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Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations

Order dated February 28, 2017

Repeal of regulations and regulations made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs  
pursuant to Section 4 of the *Building Code Act***In the matter of Section 4 of Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes  
of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Building Code Act***

- and -

**In the matter of the repeal and replacement of  
the *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations*****Order**I, ~~Zack~~ [Zach] Churchill, Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Section 4  
of Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Building Code Act*, effective April 1, 2017,

- (a) repeal the *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 176/2014, made by Order of [the  
Minister of] Municipal Affairs dated November 18, 2014; and
- (b) make new regulations respecting the Nova Scotia building code in the form set forth in the attached.

Dated and made at Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, February 28, 2017.

sgd. *Zach Churchill*  
Honourable Zach Churchill  
Minister of Municipal Affairs**Schedule "A"****Regulations Respecting the Nova Scotia Building Code  
made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs under Section 4 of  
Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Building Code Act*****Part 1: Repeals, Interpretation, Scope, Definitions and Administration****1.1. Repeals, Adoption and Interpretation****1.1.1. Title, Repeals, and Effective Date****1.1.1.1. Title**

- (1) These regulations may be cited as the *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations*.

**1.1.1.2. Repeal and Effective Dates**

- (1) The *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 176/2014, made by the Minister of  
Municipal Affairs on November 18, 2014, are repealed effective April 1, 2017.

- (2) These Nova Scotia *Building Code Regulations* made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs are effective on and after April 1, 2017.

### 1.1.2. Adoptions

#### 1.1.2.1. Nova Scotia Building Code

- (1) These regulations adopt the *National Building Code of Canada*, 2015, including all revisions, errata and corrections to errata made by that body on or before October 31, 2016, which together with these regulations shall be known as the “Nova Scotia Building Code” and may be referred to as the “Code”.
- (2) These regulations adopt the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, 2015, including all revisions, errata and corrections to errata made by that body on or before October 31, 2016 and shall be known as part of the “Nova Scotia Building Code” and may be referred to as part of the “Code”.

### 1.1.3. Interpretation

#### 1.1.3.1. Numbering System

- (1) These regulations have been prepared following the same decimal numbering system as used in the *Code*.
- (2) The first number indicates the Part of these regulations; the second, the Section in the Part; the third, the Subsection and the fourth, the Article in the Subsection. An Article may be further broken down into Sentences (indicated by numbers in brackets), and the Sentence further divided into Clauses and Subclauses. They are illustrated as follows:

A	Division
3	Part
3.5.	Section
3.5.2.	Subsection
3.5.2.1.	Article
3.5.2.1.(2)	Sentence
3.5.2.1.(2)(a)	Clause
3.5.2.1.(2)(a)(i)	Subclause

#### 1.1.3.2. Schedules

- (1) The Schedules “A” through “A-11” inclusive, “B”, “C” and “D” form part of these regulations.

### 1.1.4. Nova Scotia Building Advisory Committee

#### 1.1.4.1. Appointment of Nova Scotia Building Advisory Committee

- (1) The Minister may appoint to the Committee such number of members as the Minister determines, for such terms as may be specified in the appointments.
- (2) The Committee shall include
- (a) a representative of the Fire Marshal for the Province,
  - (b) a representative appointed from among persons nominated by the Disabled Persons Commission,
  - (c) a representative of municipal government appointed from among persons nominated by the Executive of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities,

- (d) a representative appointed from among persons nominated by the Executive of the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia,
- (e) a representative appointed from among persons nominated by the Executive of the Nova Scotia Association of Architects,
- (f) a representative appointed from among persons nominated by the Executive of the Nova Scotia Home and Building Designers Association,
- (g) a representative appointed from among persons nominated by the Executive of the Association of Interior Designers of Nova Scotia,
- (h) a representative appointed from among persons nominated by the Executive of the Nova Scotia Home Builders Association,
- (i) a representative appointed from among persons nominated by the Executive of the Construction Association of Nova Scotia,
- (j) a representative appointed from among persons nominated by the Executive of the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association,
- (k) a representative appointed from among persons nominated by the Executive of the Atlantic Canada Regional Council of Carpenters, Millwrights and Allied Workers, and who shall be a resident of Nova Scotia, and
- (l) up to 3 additional members, as selected by the Minister.

