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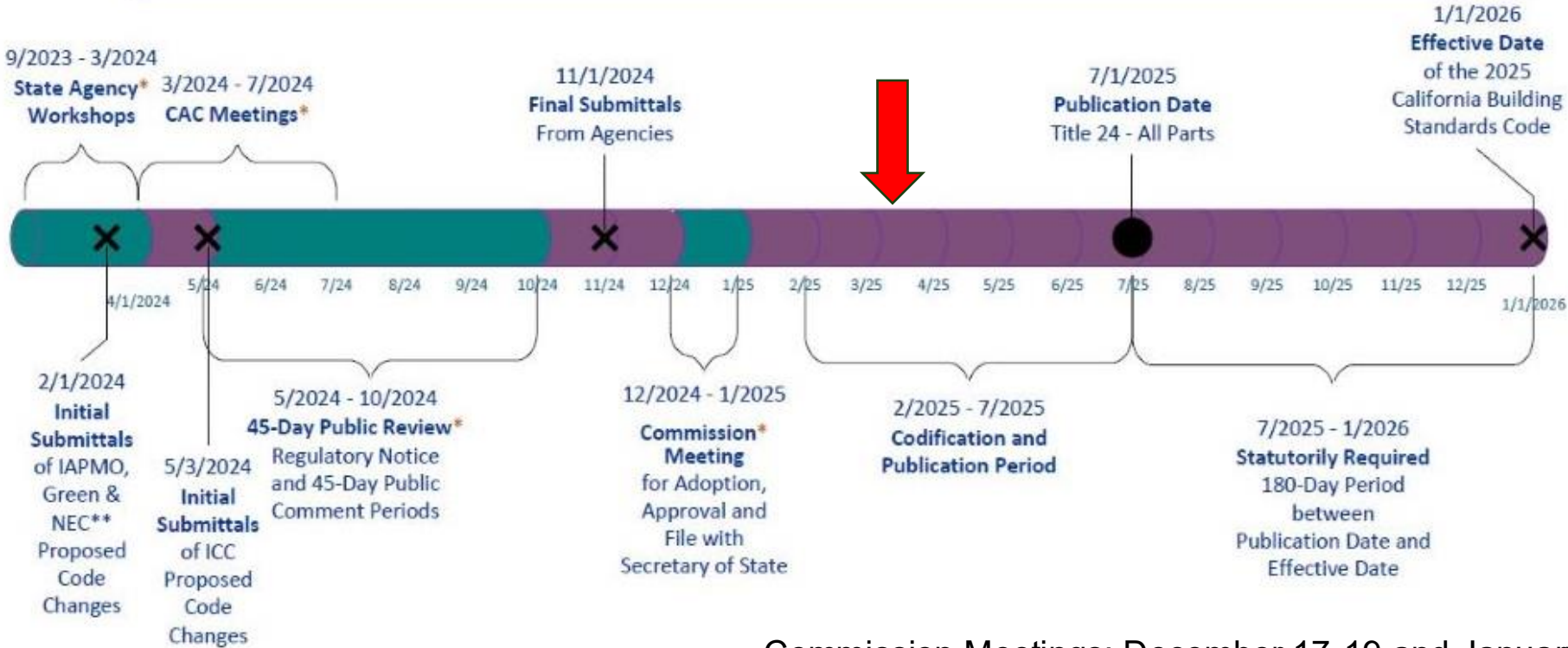
# Building Standards Rulemaking



