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# BULLETIN: 2024 BCBC Adaptability and Seismic Exemption

***DISCLAIMER:*** *The information bulletin is subject to future versions. Notes below indicate some, but not all, items that may be revised.*

## Purpose and Background:

The Building and Safety Standards Branch has issued multiple bulletins related to the application of the BC Building Code 2024 edition. It has been determined that instream projects requiring a development permit are granted an additional grace period from the adaptability and seismic requirements of the 2024 BC Building Code until March 8, 2027. The City of Abbotsford has determined a complete development permit application submitted prior to March 10, 2025 may continue to use design criteria for adaptability and seismic from the 2018 BC Building Code.

- Development permit applications received on or after March 10, 2025 must be designed to the full extent of the 2024 BC Building Code.
- Development permit applications that have been determined as instream must apply for building permit prior to March 8, 2027 to continue to be exempt of the 2024 BC Building Code adaptability and seismic requirements.

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November 24, 2023 — Adoption of the BC Building Code 2024.

March 8, 2024 — Most of the 2024 BC Building Code came into force for projects for which building permits were applied for on or after this date. Seismic and adaptable requirements in the BC Building Code 2018 edition continued to remain in effect.

*March 8, 2024 is the cut-off date that the drawings considered instream have been prepared by as a condition to continue with the BC Building Code 2018 for seismic and adaptability. Drawings prepared after March 8, 2024, with the intention of applying for a building permit on or after March 10, 2025, shall comply with the entirety of the BC Building Code 2024.*

March 10, 2025 — The entirety of the 2024 BC Building Code comes into effect for projects for which building permits are applied for on or after this date – **unless the project has a development permit application instream with the Development Planning Division.** (For projects that are not considered instream, the entirety of the 2024 BC Building Code applies.)

March 8, 2027 — Any projects instream, designed using the 2018 BC Building Code for seismic and adaptability, must apply for a building permit before this date. Any projects applying for a building permit on or after this date must comply with the entirety of the 2024 BC Building Code.