## 1.2. Scope and Application

### 1.2.1. Application

#### 1.2.1.1. Scope

- (1) These regulations apply to the administration and enforcement of the *Building Code Act* in the design, *construction*, erection, placement and *occupancy* of new *buildings*, and the *alteration*, reconstruction, *demolition*, removal, relocation, *occupancy* and change of *occupancy classification* of existing *buildings* and to the *work* necessary to correct *unsafe conditions* in existing *buildings* reported to the *authority having jurisdiction* or observed during an inspection.
- (2) Any construction or condition that lawfully existed prior to the effective date of these regulations need not conform to these regulations provided that such *construction* or condition does not constitute an *unsafe condition* in the opinion of the *authority having jurisdiction*.
- (3) *Construction* pursuant to a *building* permit in effect prior to December 31, 2009, and still in effect, need not conform to these regulations provided that such *construction* conforms to the regulations in force on the date that the *building* permit was issued.
- (4) Where a *building* or any part thereof is altered, these regulations apply to the parts of the *building* that are altered.
- (5) Where the whole or any part of a *building* is relocated either within or into the area of jurisdiction of the *authority having jurisdiction* these regulations apply only to the parts of the *building* that are being altered or *constructed*.

- (6) When the whole or any part of a *building* is demolished, these regulations apply to the *work* involved in the *demolition* and to the *work* required to any parts remaining after *demolition* to the extent that deficiencies occurring or remaining after *demolition* require correction.
- (7) When a *building* is damaged by fire, earthquake or other cause, these regulations apply to the *work* necessary to reconstruct damaged portions of the *building*.
- (8) “Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings”, contained in Schedule “D” of these regulations, or a combination of the “Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings”, and the *Code*, may be used where a building existed prior to March 13, 1987, and
  - (a) the existing *building* is undergoing *construction* other than for a change of use, or
  - (b) the existing *building* is undergoing *construction*, and where a change of *occupancy* classification results in an *occupancy* with a reduced fire hazard risk.
- (9) When a *heritage building* or part thereof is undergoing a change in *occupancy* classification, the owner may choose the “Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings” contained in Schedule “D” of these regulations, or a combination of the “Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings” and the *Code*.
- (10) When any *building* in a *Heritage Conservation District* is undergoing a change in *occupancy* classification, the *owner* may choose the “Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings” contained in Schedule “D” of these regulations, or a combination of the “Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings” and the *Code*.

#### 1.2.1.2. Exemptions

- (1) The *Code* does not apply to:
  - (a) sewerage, water, electrical, telephone, rail or similar systems located above, below or on an area that has been dedicated or deeded for public use,
  - (b) public utility towers and poles, television and radio or other communication aerials and towers, except for loads resulting from those located on or attached to buildings,
  - (c) flood control, dams for public water supply, hydroelectric dams and their related structures (not excluding buildings),
  - (d) mechanical or other equipment and appliances not specifically regulated by the *Code*,
  - (e) above-ground or below-ground bulk storage tanks not regulated under Part 6 of the *Code*, or the *National Farm Building Code of Canada*,
  - (f) free-standing signs,
  - (g) fences,
  - (h) retaining walls or exterior steps not attached to, and forming part of, a *building’s construction*,
  - (i) *manufactured homes* built to CSA Z240 MH Series Standard “Manufactured Homes”, except for

- (i) the notifications required by Sentence 2.1.1.11.(1) where the *manufactured home* was constructed before January 1, 2010, and has not been structurally altered, or
- (ii) the notifications required by Sentence 2.1.1.11.(1) and the requirements of Section 9.36. Energy Efficiency Measures where the *manufactured home* is constructed after December 31, 2009,

(See Appendix A-1.2.1.2.(1)(i) and (j), NSBCR)

- (j) *modular homes* certified to CAN/CSA-A277 “Procedure for Factory Certification of Buildings” as complying with the requirements of this *Code*, except for
  - (i) the notifications required by Sentence 2.1.1.11.(1) where the *modular home* was constructed before January 1, 2010, and has not been structurally altered, or
  - (ii) the notifications required by Sentence 2.1.1.11.(1) and the requirements of Section 9.36. Energy Efficiency Measures where the *modular home* is constructed after December 31, 2009.

(See Appendix A-1.2.1.2.(1)(i) and (j), NSBCR)

- (2) Unless a municipality otherwise requires by by-law, or where regulations are in another enactment, the *Code* applies but a *building* permit is not required for
  - (a) accessory *buildings* not greater than 20 m<sup>2</sup> (215.2 ft.<sup>2</sup>) in area,
  - (b) except under Clause 1.2.1.2.(2)(c), interior and exterior non-structural material *alterations* and material repairs with a monetary value of \$5000.00 or less,
  - (c) replacement or installation of a new plumbing fixture that does not increase the hydraulic load of the drainage system or require *alterations* to an existing water distribution system or drainage system.