California Building Standards Commission

2025 California Building Standards Code, Title 24  
Effective January 1, 2026

## 2024 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle



Commission Meetings: December 17-19 and January 26-28

# Building Standards Rulemaking

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Commission Meetings:  
[2024 Triennial Cycle Commission Meetings \(ca.gov\)](#)  
Next: February 26-28, 2025: Access,  
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- Department of the State Architect - Structural Safety**
  - DSA-SS 01/23 — Adopt and Amend the 2025 edition of the California Electrical Code, Part 3, Title 24**
    - [Final Statement of Reasons — DSA-SS 01/23](#)
    - [Final Express Terms — DSA-SS 01/23](#)
    - [Commission Action Matrix, Green — DSA-SS 01/23](#)
    - [Updated Information Digest — DSA-SS 01/23](#)
  - DSA-SS 01/24 — Adopt and Amend the 2025 edition of the California Mechanical Code, Part 4, Title 24**
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    - [Final Express Terms — DSA-SS 01/24](#)
    - [Commission Action Matrix, Green — DSA-SS 01/24](#)
    - [Updated Information Digest — DSA-SS 01/24](#)
  - DSA-SS 02/24 — Adopt and Amend the 2025 edition of the California Plumbing Code, Part 5, Title 24**
    - [Final Statement of Reasons — DSA-SS 02/24](#)
    - [Final Express Terms — DSA-SS 02/24](#)
    - [Commission Action Matrix, Green — DSA-SS 02/24](#)
    - [Updated Information Digest — DSA-SS 02/24](#)
  - DSA-SS 03/24 — Adopt and Amend the 2025 edition of the California Green Building Standards Code, Part 11, Title 24**
    - [Final Statement of Reasons — DSA-SS 03/24](#)
    - [Final Express Terms — DSA-SS 03/24](#)
    - [Commission Action Matrix, Green — DSA-SS 03/24](#)
    - [Updated Information Digest — DSA-SS 03/24](#)
  - DSA-SS 01/24 CWoRE — Change Without Regulatory Effect: Corrections to agency banners within the 2025 California Mechanical and Plumbing Codes, Parts 4 and 5 of Title 24, California Code of Regulations**
    - [Express Terms — DSA-SS 01/24 CWoRE](#)
    - [Memo — DSA-SS 01/24 CWoRE](#)

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Commission Meetings:  
[2024 Triennial Cycle Commission Meetings](https://www.ca.gov)  
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- Department of the State Architect - Structural Safety**
  - DSA-SS 04/24 – Adopt and Amend the 2025 edition of the California Administrative Code, Part 1, Title 24**
    - [Final Statement of Reasons – DSA-SS 04/24](#)
    - [Final Express Terms – DSA-SS 04/24](#)
    - [FET Addendum – DSA-SS 04/24](#)
    - [Commission Action Matrix, Green – DSA-SS 04/24](#)
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    - [Final Express Terms – DSA-AC 01/24](#)
    - [Commission Action Matrix, Green – DSA-AC 01/24](#)
    - [Commission Action Matrix, Yellow – DSA-AC 01/24](#)
    - [Attachment A – DSA-AC 01/24](#)
    - [Updated Information Digest – DSA-AC 01/24](#)

# 2025 CBC – Chapter 11B

(Effective Jan 1, 2026)

February 26-28, 2025, Commission Meeting

## COMMISSION ACTION MATRIX – GREEN ACCESSIBILITY (ACCESS) CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE AND 2025 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, TITLE 24, PARTS 2 AND 10, 2024 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE (IBC) AND 2024 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE (IEBC)  
AGENCY: DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT, DSA-AC 01/24

### LEGEND:

**CAC Actions:** Approve, Disapprove, Approve as Amended, Further Study Required

**Agency Responses:** Accept, Disagree, Withdraw

**CBSC Actions:** Approve, Disapprove, Approve as Amended, Further Study Required

**Matrix Paper Color** (for commission action only): GREEN = uncontested items, YELLOW = challenged items, SALMON = withdrawn, no action required

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### 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

#### ITEM 1, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 202 - DEFINITIONS

Propose to amend Section 202 as listed below.

