



CODE APPLICATION NOTICE

Health and Safety Code §129851

CAN: 1-0

SUBJECT

Enforceable Codes

Effective: 09/05/1989

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ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

Acronyms and definitions assist the user in recognizing and identifying various acronyms and terms generally used in this CAN. Please refer to the [“Master Glossary of Acronyms and Definitions – Acronyms and Definitions Used in OSHPD Published Documents”](https://hcai.ca.gov/document/master-glossary-of-acronyms-and-definitions/) which is posted on the HCAI website at <https://hcai.ca.gov/document/master-glossary-of-acronyms-and-definitions/>. Other definitions may also be found in the [California Building Standards Code](#), Title 24, California Code of Regulations.

PURPOSE

This Code Application Notice (CAN) clarifies the application and enforcement of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 24), including revisions to the code, for projects submitted to the Office of Statewide Hospital Planning and Development (OSHPD or the Office) to ensure consistent application and enforcement.

BACKGROUND

OSHPD is authorized to enforce Title 24 for hospital and skilled nursing construction projects. The Office provides plan review and construction observation of the design and specifications for the architectural, structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire and life safety components of these health care facilities. Projects submitted to OSHPD for review must be compliant with the requirements of all parts of Title 24 that are effective at the time the application for the new project is submitted. OSHPD enforces the requirements of that edition of Title 24 through to project completion.

This CAN clarifies code application to ensure that Title 24 and its code revisions are enforced consistently throughout the duration of the project.

APPLICATION

OSHPD shall use the edition of Title 24, including supplements that are in effect at the time the *Application for New Project* is submitted and accepted as complete for processing, pursuant to Title 24, Part 1, Section 7-113. With the exception of the California Administrative Code (Part 1 of Title 24), the edition of Title 24 that is applied at project submittal will be enforced throughout the duration of the project from plan review through construction completion. When a more recent edition of the California Administrative Code goes into effect, it supersedes the previous version. Selective

application of any subsequent code revisions contained in the Title 24 supplements or in subsequent editions of the code will not be granted.

The effective date of an edition of Title 24 is determined in statute as described below.

TITLE 24 Triennial Edition

By law, Title 24 is adopted by the California Building Standards Commission during the Commission's Triennial Code Adoption Cycle and published in its entirety every three years. It contains the most recent model codes with the incorporation of California amendments promulgated by OSHPD and other authorized state agencies. Title 24 consists of 12 parts and OSHPD enforces the requirements of the following seven parts: Part 1, California Administrative Code; Part 2, California Building Code; Part 3, California Electrical Code; Part 4, California Mechanical Code; Part 5, California Plumbing Code; Part 6, California Energy Code; Part 7, California Wildland-Urban Interface Code; Part 9, California Fire Code; Part 10, California Existing Building Code and Part 11, California Green Building Standards Code.

The triennial edition of the Title 24 becomes effective 180 days after the publication date unless otherwise stipulated. The effective date is indicated on the front page of the code book for each part of Title 24 and is also printed in the "History Note Appendix" in the back of the code book. The California Administrative Code, Part 1 of Title 24, is effective 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State and is printed in the "History Note Appendix" for each chapter of Part 1, CAC.

Project applications and plans submitted to OSHPD on or after the effective date of the triennial edition of the code will be reviewed under that new code. If the applicant plans on submitting the plans after the effective date of the new code, adequate time must be factored into the application submittal such that the plans are submitted, and can be processed, prior to the effective date. All plans submitted and/or processed after the effective date of a new code shall be reviewed under that code. An exception, however, may be made for projects submitted prior to the effective date of a triennial code but want the project reviewed under the newer code. The applicant may request that the project be reviewed by OSHPD under the newly adopted triennial code. The request must be in writing and must be submitted with the project application. If the request is granted, all parts of that edition of Title 24 will be applied to the project. The project will be reviewed under all applicable codes as if it had been submitted on or after the effective date of that edition.

TITLE 24 Supplements

Amendments, adoptions and repeals to the triennial edition of the Title 24 are adopted in a subsequent code adoption cycle that is offset 18 months from the triennial cycle. These code changes are published in supplements and include symbols such as bars, carets and arrows in the margins to distinguish the revisions to the triennial code. Reviewers shall update the Title 24 code books as the supplements are received and retain the previous language to ensure the correct codes will be applied and enforced relative to the date the *Application for New Project* was received by the Office.

