This IR was updated to streamline the CCD process by limiting DSA submittal requirements to changes affecting structural safety, access compliance, fire and life safety, or scope removal, while eliminating CCD Categories A and B, removing definitions and Appendix A, and allowing all other changes to be tracked by the Project Inspector without DSA review. (Revised 10/05/26)
- [IR A-28: Fire Alarm System Changes in Existing Buildings](#) This IR was revised to align with recent updates to *IR A-22* clarifying that fire alarm projects below the project cost valuation threshold pursuant to California Administrative Code (CAC) Sections 4-308 and 4-309 are exempt from DSA review. IR A-28 was reorganized into dedicated, separate sub-sections based on the specific fire alarm scope of work, including complete replacement, additions, alterations, emergency repairs, and maintenance. (Revised 10/13/26)
- [IR EB-1: Existing Building Regulations Overview: 2025 CAC](#) This IR was revised to clarify that rehabilitation cost thresholds for fire-damaged reconstruction projects remain applicable and cannot be waived, while improving guidance on existing building regulations. (Revised 10/28/26)
- [IR 21-2: Concrete Masonry Multi-Lift Grouting: 2025 CBC](#) This IR was revised to incorporate minor editorial changes and updates Section 1.1 to align with new code language that removes the requirement for an approved grout admixture. (Revised 10/12/26)
- [PL 26-01: Requirements for Fire Service Features and Request for Alternate Materials and Methods for Fire Service Features](#) This PL was updated to clarify fire access and water supply requirements, add turnaround diagrams, update code references, remove duplicative inspection content, and align references with current codes and standards. (Revised 10/09/26)
- [DSA 6+211 PI: Project Inspector Verified Report with Attachment for Additional Comments/Information](#) This form was revised for reformatting updates to improve clarity, consistency, and usability, with no substantive changes to the form's requirements or processes. (Updated 10/01/26)
- [PR 18-04: Electronic Plan Review for Design Professionals](#) This PR was revised to clarify the maximum allowable drawing file size. The limit remains 500 MB, and the revision corrects previous statements that may have implied otherwise. (Revised 10/09/26)
- [DSA 140: Application for Submittal of Post-Approval Document](#) This form was updated to remove Category A/B and submittal checkboxes, add an increment number field, eliminate 90-Day Letter references, and revise the design professional in general responsible charge statement in Section 5. (Revised 10/16/26)

