

International Code Council Government Relations Update
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Online code change submittal deadline date moved to January 10th

To give you more time to become familiar with cdpACCESS, and because of the year-end holidays, the online code change submittal deadline date has been moved to January 10 from January 6. The hearings offer Code Council Members and others in the construction industry an opportunity to voice opinions and offer expertise to help develop the 2015 *International Green Construction Code*. cdpACCESS — the new, online component of the code development process — will be used for the first time at a hearing allowing greater participation from code change submittals to discussions and final voting. Find out more about the hearings here: <https://s3.goeshow.com/icc/2014CAH/ereg826597.cfm?clear>

Review the latest on cdpACCESS

Led by the ICC Board and Steering Committee, the cdpACCESS team has grown to include dedicated research, design, and development professionals as well as ICC leadership, staff, and Members from across the globe. This all-inclusive approach has unearthed a wealth of valuable insights on system requirements, usability guidelines, and the core values that shape the making of ICC's great codes. Together, we're developing the technology to empower and enhance participation in the code development process. Find out more about cdpACCESS here:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/cdpACCESS/Pages/default.aspx?r=cdpACCESS>

New HUD Regulations for Public and Indian Housing Reference IECC

The new rulemaking for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Public Housing Capital Fund Program now incorporates energy efficiency standards, incorporating by reference the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). This comes as a result of comments submitted by the Government Relations staff on the original notice of proposed rulemaking, and marks a significant commitment to energy-efficient and code-compliant housing for our nation's most disadvantaged citizens.

Don't Forget to Check for ICC-ES Evaluation Reports

You're at a construction site, and you've been handed an evaluation report. How do you know it's the best information you can have to make your decision? See what sets ICC-ES Evaluation Reports apart from other reports and gives you the confidence you need in the field. Click here to find out more about what makes an ICC-ES report different: http://www.icc-es.org/PDF/ES-Reports_vs_LabReports.pdf

Group B Public Comment Hearing Results

<http://www.iccsafe.org:8888/cs/codes/Pages/PCH-GroupB-Results.aspx>

ICC Campus On-line Training

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<http://campusonline.iccsafe.org/>

Upcoming Changes to ICC Exam Appeals Process

On January 1, 2014, the candidate exam appeals process will be significantly changed, to allow Certification and Testing to focus resources on those candidates who have a justifiable concern.

The current policy can be found in the [National Certification Exam Information Bulletin](#). It allows a three-step process at no charge to be initiated within 90 days of failing an exam.

Starting January 1, a mandatory \$100.00 fee will be required when filing a formal challenge of a failed exam and this initial challenge must take place within 30 days of receipt of your exam results. ICC will continue to post updated forms and information about the process changes over the coming weeks.

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Pages/News.aspx>

GR Forum Presentation Now Available Online

The Government Relations Forum held at the ICC Annual Business Meeting in Atlantic City was very well attended and participants enjoyed all the presentations. You may get a copy of the PowerPoint presentation made by David Crowe, Chief Economist with NAHB's Economics and Housing Policy Department on "A Look at Residential Construction Now and in the Next Year" at this link:
<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Documents/AdoptionToolkit/US-EconomicHousingOutlook.pdf>

New Look for High School Technical Training Program Webpage

The fast-expanding program – thanks to our Members' support and involvement – now has a new, streamlined webpage that puts information for educators, students, and members conveniently in one place. Take a look at the new website to see more information, photos, and a list of schools that are using the I-Codes as a curriculum to train the next generation of contractors and code officials:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/HSTTP.aspx>