### 1.2.1.3. Home-Based Business Exemptions (See Appendix A-1.2.1.3., NSBCR)

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may consider a *home-based business* as part of the Group C *residential occupancy* of a *dwelling unit* and not a *major occupancy* for the purposes of the *Code*, if all of the following criteria are met:
  - (a) the business or service use of the *dwelling unit*, an accessory *building* to the unit, or both, is secondary to the *residential occupancy* use of the *dwelling unit*,
  - (b) at least 1 full-time resident of the *dwelling unit* with the *home-based business* operates the business or service,
  - (c) the business or service use is not a Group F1 - *High-hazard industrial occupancy*, or a Group F2 - *Medium-hazard industrial occupancy*,
  - (d) the *home-based business* uses an aggregate *floor area* of less than 50 m<sup>2</sup>, and;
  - (e) the *home-based business* uses less than 25% of the *floor area* of the *dwelling unit*.
- (2) A *home-based business*, that meets all of the criteria in Sentence (1), is not considered a separate and adjoining *major occupancy* from the *dwelling unit* for the separation requirements in Article

- 3.1.3.1. (Part 3, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada*.
- (3) The *authority having jurisdiction* must not require additional water closets, under Article 3.7.2.2. (Part 3, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada*, for a *dwelling unit* with
- (a) a *home-based business* that meets all the criteria in Sentence (1), or
- (b) a *home-based business* located within an accessory *building* if that *building* is less than 45 m from the *dwelling unit*.
- (4) A *dwelling unit* with a *home-based business* conducted within the unit is considered a *building* which is exempt from the *barrier-free* design requirements under Clause 3.8.2.1.(1)(a) of the regulations.
- (5) A *home-based business*, that meets all the criteria in Sentence (1), is not considered a separate *major occupancy* from the *dwelling unit* for *occupancy* classification purposes in Subsection 9.10.2. (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada*.

### 1.3. Definitions of Words and Phrases

#### 1.3.1. Definitions

##### 1.3.1.1. General

- (1) Definitions contained in Section 2 of the *Building Code Act* also apply in these regulations.

##### 1.3.1.2. Italicized Words

- (1) The words and phrases defined in Sentence 1.4.1.2.(1) (Part 1, Division A) of the *Code*, identified in these regulations in italics, also apply in these regulations unless otherwise defined.

##### 1.3.1.3. Specific Definitions

- (1) In these regulations the following definitions apply:

“Architect” means a member licensed to practise or licensee of the Nova Scotia Association of Architects.

“Building Code Act” or “Act” means Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Building Code Act*.

“Building Official” means a person appointed as an inspector pursuant to Section 5 of the Act.

“Camping accommodation” means any *building* within a campground that is intended to serve the public or is intended as rental accommodation for the travelling or vacationing public.

“Code” means the Nova Scotia Building Code.

“Construct” means to do anything in the erection, installation, extension, relocation, material *alteration* or material repair of a *building* and includes the installation of a factory-made *building* fabricated or moved from elsewhere.

“Demolition” means the doing of anything in the removal of a *building* or any material part thereof.

“Field Review of Construction” means, and is limited to, the review of the *construction work* at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction*, at the project site and where applicable at the fabrication location where *building* components are fabricated for use at the project site, that the designer in their professional

discretion considers necessary to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the authority having jurisdiction and all revisions thereto. “*Field Review of Construction*” does not include the coordination, quality and performance of *construction*.

“Heritage Building” means a registered heritage property, registered under the *Heritage Property Act* by the Province or by a municipality.

“Heritage Conservation District” means a heritage conservation district designated by a municipality in accordance with the *Heritage Property Act*.

“Home-based business” means a business or service use located in a *dwelling unit* that is used or occupied as a single housekeeping unit.

“Interior Designer” means a member licensed to practise or a licensee of the Association of Interior Designers of Nova Scotia.

“Manufactured home” means a transportable, single- or multiple-section *dwelling unit* certified by an accredited certification body, as complying with the CAN/CSA Series Z240 Series “Manufactured Homes” at the time of manufacture, prior to placement on the site.

“Modular home” means a finished section or sections of a complete *dwelling unit* built in a factory for transport to the site for installation, and certified to CSA Standard A277 “Procedures for the Factory Certification of Buildings”, by an accredited certification body, at the time of manufacture, prior to placement on the site.

“National Building Code of Canada” means the National Building Code of Canada, 2015 as issued by the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes, National Research Council of Canada, NRCC No. 56190, including all revisions, errata and corrections to errata made by that body on or before October 31, 2016.

“National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings” means the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings 2015 as issued by the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes, National Research Council of Canada, NRCC No. 56191, including all revisions, errata and corrections to errata made by that body on or before October 31, 2016.

“National Farm Building Code of Canada” means the National Farm Building Code of Canada, 1995 as issued by the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes, National Research Council of Canada, NRCC No. 38732, including all revisions, errata and corrections to errata made by that body on or before October 31, 2016.

“National Plumbing Code of Canada” means the National Plumbing Code of Canada, 2015 as issued by the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes, National Research Council of Canada, NRCC No. 56193, including all revisions, errata and corrections to errata made by that body on or before October 31, 2016.

“Owner” includes a person controlling the property under consideration, and also prima facie the assessed owner of the property whose name appears on the assessment role prepared in accordance with the *Assessment Act*.