The regulations contained in these supplements are effective 180 days after their publication date unless otherwise stipulated. The exception is the California Administrative Code which goes into effect 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State. This information can be found in the "History

Note Appendix” of the code supplement. The most recent California Administrative Code changes went into effect April 6, 2025.

Projects shall be reviewed under the edition of Title 24 and all the supplements that are in effect at the time the project application is received by OSHPD. At no time will selective application of code revisions contained in the supplements be applied to a project. If the supplement is applied to the project, all the revisions contained in the supplement edition will be applied. Project plans will not be reviewed under supplements prior to their effective date unless a specific request is granted by the Office. The request must be in writing and must be submitted with the project application. Reference to the supplement edition must be included on construction documents. The project will then be reviewed under all applicable parts of Title 24 and all code supplements that become effective on that date.

TITLE 24 Emergency Supplements

Emergency regulations are adopted either when the law requires it or when circumstances or events occur that justify emergency adoption for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety or general welfare. When the California Building Standards Commission approves and adopts building standards on an emergency basis these regulations are effective on the date the Commission files them with the Secretary of State’s office. However, there have been exceptions to this when specific statute or extraordinary circumstances required that the effective date of the emergency regulations is not the filing date.

Emergency regulations shall apply to all projects submitted on or after the effective date of those regulations. The effective date of the emergency regulation is printed on each page of the supplement and is identified in the “History Note Appendix”. Emergency supplements with an effective date after the project submission date will not be applied retroactively to a project unless specifically stated otherwise in the emergency supplement.

TITLE 24 Errata

Errata are published whenever necessary and contain non-substantive editorial changes or corrections to the Title 24 publication. Errata supplements are also indicated with the same marginal symbols used in the 18-month supplements. Errata are effective as soon as they are published.

Enforceable Codes

The following tables contain the enforceable codes for facilities under the authority of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983.

Application means the submission of a Geotechnical review, Preliminary Review or Final Review. Refer to CAC Section 7-113.

Code means the official compilation and publication of the adoptions, amendments and repeal of administrative regulations to the *California Building Standards Code, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations*.

Originally signed	12/04/2025
Chris Tokas, Deputy Director	Date

APPENDIX

All Applications Submitted on or after January 1, 2026

YEAR	CODE
2025	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations (CCR)
2025	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2024 International Building Code</i>
2025	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2023 National Electrical Code</i>
2025	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2025	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2025	California Energy Code Part 6, Title 24, CCR
2025	California Wildland Urban-Interface Code Part 7, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code</i>
2025	California Historical Building Code Part 8, Title 24, CCR
2025	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2024 International Fire Code</i>
2025	California Existing Building Code Part 10, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2024 International Existing Building Code</i>
2025	California Green Building Standards Code Part 11, Title 24, CCR
2025	California Referenced Standards Code Part 12, Title 24, CCR

All Applications Submitted on or after January 1, 2023 and on or before December 31, 2025

YEAR	CODE
2022	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations (CCR)
2022	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2021 International Building Code</i>
2022	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2020 National Electrical Code</i>
2022	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2021 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2022	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2022	California Energy Code Part 6, Title 24, CCR
2022	California Historical Building Code Part 8, Title 24, CCR
2022	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2021 International Fire Code</i>
2022	California Existing Building Code Part 10, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2021 International Existing Building Code</i>
2022	California Green Building Standards Code Part 11, Title 24, CCR
2022	California Referenced Standards Code Part 12, Title 24, CCR

All Applications Submitted on or after January 1, 2020 and on or before December 31, 2022

YEAR	CODE
2019	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
2019	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2018 International Building Code</i>
2019	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2017 National Electrical Code</i>
2019	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2018 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2019	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2019	California Energy Code Part 6, Title 24, CCR
2019	California Historical Building Code Part 8, Title 24, CCR
2019	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2018 International Fire Code</i>
2019	California Existing Building Code Part 10, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2018 International Existing Building Code</i>
2019	California Green Building Standards Code Part 11, Title 24, CCR
2019	California Referenced Standards Code Part 12, Title 24, CCR

All Applications Submitted on or after January 1, 2017 and on or before December 31, 2019

YEAR	CODE
2016	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
2016	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2015 International Building Code</i>
2016	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2014 National Electrical Code</i>
2016	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2015 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2016	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2016	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2015 International Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2016

YEAR	CODE
2013	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
2013	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2012 International Building Code</i>
2013	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2011 National Electrical Code</i>
2013	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2013	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2013	California Fire Code (CFC) Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2012 International Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013