DSA-AC 01/24 ITEM 1	Code Section	CAC Action	Agency Response	Public Comments	Annotations	CBSC Action
1-1	<i>Multi-Bedroom Housing Unit</i>	Approve	Accept	<b>45-day public comment</b> Kendra Muller, Disability Rights California (DRC) Recommends: Approve	Modify and change the term "toilet and bathing room" for "bathroom."	

#### ITEM 2, CHAPTER 11B, ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC HOUSING, SECTION 11B-213.2 TOILET ROOMS AND BATHING ROOMS

Propose to amend Sections in Chapter 11B from the 2022 CBC into the 2025 CBC as listed below.

DSA-AC 01/24 ITEM 2	Code Section	CAC Action	Agency Response	Public Comments	Annotations	CBSC Action
2-1	<b>11B-213.2 Toilet rooms and bathing rooms.</b>	Approve	Accept	<b>45-day public comment</b> Kendra Muller, DRC Recommends: Approve	Propose to remove the language in exception 5 to eliminate duplicative language.	

BSC TP-123 (Rev. 2/24) Commission Action Matrix  
DSA-AC 01/24 - Part 2 - 2024 Triennial Code Cycle  
Division of the State Architect

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December 12, 2024  
CAM – GREEN



## DSA CODE AMENDMENT DEVELOPMENT

### TRACKING

Date Received:

DSA Tracking Number: 1

Date Reviewed: May 3, 2024

Status:

### APPLICABLE CODE

Applicable Code Section(s): CBC, Chapter 2 Definitions

Topic: Multi-bedroom Housing Unit

### CURRENT CODE LANGUAGE

**MULTI-BEDROOM HOUSING UNIT. [DSA-AC]** A housing unit, intended for use by students at a place of education, with a kitchen and/or toilet and bathing rooms within the unit, such as an apartment or dormitory. Multi-bedroom housing units are separate from one another and from common use spaces within a building.

### SUGGESTED TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

**MULTI-BEDROOM HOUSING UNIT. [DSA-AC]** A housing unit, intended for use by students at a place of education, with a kitchen and/or ~~toilet and bathing rooms~~ bathroom(s) within the unit, such as an apartment or dormitory. Multi-bedroom housing units are separate from one another and from common use spaces within a building.

### CODE TEXT IF ADOPTED

**MULTI-BEDROOM HOUSING UNIT. [DSA-AC]** A housing unit, intended for use by students at a place of education, with a kitchen and/or bathroom(s) within the unit, such as an apartment or dormitory. Multi-bedroom housing units are separate from one another and from common use spaces within a building.

### STATEMENT OF REASONS

DSA proposes to change the term "toilet and bathing room" for "bathroom" in the definition for consistency and clarity. The term "bathroom" is used and defined in both the California Building Code and the Fair Housing Act, and this amendment defines the applicable design requirements for bathrooms as stated in the definition.

### DSA COMMENTS

This item is related to Items 11 and 15.

# 2025 CBC – Chapter 11B

(Effective Jan 1, 2026)

