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Building Code Council NC

The next NC Building Code Council will be September 8th and 9th at the Wake County Commons Building at 4011 Carya Drive in Raleigh. The BCC Business meeting will start at 9:00 am on the 8th, the public hearing portion will start at 1:00 pm on the 8th and the BCC council meeting will start at 9:00 am on the 9th.

Code Officials Qualification Board

The next NC Code Officials Qualification Board meeting will be July 22nd at the OSFM Office at 322 Chapanoke Road in Raleigh at 9:00 AM.

Continued Education Credits

July 1st of each year is the deadline for completing 6 credit hours of approved continuing education to renew standard and limited certificates. If you are in the process of completing continuing education for renewal year 2008, please fax a copy of the Certificate of Completion to 919-661-3193. Notifications of suspension and/or renewal cards will be mailed the week of July 14th. If you have any questions concerning continuing education, please contact the staff at 919-661-5880.

2009 Codes

Enforcement of the 2009 codes is scheduled to be phased between January 1, 2009 and July 1, 2009. During this 6-month period, either the 2006 or the 2009 code can be used. The appropriate edition is identified on the construction documents, but most notably in the Appendix B information.

COCO Newsletter

The Summer 2008 COCO Newsletter is available online at:

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/engineering_COCO_newsletter.asp

Go to the Department of Insurance website for information regarding job openings -

http://www.ncdoi.com/Home/Jobs/jobs_view_new.asp

OAH Modifications

The 2008 NC/NEC became effective on **1 June 2008**. The NC amendments are available online at:
http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/BCC/engineering_bcc_electrical_codes.asp

July 3rd, 2008 was the 31st legislative day for the state legislature. All Building Code Council items that were held over for legislative review, but were not filed as a bill, go into effect:

- R202 NC Residential Code – Wind–Borne Debris Region – 1 January 2009
- R324 NC Residential Code – Elevators and Platform Lifts – 1 January 2009
- NEC 210.12 Arc–Fault Circuit–Interrupter Protection – 1 January 2009
- NEC 338.10 (B)4(a) SE cable – **3 July 2008**
- NEC 406.11 Tamper proof receptacles – **3 July 2008**

Items that will go into effect on the last day of the legislative session include (**19 July 2008** effective date):

- A–2 sprinkler threshold modification from 100 persons to 300 persons, except for nightclubs, in the 2006 NC Codes <http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/BCC/Documents/Minutes/070910b.pdf>

Items that have been delayed for legislative review for the 2009 session include:

- Adoption of a new Chapter 11, including reference to the ANSI Accessibility Code.

Until the legislative review has completed, the original rules remain in place. In the case of Chapter 11, the language in the Accessibility code will remain in place until this issue is resolved.

ICC Certifications

Over the last year, there have been many questions regarding how NC certifications would transfer to ICC Certifications. On July 1st, ICC announced a new program that will allow persons that hold a North Carolina Building, Electrical, Mechanical or Plumbing Standard Certificate to receive the following ICC certifications:

NC Level I – ICC Residential

NC Level II – ICC Residential + ICC Commercial

NC Level III – ICC Residential + ICC Commercial + ICC Plans Examiner

ICC has also announced a reduced cost for this related transition. Call **1-888-422-7233** for details.

ICC Building Certifications	Current Standard ICC Fee	Proposed NC Transition Fee
B1 Residential Building Inspector	\$110	\$50
B2 Commercial Building Inspector	\$180	\$50
B3 Building Plans Examiner	\$180	\$50
Building Inspector	\$30	\$0
Totals	\$500	\$150

These Building, Electrical, Mechanical or Plumbing Standard Certificate transitions are being offered as a one-time opportunity between August 1, 2008 and February 28, 2009.

Fire Certificates that are ProBoard accredited can of course continue to transition using the existing ProBoard transition program.