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ALBERTA BUILDING AND FIRE CODES

COME IN TO FORCE ON APRIL 1, 2019

Alberta Regulations 31/2015 and 32/2015 for Building Code and Fire Code respectively, have been amended and the following construction Codes are now declared in force with respect to buildings and fire protection:

- **National Building Code - 2019 Alberta Edition**
 - As published by the National Research Council of Canada as amended or replaced from time to time, is declared in force with respect to buildings.
- **National Energy Code of Canada for Building 2017**
 - As published by the National Research Council of Canada as amended or replaced from time to time, is declared in force with respect to buildings.
- **National Fire Code - 2019 Alberta Edition**
 - As published by the National Research Council of Canada as amended or replaced from time to time, is declared in force with respect to fire protection.

**** The above Codes come in to effect on [April 1, 2019](#). ****

UPDATED TRANSITION PERIOD

The objective of a transition period is to facilitate safe new construction and installation with minimum undue hardship or cost during the transition period. While the new edition of the Fire Code applies to construction under the new Building Code, both the Building and Energy Efficiency Codes require a period of transition so that existing construction and plans are not unreasonably disrupted.

There is a 8-month transition period related to Building Permits. Where a Permit Application is received prior to **December 1, 2019**, the building may be designed and constructed to the current 2014 Alberta Building Codes.

All Permit Applications received after **December 1, 2019** must be designed and constructed to the new Codes.

More information can be found at [Municipal Affairs](#).

The City of Medicine Hat Safety Codes Services, in an ongoing effort to provide updates to Home Builders, Contractors, Designers and Trades people regarding Alberta Construction Codes, provide these Bulletins as a service. Any questions regarding this Bulletin should be directed to Safety Codes Services at 403.529.8374.

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