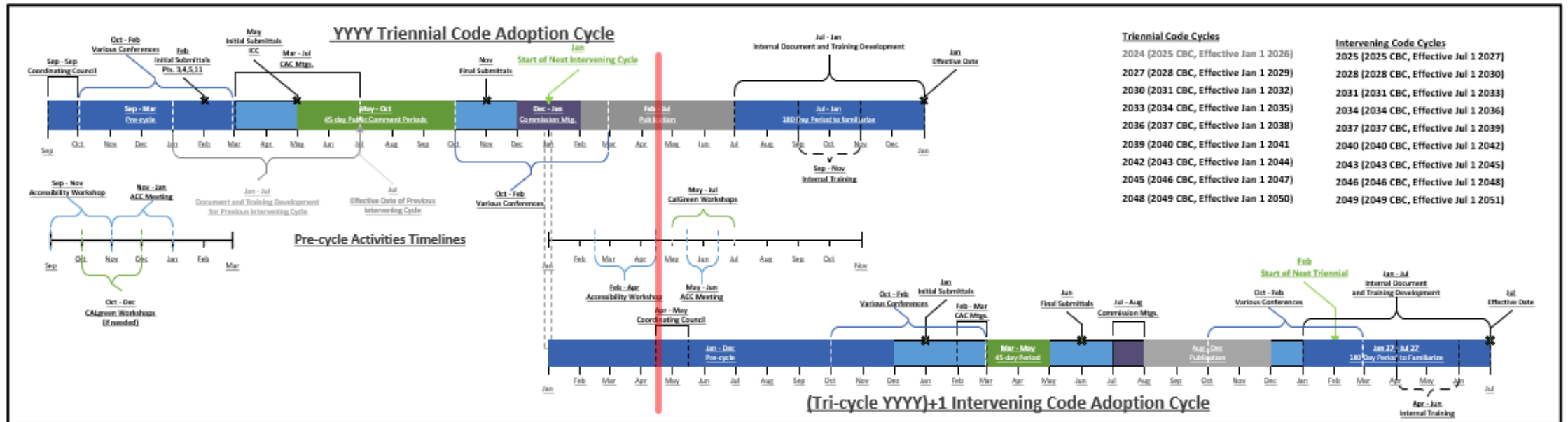
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- Public Housing and Housing at a Place of Public Education:
  - Clarifying the term “Restroom” in lieu of variant use of “Bathroom” in multiple locations
  - Clarifications related to the requirements for housing at a place of education meeting the standards for transient lodging.
  - Various section reference clarifications.
  - Scoping requirements when site impracticality tests are applied (Door Signal devices and interior door opening width).
  - Technical requirements for mobility units in public housing (Door signal devices, Hi/low viewing devices and washing machines and clothes dryers).
  - Clarification of the required clearance for personal lift devices.
  - Transfer shower size clarification with new figure.
- EVCS: Clarifying exceptions related to fleet and assigned EVCS.
- Detectable Warnings: Clarifying extent at long sections of blended transitions.
- Clarifying that the required clear floor space at accessible dining surfaces in dining facilities may not overlap the accessible route.
- Pointer to Chapter 11B in Part 10 California Existing Building Code and to not print accessibility sections of the CEBC.



# Building Standards Rulemaking


## DSA Architectural Codes and Policies Rulemaking and Related Activities Over Combined Triennial and Intervening Cycles



DSA AC Public Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>  
BSC Coordinating Council Meeting May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Access Code Collaborative: TBD

# Government Code 4459

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**Code Section:**

**GOVERNMENT CODE - GOV**

**4459. (a)** The State Architect shall develop amendments for building regulations and submit them to the California Building Standards Commission for adoption to ensure that no accessibility requirements of the California Building Standards Code shall be modified except as necessary for (1) aligning with existing state regulations that provide greater accessibility and features, or (2) meeting federal minimum accessibility standards of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as adopted by the United States Department of Justice, the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, and the federal Architectural Barriers Act, **or (3) aligning with a provision improving accessibility and adopted in a national specification, published standard, or model code.**

(b) The Department of General Services shall use fees deposited in the Disability Access Account established in Section 4454 for the purposes identified in this chapter. The department shall include the cost of carrying out the responsibilities identified in this chapter as part of the plan review costs in determining fees.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the application and scope of accessibility regulations in the California Building Standards Code shall not be less than the application and scope of accessibility requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as adopted by the United States Department of Justice, the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, and the federal Architectural Barriers Act.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 853, Sec. 23. (AB 3281) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**Bill Section:**  
**20232024 AB3281 Sec. 23. (Amends) - Chaptered (Stats.2024 Ch.853)**

**SEC. 23.** Section 4459 of the Government Code is amended to read:

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[Code Section: Cross Reference: Compare: California Law Government Code - GOV](#)



# 2025 Intervening Code Cycle

(Effective Jul 1, 2027)

Currently under consideration for accessibility

Still being evaluated in preparation for BSC Coordinating Council Meeting May 6, 2025

- ICC A117.1 (Previously ANSI A117.1)
  - New Construction
    - Turning Space – Both circle and tee space (66”)
    - Wheelchair Spaces
- Housing
  - Various issues related to the HUD deeming memo
  - Bed Height in transient lodging
- Adult Changing Facilities in Airports
- Parallel Curb ramps (space at landing and allowable length of landing when in series)
- Emergency Elevator Communication Chapter 30
- Vertical clearance at accessible EVCS.