“Professional Engineer” means a member or licensee of the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia.

“Roofed accommodation” means a *building*, part of a *building*, or a group of *buildings* that is intended as rental accommodation for the travelling or vacationing public.

“Work” means any construction duty or function regulated by these regulations, carried out on or about a construction site or on, in, or about a *building* or part thereof.

## 1.4. Administration

### 1.4.1. Permits

#### 1.4.1.1. General

- (1) A permit is required if *work* regulated by the *Code* is to be done.
- (2) The *authority having jurisdiction* may place a value on the cost of the *work* based on an accepted costing standard for the purpose of determining permit fees to be applicable.
- (3) The *authority having jurisdiction* may, if applicable, withhold a *building* permit until satisfied that there is a valid on-site sewage disposal system approval issued by the Department of Environment, or notification has been given to the Department of Environment for systems that do not require an approval for the construction of a *building* requiring a new private sewage disposal system. (See Appendix A-1.4.1.1.(3), NSBCR)
- (4) The *authority having jurisdiction* may, if applicable, withhold an occupancy permit
  - (a) until satisfied that there is a valid electrical permit issued by the electrical authority having jurisdiction,
  - (b) until satisfied that the civic address is posted where a municipality has so provided by by-law, in accordance with Section 313 of the *Municipal Government Act*, or
  - (c) until the certificate of installation for the on-site sewage system, where applicable, is provided.
- (5) The *authority having jurisdiction* may, if applicable, withhold a *building* permit until satisfied that there is a valid “Minister’s Consent For Building and Access to Property” issued by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, under the *Public Highways Act*.
- (6) Where a municipality has so provided by by-law, the *authority having jurisdiction* may withhold the issuance of a *building* permit until satisfied that any and all applicable regulations of the *Heritage Property Act*, and the *Municipal Government Act*, including any Land Use Bylaw, Subdivision Bylaw, lot grading plan or Development Agreement, have been complied with and all required permits have been issued by the Development Officer.
- (7) Unless a municipality in accordance with Section 7 of the *Building Code Act* has provided other or additional regulations by by-law, an occupancy permit is required
  - (a) to allow the initial occupancy of a *building* or part thereof,
  - (b) when the *occupancy* classification of a *building* or part thereof is changed, or
  - (c) to allow partial demolition or *alteration* of a *building*.



**1.4.1.2. Application**

- (1) To obtain a permit the *owner* shall file an application as prescribed by the *authority having jurisdiction*.

**1.4.1.3. Required Information**

- (1) Every *building* permit application as a minimum shall
- (a) identify and describe in detail the *work* and *occupancy* to be covered by the permit for which application is made,
  - (b) describe the land by including where Nova Scotia property mapping exists the unique Parcel Identifier (PID) or where this mapping does not exist the assessment account number, and a description that will readily identify and locate the building lot,
  - (c) include plans and specifications as required by Subsection 2.2.2. of Division C of the *Code*,
  - (d) state the valuation of the proposed *work* and be accompanied by the required fee,
  - (e) state the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the *owner*, *architect*, *professional engineer*, or other designer, constructor and any inspection or testing agency that has been engaged to monitor the *work* or part of the *work*,
  - (f) describe any special building systems, materials and appliances, and
  - (g) such additional information as may be required by the *authority having jurisdiction*.

**1.4.1.4. Letter of Undertaking when Professional Required to Design**

- (1) The owner shall, along with the application referred to in Article 1.4.1.2. of the NSBCR, submit a letter of undertaking to the authority having jurisdiction for the Field Review of Construction when the building, or part thereof, has been designed within the scope of any one or more of the following:
- (i) Part 3, Division B of the *Code*,
  - (ii) Part 4, Division B of the *Code*,
  - (iii) Article 2.1.1.6. of the NSBCR for *buildings* within the scope of Part 9, Division B of the *Code*.

[Clauses numbered as subclauses as in original.]

**1.4.1.5. Dimensional Tolerances**

- (1) If, in the opinion of the *authority having jurisdiction*, safety to life will not be reduced and *barrier-free* design and access will not be adversely affected, an *authority having jurisdiction* may accept a minor variation, not more than 2%, in a dimension or measure given in the *Code*. (See Appendix A-1.4.1.5., NSBCR)

**1.4.1.6. Deviations**

- (1) The *owner* shall not deviate, nor authorize a deviation, from the *Code*, or the conditions of a permit, without first obtaining permission in writing to do so from the *authority having jurisdiction*.

**1.4.1.7. Land Survey**

- (1) In addition to Clause 1.4.1.3.(1)(c) the *owner*, if requested by the *authority having jurisdiction*, shall submit an up-to-date plan of survey or real property report, prepared by a registered Nova Scotia

Land Surveyor, containing sufficient information regarding the site and the location of the building,

- (a) to establish before *construction* begins that the provisions of the *Code* related to the site and the location of the *building* will be complied with, and
- (b) to verify, upon completion of the *work*, compliance with all such provisions.

