



AGRICULTURAL RESTORATIONS & ALTERATIONS

Application Guide

PURPOSE

Building projects today have a wide range of requirements and complexity beyond simply providing a set of blue prints. The purpose of this guide is to explain these requirements in easy to understand terms. You are not required to read this entire document cover to cover, however it is recommended that before you apply for your building permit, you follow these steps to the end to provide the best chance of having a complete and successful application and avoid costly delays due to unanticipated requirements and regulations.



IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECT SCOPE

Review the questions below to confirm which section of this guide applies to your project.

- 1. Does this project propose or include a residential use? Y/N**
YES : This is not the correct application guide for your project. Please refer instead to the [APPLICATION GUIDE – RESIDENTIAL – NEW AND ADDITIONS](#)
NO : Proceed to question 2

- 2. Does this project propose repair due to fire, flood, tree or vehicular impact? Y/N**
YES : Proceed to [PART 1 – RESTORATIONS.](#)
NO : Proceed to question 3.

- 3. Does this project propose to increase existing floor area or the building footprint? Y/N**
YES : This is not the correct application guide for your project. Please refer instead to the [APPLICATION GUIDE – AGRICULTURAL - NEW AND ADDITIONS.](#)
NO : Proceed to [PART 2 – ALTERATIONS.](#)

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PART 1 RESTORATIONS

This section applies to all restoration projects to repair damage to existing buildings resulting from fire, flood, tree falls, vehicular impacts, and other similar disasters.

ALL RESTORATIONS



Requirements for your application submissions:

- ➔ [OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION FORM](#) (Refer to link in Part 3)
- ➔ [SUBMISSION CHECKLIST – AGRICULTURAL - RESTORATION](#) (Refer to link in Part 3)
- ➔ Detailed scope of work
- ➔ All gas and electrical installations are regulated by the province. All required gas and/or electrical permits must be obtained through Technical Safety BC.



PART 2 ALTERATIONS

This section applies to proposed alterations to existing buildings that do not create new additional floor area(s). If the scope of work is limited to paint, replacing siding, or replacing roof finish, a permit will not be required. Please refer to the Building Bylaw for a complete list of the works that would require a building permit or any exemptions.

ALL ALTERATIONS

Requirements for your application:

- ➔ [SUBMISSION CHECKLIST - AGRICULTURAL - ALTERATION](#) (Refer to link in Part 3)
- ➔ [OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION FORM](#) (Refer to link in Part 3)
- ➔ Refer to following sections that most closely match your proposed project scope(s) for other applicable requirements, forms and/or checklists
- ➔ All gas and electrical installations are regulated by the province. All required gas and/or electrical permits must be obtained through Technical Safety BC.

WINDOWS AND DOOR ALTERATIONS

1. Are any windows and/or doors proposed to be added, removed or altered? Y/N

YES : The following drawing requirements will apply.

NO : Proceed to [FARM OFFICE USE](#) section.

In addition to the other required Forms and Checklists specified for [ALL ALTERATIONS](#), the submitted drawings shall include:

- ➔ 2 Copies Floorplan drawings (to include):
 - Beam and/or lintel sizes;
 - Bearing locations specified for any point loads to foundation;
 - Door sizes;
 - Windows sizes;
- ➔ 2 Copies Elevation drawings (to include):
 - Calculations to confirm proposed unprotected area for windows and doors in the building face does not exceed the maximum permitted under the BC Building Code.



PART 2 ALTERATIONS (continued...)

FARM OFFICE USE

1. Does the business area exceed 10% of the floor area on the storey it is proposed to be located? Y/N

YES : BC Building Code will require building upgrades for additional Major Occupancy classification. Use [APPLICATION GUIDE – TENANT IMPROVEMENT](#) and associated checklists for your submission

NO : Proceed to apply as follows

In addition to the other required Forms and Checklists specified for [ALL ALTERATIONS](#), the submitted drawings shall include:

-  [DRAWING CHECKLIST - AGRICULTURAL - ALTERATION](#) - (Refer to link in Part 3)





PART 3 RESOURCE LINKS

PROJECT PLANNING

BC Building Code Online: [BC Codes](#)

Abbotsford Bylaws: [Building Code, Bylaws & Fees | City of Abbotsford](#)

APPLICATION RESOURCES

[BUILDING PERMITS PAGE](#)

[APPLICATION FORMS](#)

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WebMap: [Abbotsford Map Viewer](#)

OTHER AGENCIES

Technical Safety BC (Gas and Electrical permits): [Home | TSBC \(technicalafetybc.ca\)](#)

WorkSafe: [WorkSafeBC](#)

Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (EGBC): [Engineers and Geoscientists BC \(egbc.ca\)](#)

Building and Safety Standards Branch (BSSB): [Contact Us - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)