# New IRs, Bulletins, Procedures, and Forms

The screenshot shows the website for the Division of the State Architect. The page title is "Publications". Below the title, there is a paragraph: "Planning and field review documents communicate information related to the California Building Code, Interpretation of Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Bulletins, Guidelines and other manuals are available for use by design professionals, districts, and state entities. Including information on code, structural safety, plan review, Title 24 and Sustainability will be found here, on the DSA Publication webpage." On the left side, there is a navigation menu with the following items: Services, Resources, Publications (highlighted), Forms, News, Events, About Us, and Contact Us. On the right side, there is a paragraph of text: "The following Bulletins, Guidelines, Interpretations of Regulations, Policies and Procedures are developed, approved and published by DSA Headquarters for the benefit of our stakeholders to provide guidelines on acceptable means of achieving compliance with Building Regulations and Standards, and for the purpose of promoting consistent enforcement of code requirements among the DSA Regional Offices. Any document that is posted on the DSA web site at the time of project submittal is considered to be in effect for the project. To view and print a PDF document, you must have PDF reader software (such as the free Adobe Reader) installed. To view a partial list of archived publications, visit the Archived Publications folder in DSAbbox. Archived publications are provided to serve as a historical record. To request an unavailable document or one in an alternative format, please see the request sections on the left column of this webpage." Below this paragraph is a list of document types: Bulletins (BUs), Guidelines (GLs), Interpretations of Regulations (IRs), Policies (PLs), and Procedures (PRs).

- Form DSA 1-RUH – Updated! 09/20/24
- PR 24-04 – New! Request for Finding of Unreasonable Hardship Per CBC 11B-202.4 Exception – 09/18/24
- DSA 1-RTI – New! Request for Technical Infeasibility – 9/20/24
- PL 24-01 – Revised! Workforce Housing Projects And Community College Student Housing Projects Submitted To DSA

# Unreasonable Hardship and Technical Infeasibility



## 1-RUH

### REQUEST FOR FINDING OF UNREASONABLE HARDSHIP

This form shall be used to request a finding of unreasonable hardship when a hardship meeting the requirements of CBC section 11B-202.4 is demonstrated for a project where the adjusted construction cost exceeds the valuation threshold. If an unreasonable hardship is granted, such a finding will provide relief from full compliance with CBC section 11B-202.4 in accordance with Exception 8, which requires compliance to be provided by equivalent facilitation or to the greatest extent possible without creating an unreasonable hardship. In no case shall the cost of compliance be less than 20 percent of the adjusted construction cost of the alterations, additions, or structural repairs. DSA will review proposed equivalent facilitation which shall be included as part of this request if it is the option pursued in lieu of compliance of path of travel elements to the maximum extent feasible. Subsequent to review, DSA will grant or deny the request for a finding of unreasonable hardship and record such action in the project files.

Refer to DSA Procedure (PR) 24-04: Request for Finding of Unreasonable Hardship Per CBC 11B-202.4 Exception 8 for additional information and a description of the procedures related to DSA's review of a request for a finding of unreasonable hardship.