#### 1.4.1.8. Responsibility for carrying out work

- (1) The acceptance of drawings and specifications, the granting of a permit, and inspections made by the *authority having jurisdiction* shall not in any way relieve the *owner*, *owner's* agent, the constructor, the *architect*, the *professional engineer*, or the designer, of a *building* from their respective responsibility for carrying out the *work* or having it carried out in accordance with these regulations, including ensuring that the *occupancy* of the building, or any part thereof, is in accordance with the terms of the permit.

#### 1.4.1.9. Inspection Exemption

- (1) *Modular homes* and *manufactured homes* are subject to the notification for inspection required by Sentence 2.1.1.11.(1) of these regulations, and are exempt for the work certified at the factory as complying with CAN/CSA Series Z240 Series "Manufactured Homes" or certified to CSA Standard A277, "Procedures for the Factory Certification of Buildings".

(See Appendix A-1.2.1.2.(1)(i) and (j), NSBCR)

#### 1.4.1.10. Site Grading

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may require an *owner* to have a *building* site graded in conformance with any storm drainage plan, prepared or accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction*, for the area in which the *building* is located.

#### 1.4.1.11. Permission to Proceed in Part

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may allow, at the risk of the *owner*, with conditions if necessary, to ensure conformance with the *Code*, the owner to proceed with excavation or *construction* of part of a *building* before the plans of the entire *building* have been submitted.
- (2) If the *authority having jurisdiction* allows excavation or *construction* of part of a *building* under Sentence (1), the *owner* shall submit all such plans and specifications as may be required in connection therewith by the *authority having jurisdiction*, including at a minimum, complete plans and specifications for the *work* that is authorized under Sentence (1).
- (3) If an *owner* proceeds to excavate or *construct* part of a *building* under Sentences (1) and (2), the *owner* proceeds without assurance that the excavation or *construction* of other parts of the *building* will be allowed.

#### 1.4.1.12. Temporary Building or Occupancy (see Appendix A-1.4.1.12., NSBCR)

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in these regulations, a permit for a temporary *building* or part thereof, or a temporary change of *occupancy* classification of an existing *building*, may be issued by the *authority having jurisdiction*, authorizing for a limited time only the erection and existence of a *building*, or part thereof, or for a temporary change of *occupancy* classification, for an *occupancy* that, because of its nature, will exist for a short time, under circumstances that warrant only selective compliance with the *Code*.
- (2) A permit for a temporary *building* or temporary change of *occupancy* classification shall state the date after which and the conditions under which the permit is no longer valid.

- (3) A permit for a temporary building or temporary change of *occupancy* classification may be extended provided permission in writing is granted by the *authority having jurisdiction*.
- (4) A permit for a temporary *building* or temporary change of *occupancy* classification shall be posted on the *building*.
- (5) A permit issued for a tent or temporary air-supported structure, shall be required to be renewed every 12 months.
- (6) A permit issued for a temporary change of *occupancy* classification shall be required to be renewed every 12 months.

## Part 2: Responsibilities and Obligations

### 2.1 Obligations of Owner

#### 2.1.1. General

##### 2.1.1.1. Required Permits, and Plans Review

- (1) Every *owner* shall obtain all required permits or approvals prior to commencing the *work* to which they relate.
- (2) The *owner* must submit to the Office of the Fire Marshal the *building* plans for *construction* or *alteration* for review, prior to the start of the *construction* or *alteration* for a *building* or facility containing one or more of the following classes of *occupancies*:
  - (a) an *assembly occupancy* (Group A) to which one or more of the following apply:
    - (i) it is more than 3 storey[s] high including the storeys below *grade*,
    - (ii) it has an area greater than 600 m<sup>2</sup>,
    - (iii) it is in a non-residential *building* that is used for a school, college or university and that has an *occupant load* of more than 40 persons,
  - (b) a *care or detention occupancy* (Group B),
  - (c) a *residential occupancy* (Group C) that is licensed or regulated under the Homes for Special Care Act, or
  - (d) a *high-hazard industrial occupancy* (Group F, Division 1) that is more than 2 *storeys* high or has an area greater than 600 m<sup>2</sup>.

##### 2.1.1.2. Start-up Date

- (1) Every *owner* shall give written notice to the *authority having jurisdiction* of the date on which the owner intends to begin *work* prior to commencing *work* on the *building* site.

