

CIRCULAR

To: All Municipalities and Local Service Districts, Inuit Community Governments, Municipal and Community Affairs, Consultants, MNL, PMA, HCANL, NLCA, JPS, PEGNL, ACEC-NL, NLAA, JMIC

Re: Adoption of 2025 National Codes

Date: January 21, 2026

This circular is to inform you of an update by the Department of Justice and Public Safety.

The Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes (CBHCC) has published the 2025 editions of the National Building Code of Canada and National Fire Code of Canada, effective December 22, 2025. Pursuant to the *NL Fire Protection Services Regulation* s.3. (1) (1.1), the new 2025 edition of the National Building Code of Canada and the 2025 edition of National Fire Code of Canada will come into force 6 (six) months after the date of publication.

The 2025 edition will come into force on July 12, 2026. **Design plan submissions after July 12, 2026, must meet the 2025 edition of the adopted Codes.** The only exception considered is where a project has been in the design phase for a number of months, leading to the July 12, 2026, deadline. Please contact the Fire Service Division or Government Services, Engineering and Inspection Division, to discuss the design submission status. The Fire Service Division and Engineering and Inspection Division will review each request on a case-by-case basis.

Note that the 2025 code editions are available through the National Research Council in electronic (or hard copy) at <https://nrc.canada.ca/en/>. Refer to the website for details. If you have any questions related to this, feel free to reach out to your Regional Office.

References in our specifications, and design contracts to older versions are superseded by this newer version per the dates above. Designs based on older versions will not be accepted.

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