PROJECT INFORMATION			
School District/Owner/Agency:	DSA File #:		
Project Name/School:	DSA App. #: 01		
APPLICANT			
Firm Name:	Contact Name:		
Work Phone:	Work Email:		
Work Address:			
City:	Zip:	County:	
DESIGN PROFESSIONAL IN GENERAL RESPONSIBLE CHARGE			
Name of Design Professional in General Responsible Charge:			
Work Phone:	Work Email:		
Professional License #:	Discipline:		
Facilities Director (or appropriate contact):			
Work Phone:	Work Email:		
Project Location:			
Project Address:			



## PR 24-04

### PROCEDURE: REQUEST FOR FINDING OF UNREASONABLE HARDSHIP PER CBC 11B-202.4 EXCEPTION 8

### Highlights

- Issued a procedure to clarify requirements and process but removed instructions on form.
- Updated cost calculation to align with Path of Travel requirements more strictly.
- 3 year look back revised to allow DSA to consider those improvements but not prescriptively add those costs.

STATEMENT OF COSTS WORKSHEET					
<i>(This table is to be placed in the approved project drawings.)</i>					
ADJUSTED CONSTRUCTION COST:					
Adjusted construction cost for the project (not including costs of the path of travel improvements to the area of alteration):					(A)
PATH OF TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT COSTS:					
Accessible elements serving the area of alteration	Is element in compliance with current or preceding CBC Chapter 11B? (Y/N)	If no, will element be made fully compliant to current CBC Chapter 11B? (Y/N)	Estimated cost of full compliance of element with current CBC Chapter 11B	Proposed cost to the greatest extent feasible.	
1. A primary entrance to the building and/or facility.			\$	\$	
2. An accessible route to the altered area (for parking use item 6).			\$	\$	
3. At least one restroom for each gender or an all-gender restroom for each user group.			\$	\$	
4. Public telephones			\$	\$	
5. Drinking fountains			\$	\$	
6. Parking			\$	\$	
7. Signs			\$	\$	
Total cost of providing full compliance of path of travel elements:			\$	(C)	
Total cost of providing compliance of path of travel elements to the greatest extent feasible:			\$	(D)	
COST OF PATH OF TRAVEL UPGRADES AS A PERCENTAGE OF ADJUSTED CONSTRUCTION COST:					
Full compliance of path of travel as a percent (%) of the current project's adjusted construction cost: (E)% = (C) / (A) x 100			%	(E)	
Partial compliance of path of travel as percent (%) of current adjusted construction cost: (F)% = (D) / (A) x 100			%	(F)	

# Workforce and Student Housing

AB 306 (Workforce Housing)  
Chapter 49 Statutes of 2021  
AB 358 (CCD Student Housing)  
Chapter 83 Statutes of 2023

- Projects submitted to the local jurisdiction may have local requirements applied to the project.
- DSA review is recommended for projects on a campus adjacent to other Field Act structures.
- On a campus, only buildings are exempt from DSA review. Amenities such as parking available to all students and/or faculty must be reviewed by DSA.
- If educational spaces are provided within the facility, project is not exempt and must come to DSA for review.
- If submitted to DSA, projects are subject to the provisions of the Field Act.
- If not submitted to DSA, and adjacent to other “school buildings,” housing will need to be physically and functionally separate, and shall be identified as a non-Field Act structure (EDC 81160, CAC 4-310).

**DSA**

**PL 24-01**

**POLICY: COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT HOUSING  
PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO DSA**

Division of the State Architect (DSA) documents referenced within this publication are available on the [DSA Forms](#) or [DSA Publications](#) webpages.

**DISCIPLINE(S)**

Structural Safety, Fire and Life Safety, Accessibility.

**PURPOSE**

This policy document is provided to inform the decisions of community college districts (CCD) regarding student housing projects.

- Projects are exempt from DSA review and construction oversight; however, DSA will still provide review and construction oversight upon request.
- Clients may request access-only review by DSA in addition to review by local jurisdiction.
- Projects are public housing and housing at a place of education under the CBC, including single-family.