##### 2.1.1.3. Notice of Employees

- (1) Every *owner* shall, prior to commencing the *work*, give notice in writing to the authority having jurisdiction of the name, address and telephone number of
  - (a) the constructor or other person in charge of the *work*,

- (b) the designer of the *work*,
  - (c) the *architect(s)*, *professional engineer(s)*, and prime consultant(s) performing the *Field Review of Construction(s)*, and
  - (d) any inspection or testing agency engaged to monitor the *work* or part of the *work*.
- (2) Every *owner* shall give notice in writing to the *authority having jurisdiction*
- (a) as soon as any change in ownership or change in the address of the *owner* occurs prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit,
  - (b) prior to occupying any portion of the *building* if it is to be occupied in stages, and
  - (c) of any change in or termination of employment of a person referred to in Sentence (1) during the course of the *construction*, as soon as practical but not later than 72 hours after such change or termination occurs.

#### 2.1.1.4. Plans at Site

- (1) Every *owner* shall ensure that the plans, specifications and related documents on which the issuance of the *building* permit was based are available at the site of the *work* for inspection during working hours by the *authority having jurisdiction*, and that the permit, or true copy thereof, is posted conspicuously on the site during the entire execution of the *work*.

#### 2.1.1.5. Professional Design and Review

- (1) The owner who undertakes to *construct* or have constructed a building or part thereof within the scope of Part 3 or Part 4 in Division B of the *Code* shall,
- (a) ensure that an *architect*, *professional engineer*, or *interior designer*, as required, are appointed to undertake the design of the *building* or part thereof, and
  - (b) complete and submit a letter of undertaking in the form specified in Schedule “A” for the Field Review of Construction of such *buildings*.

#### 2.1.1.6. Design Regulations for Structural Components

- (1) Where the dimensions of a structural component are not provided in Part 9 of the *Code* for use in a *building* within the scope of that part, and such dimensions are to be determined on the basis of calculation, testing or other means of evaluation, the *owner* shall
- (a) ensure that a *professional engineer* is appointed to undertake the design of the structural component, and
  - (b) when required by the *authority having jurisdiction*, complete and submit a letter of undertaking in the form specified in Schedule “A” for the Field Review of Construction for this structural component.

#### 2.1.1.7. Site Conditions, Size, or Complexity Requiring Professional Design and Inspection

- (1) Where the site conditions, the size or complexity of a *building*, part of a *building* or *building* component warrant, the *authority having jurisdiction* may require the *owner* to file a Letter of Undertaking and have appropriate *Field Review of Construction* letters submitted as deemed necessary.

**2.1.1.8. Design Regulations for Sprinklered Building**

- (1) Where a *building* is required or intended to be sprinklered, the *owner* shall
  - (a) ensure that a *professional engineer* is appointed to undertake the design of the sprinkler system, and
  - (b) complete and submit a Letter of Undertaking in the form specified in Schedule “A” of the *Field Review of Construction*.
- (2) Where the *alteration* of an existing *building* requires changes to an existing sprinkler system, the *authority having jurisdiction* may waive compliance with Clauses 2.1.1.8.(1)(a) and (b).
- (3) Where Clauses 2.1.1.8.(1) (a) and (b) are waived, the design documents and test results conducted on the system, required under the provincial maintenance regulations made under the *Fire Safety Act* must be filed with the *authority having jurisdiction*.

**2.1.1.9. Alteration to Property Boundary or Ground Elevation**

- (1) No *owner* or person hired by the *owner* shall allow the ground elevations or the property boundaries of a building lot to be changed so as to place a *building* or part thereof in contravention of these regulations, unless the *building* or part thereof is so altered, after obtaining the necessary permit, that no contravention will occur as a result of the change of the property boundary or grades.

**2.1.1.10. Right of Entry**

- (1) Every *owner* shall allow the *authority having jurisdiction* to enter any *building* or premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of administering and enforcing these regulations in accordance with the provisions of Subsections 10(1), 10(2), and 10(3) of the *Building Code Act*.

**2.1.1.11. Notification for Inspection and Certification of Field Review of Construction**

- (1) The *owner* of a *building* being *constructed* under the scope of Part 9 of the *Code* shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction* to inspect for compliance with the *Code* at the following stages of *construction*:
  - (a) footings in place,
  - (b) subfloor plumbing,
  - (c) subfloor and foundation insulation,
  - (d) pre-backfill,
  - (e) except for *manufactured* and *modular homes*
    - (i) the framing, roof, and plumbing and mechanical systems,
    - (ii) insulation and vapour barrier before wall framing is covered, and
  - (f) for *manufactured* and *modular homes*,
    - (i) superstructure installation and anchorage systems,
    - (ii) foundation insulation and vapour barrier before wall framing is covered, and plumbing connections below the first floor, and

- (g) before occupancy. (See Appendix A-2.1.1.11.(1) and (2) and A-1.2.1.2.(1)(i) and (j), NSBCR)
- (2) The *owner* of a *building* being *constructed* outside the scope of Part 9 of the *Code* shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction* to inspect for compliance with the *Code*
  - (a) of the intent to undertake *construction* that will be inspected and will be reviewed as per the appropriate Letter of Undertaking required by Article 2.1.1.5., 2.1.1.6., or 2.1.1.7.,
  - (b) of intent to cover *construction* that has been ordered to be inspected by the *authority having jurisdiction* before covering,
  - (c) at intervals deemed necessary by the *authority having jurisdiction* based on the complexity of the *building*, and
  - (d) when *construction* has been completed so that a final inspection can be made.