YEAR	CODE
2010	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
2010	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2009 International Building Code</i>
2010	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2008 National Electrical Code</i>
2010	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2010	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2010	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2009 International Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between February 13, 2010 and December 31, 2010

YEAR	CODE
2010	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
2007	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2006 International Building Code</i>
2007	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2005 National Electrical Code</i>
2007	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2006 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2007	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2007	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2006 International Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between January 1, 2008 and February 12, 2010

YEAR	CODE
2007	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
2007	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2006 International Building Code</i>
2007	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2005 National Electrical Code</i>
2007	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2006 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2007	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2007	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2006 International Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between March 17, 2007 and December 31, 2007

YEAR	CODE
2007	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
2001	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1997 Uniform Building Code</i>
2004	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2002 National Electrical Code</i>
2001	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2000 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2001	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2000 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2001	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2000 Uniform Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between August 1, 2005 and March 16, 2007

YEAR	CODE
2001	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR)
2001	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1997 Uniform Building Code</i>
2004	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2002 National Electrical Code</i>
2001	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2000 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2001	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2000 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2001	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2000 Uniform Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between November 1, 2002 and July 31, 2005

YEAR	CODE
2001	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
2001	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1997 Uniform Building Code</i>
2001	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1999 National Electrical Code</i>
2001	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2000 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
2001	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2000 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
2001	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 2000 Uniform Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between July 1, 1999 and October 31, 2002

YEAR	CODE
1998	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
1998	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1997 Uniform Building Code</i>
1998	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1996 National Electrical Code</i>
1998	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1997 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
1998	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1997 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
1998	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1997 Uniform Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between February 19, 1996 and June 30, 1999

YEAR	CODE
1995	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
1995	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1994 Uniform Building Code</i>
1995	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1993 National Electrical Code</i>
1995	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1994 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
1995	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1994 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
1995	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1994 Uniform Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between December 28, 1995 and February 18, 1996

YEAR	CODE
1995	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
1995	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1994 Uniform Building Code</i>
1995	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1993 National Electrical Code</i>
1992	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1991 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
1995	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1994 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>
1995	California Fire Code Part 9, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1994 Uniform Fire Code</i>

All Applications Submitted between August 14, 1992 and December 27, 1995

YEAR	CODE
1992	California Administrative Code See History Note for effective date. Part 1, Title 24, CCR
1992	California Building Code Part 2, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1991 Uniform Building Code</i>
1991	California Electrical Code Part 3, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1990 National Electrical Code</i>
1992	California Mechanical Code Part 4, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1991 Uniform Mechanical Code</i>
1992	California Plumbing Code Part 5, Title 24, CCR <i>Based on the 1991 Uniform Plumbing Code</i>

All Hospital, SNF, and ICF (excluding Type V, Single Story Wood or Light Steel Frame SNF's and ICF's) Applications Submitted prior to September 1, 1989. * Prior to 1992, the California Administrative Code included all the California amendments to all parts of Title 24.

YEAR	CODE
1985	California Administrative Code Triennial Edition Part 1, Title 24 See History Note for effective date.
1979	Uniform Building Code and California Administrative Code 1985 Triennial Edition Part 2, Title 24
1981	National Electric Code and California Administrative Code 1985 Triennial Edition Part 3, Title 24
1985	Uniform Mechanical Code and California Administrative Code 1987 Triennial Edition Part 4, Title 24
1985	Uniform Plumbing Code and California Administrative Code 1986 Supplement <i>Based on the 1985 Edition</i>

All Type V, Single Story Wood or Light Steel Frame SNF and ICF Applications Submitted prior to September 1, 1989. * Prior to 1992, the California Administrative Code included all the California amendments to all parts of Title 24.

YEAR	CODE
1985	California Administrative Code (CAC) Triennial Edition Part 1, Title 24 See History Note for effective date.
1982	Uniform Building Code and California Administrative Code 1985 Triennial Edition Part 2, Title 24
1981	National Electric Code and California Administrative Code 1985 Triennial Edition Part 3, Title 24
1985	Uniform Mechanical Code and California Administrative Code 1987 Triennial Edition Part 4, Title 24
1985	Uniform Plumbing Code and California Administrative Code 1986 Supplement Part 54, Title 24 <i>Based on the 1985 Edition</i>

REVISION HISTORY

12-04-2025	Added the California Wildland-Urban Interface Code to the list of codes. Added a table showing all of the 2025 Parts of Title 24 that go into effect January 1, 2026.
05-15-2024	Reissued, clarifies that the California Administrative Code is effective 30 days after filing with Secretary of State.
09-05-1989	First Issued