# CEBC FLS Provisions: 7.1.24

- Applies to all building addition, alteration, change of occupancy, and nonconforming building rehabilitation projects submitted to the DSA on or after July 1, 2024, where the design professional chooses to utilize the CEBC.
- Compliance methods reflected in Sections 301.2 (Repairs) and 301.3 (Alteration, Addition, Change of Occupancy), have specific and unique requirements that affect design and construction that must be carefully considered by the design professional.
- The compliance method adopted and available for use by the design professional is limited to Section 301.3.1 Prescriptive Compliance only.
- DSA does not permit application of Section 301.3.2, Work Area Compliance.
- DSA does not permit application of Section 301.3.3 Performance Compliance.



**BU 24-01**

**BULLETIN: APPLICATION OF FIRE LIFE SAFETY PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE: Effective July 1, 2024**

Division of the State Architect (DSA) documents referenced within this publication are available on the [DSA Forms](#) webpage.

**PURPOSE:** This bulletin is intended for design professionals, public school districts serving kindergarten and grades 1 through 12 and community colleges and clarifies application of California Existing Building Code (CEBC) provisions that became effective on July 1, 2024.



# CASp Exams

- Administered at ALL four Regional Offices (Oakland, Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Diego)
- 3 exam periods annually (Feb, June and October) exam period = 1 week
- Mondays and Fridays twice each day.
- Completely electronic exam in development.
- 1,203 Certified Access Specialists to date
- 917 Active CASps
- June Open Book Exam project type:
  - Newly constructed recreation facility and site improvements.

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- Breadcrumbs:** HOME > DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT > EVENTS > CASP EXAMINATION
- Section Title:** "CASp Examination"
- Text:** "DSA's CASp exam Open Book portion is now administered on computers." with a link to "February 14, 2025 Education".
- Main Content:**
  - The Division of the State Architect (DSA) CASp exam Open Book portion is now administered on computers. Reference materials and test questions will be provided by DSA in electronic form. The Closed Book portion will still be administered with paper and pencil exam materials.
  - Candidates must be familiar with navigating multiple pdf files on Adobe Acrobat software, with a mouse and keyboard in a Microsoft Windows environment. Dual monitors are provided for reading multiple documents simultaneously, and screen views may be split according to candidates' preference. CBC Reference materials are also provided in pdf format, with bookmarks to simplify navigation. Candidates are provided time to review materials prior to the beginning of the exam period.
- Exam Date:**
  - **February 14, 2025**
- February 14 – Open Book**    **February 14 – Closed Book**
- 8:00 AM – Registration time    8:00 AM – Registration time
- 1:00 PM – Registration time    1:30 PM – Registration time

More information can be found on DSA's [Apply and Maintain CASp Certification](#) webpage.

Close of registration for February 2025 exam is January 14, 2025, or when seats are filled, whichever comes first.

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# 2025 Valuation Threshold

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# DSA Academy

[DSA Academy website](#)

Accessibility Training:  
California EVCS Accessibility  
Housing at a Place of Education  
Circulation Paths  
CRASCA CASp Reports  
*Free, On Demand, CEU credit*

Sustainability Topics:  
All-Electric Schools Kitchen of the Future  
Green Schoolyards

Structural Safety:  
2022 Code Amendments  
Structural Plan Review

Coming soon:  
CALGreen Embodied Carbon Regulations  
Update to California EVCS Accessibility  
*Free, On Demand, CEU credit*

Curriculum  
**DSA Project Inspector Overview**  
23 hours, 49 minutes

Video  
**Induction Cooking and the All-Electric,**  
2 hours, 5 minutes

Curriculum  
**DSA Structural Plan Review**

Curriculum  
**2019 CBC Amendments - Structural Safety**

Curriculum  
**DSA Recertification Seminar**  
3 hours, 22 minutes

Event  
**DSA CASp Code Discussion Group (CC)**

Event  
**Access Code Updates for the 2019 Intervening**  
1 hour, 30 minutes

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Event  
**CASp 101: Certification and Practice**



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