(See Appendix A-2.1.1.11.(3), NSBCR)

#### 2.1.1.12. Occupancy Prior to Completion

- (1) Should the *owner* require occupancy to occur prior to the completion of all *work* the *owner* shall apply for the occupancy permit and shall ensure that no *unsafe condition* exists or will exist because of the *work* being undertaken or not completed.

#### 2.1.1.13. Test or Inspections to Prove Compliance

- (1) Every *owner* shall make, or have made at their own expense, the tests or inspections necessary to prove compliance with these regulations and shall promptly file a copy of all such test or inspection reports with the *authority having jurisdiction*.

#### 2.1.1.14. Repairs to Public Property

- (1) Every *owner* is responsible for the cost of repair of any damage to public property or works located therein that may occur as a result of undertaking *work* for which a permit was or was not required.

#### 2.1.1.15. Discontinuation of Work

- (1) Every *owner* who is unable to continue *work* owing to bankruptcy or other cause is responsible, before leaving the site of the work, for ensuring that no *unsafe condition* remains at the site.

## 2.2. Obligations of Professional

### 2.2.1. General

#### 2.2.1.1. Design

- (1) The *architect*, *professional engineer* or *interior designer* who undertakes to design a *building* or part thereof shall do so in accordance with their respective statutes and bylaws to ensure that the design meets the intent of the *Code*.

#### 2.2.1.2. Field Review of Construction

- (1) The *architect(s)*, *professional engineer(s)* or *interior designer(s)* who undertakes the Field Review of Construction shall do so in accordance with their respective statutes and bylaws, and shall
  - (a) review the *building* at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with design referred to in Article 2.2.1.1.,
  - (b) coordinate with the *authority having jurisdiction* the review of changes to the design

documents for consistency with the intent of the plans and specifications,

- (c) file with the *authority having jurisdiction* the Certification of Field Review of Construction.

### 2.3. Obligations of Constructor

#### 2.3.1. General

##### 2.3.1.1. Construction Safety Regulations

- (1) Every constructor shall ensure that all construction safety requirements of the Department of Labour and Advanced Education, Occupational Health and Safety Division, are complied with.

##### 2.3.1.2. Work on Public Property

- (1) Every constructor is responsible for ensuring that no excavation or other *work* is undertaken on public property and that no *building* is erected or materials stored in whole or in part therein without approval having first been obtained in writing from the appropriate government authority.

##### 2.3.1.3. Responsibilities for the Work Undertaken

- (1) Every constructor is responsible jointly and severally with the *owner* for all and any *work* actually undertaken.
- (2) Every constructor who is unable to continue *work* owing to bankruptcy or other cause is responsible, before leaving the site of the *work*, for ensuring that no *unsafe condition* remains at the site.

##### 2.3.1.4. Owner Deemed to be constructor

- (1) Where the *work* for which a permit is issued is not under the control of a constructor, the *owner* shall be deemed to be the constructor and shall accept the responsibilities and obligations of a constructor.

##### 2.3.1.5. Materials, Systems, to Comply with Code

- (1) Every constructor shall ensure that all materials, systems, equipment, used in the *construction, alteration, reconstruction* or renovation of a *building* meet the provisions of the *Code* for the *work* undertaken.

### 2.4. Obligation of Authority having Jurisdiction

#### 2.4.1. Qualifications of Building Officials

##### 2.4.1.1. Appointment

- (1) A person appointed or eligible to be appointed by a municipality as a *building official* shall
- (a) hold a valid diploma from the Nova Scotia Building Code Training and Certification Board, and
- (b) be a member in good standing of the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association.

##### 2.4.1.2. Administration and Enforcement of the Building Code Act and Regulations

- (1) *Building Officials* are required to administer and enforce the provisions of the *Building Code Act* and regulations.
- (2) *Building Officials* may only administer and enforce the provisions of the *Building Code Act* and regulations within the scope for which they hold a valid diploma from the Nova Scotia Building Code Training and Certification Board.

## 2.4.2. General

### 2.4.2.1. Administration and Enforcement

(1) The *authority having jurisdiction* shall administer and enforce these Regulations.

### 2.4.2.2. Copies of Applications, Inspections, and Tests

(1) The *authority having jurisdiction* shall keep copies of all applications received, permits and orders issued, inspections and tests made and of all papers and documents connected with the administration of these regulations for such time as is required by law.

### 2.4.2.3. Notices and Orders

(1) The *authority having jurisdiction* shall issue, in writing, such notices or orders as may be necessary to inform the *owner* where a contravention of these regulations has been observed. Such notices or orders may specify any remedial or other measures that are required to meet the regulations in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Act. Where the *authority having jurisdiction* issues such written notice or order, a copy shall be retained by the *authority having jurisdiction* and a copy shall be sent to

- (a) the *owner*, by regular mail, at the address given on the permit application,
- (b) the designer, *architect* or *professional engineer* by regular mail, at the address given on the permit application,
- (c) the constructor, by regular mail, or if the constructor is present during the inspection, may be given to the constructor.

### 2.4.2.4. Responding to Code Inquiries

(1) The *authority having jurisdiction* shall answer such relevant questions as may be reasonable with respect to the provisions of these regulations when requested to do so, but shall refrain from assisting in the laying out of any *work* and from acting in the capacity of a designer.

### 2.4.2.5. Authority having Jurisdiction to Issue Permits

(1) The *authority having jurisdiction* shall issue a *building* permit or an occupancy permit to the *owner* when, to the best of *authority having jurisdiction's* knowledge, the applicable conditions, as set forth in these regulations, have been met.

### 2.4.2.6. Safety Regulations

(1) The *authority having jurisdiction* shall, when inspecting building sites and structures, comply with the safety regulations made pursuant to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Department of Labour and Advanced Education, Province of Nova Scotia.

### 2.4.2.7. Duty to Inform Owner of Plans Review Requirement

(1) The *authority having jurisdiction* shall inform the *owner* that prior to the start of *construction*, an *owner* of a *building* or facility containing one of the following classes of *occupancies* must provide building plans for the *construction* or *alteration* of the *building* or facility to the Office of the Fire Marshal for review for a *building* or facility:

- (a) an *assembly occupancy* (Group A) that is one or more of the following:
  - (i) is more than 3 *storeys* high including the *storey* below *grade*,
  - (ii) has an area greater than 600 m<sup>2</sup>,



- (iii) is in a non-residential *building* that is used for a school, college or university and that has an *occupant load* of more than 40 persons,
- (b) a *care or detention occupancy* (Group B),
- (c) a *residential occupancy* (Group C) that is licensed or regulated under the *Homes for Special Care Act*, or
- (d) a *high-hazard industrial occupancy* (Group F, Division 1) that is more than 2 *storeys* high or has an area greater than 600 m<sup>2</sup>.

## 2.5. Powers of Authority having Jurisdiction

### 2.5.1. General

#### 2.5.1.1. Right to Enter Property

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may enter and inspect any *building* or premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of administering or enforcing these regulations in accordance with the provisions of Subsections 10(1), 10(2), and 10(3) of the *Building Code Act*.

#### 2.5.1.2. Orders

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* is empowered to order
- (a) a person who contravenes these regulations to comply with them within the time period that may be specified,
  - (b) *work* to stop on the *building* or any part thereof if such *work* is proceeding in contravention of these regulations, or if there is deemed to be an *unsafe condition*,
  - (c) the removal of any unauthorized encroachment on public property,
  - (d) the removal of any *building* or part thereof constructed in contravention of these regulations,
  - (e) the cessation of any *occupancy* in contravention of these regulations,
  - (f) the cessation of any *occupancy* if any *unsafe condition* exists because of *work* being undertaken or not completed,
  - (g) correction of any *unsafe condition*, and
  - (h) the *owner* to uncover and replace at their own expense
    - (i) *work* that has been ordered to be done pursuant to an order issued by the *authority having jurisdiction* and that has been covered without being inspected, and
    - (ii) *work* for which notification to inspect is required to be given pursuant to Article 2.1.1.11., and where uncovering the *work* is necessary to determine compliance with the *Code*.

#### 2.5.1.3. Tests Required to Prove Compliance

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may direct that tests of materials, equipment, devices, construction methods, structural assemblies or foundation conditions be made, or sufficient evidence or proof be submitted at the expense of the *owner*, where such evidence or proof is necessary to determine

whether the material, equipment, device, construction or foundation condition meets these regulations.

#### **2.5.1.4. Reports Regarding Failure or Potential Failure**

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may require the *owner* or the *owner's* representative, where any failure occurs that causes or has the potential to cause injury or loss of life, to submit a report stating the nature and details of the failure and the name and addresses of the constructor.

#### **2.5.1.5. Conditional Building or Occupancy Permit**

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may issue a *building* or occupancy permit conditional upon
  - (a) the submission of additional information not available at the time where such information is of such a nature that withholding of the permit until the information becomes available would be unreasonable,
  - (b) completion of such *work* that is incomplete at the time of inspection, where the application is of such a nature that no *unsafe condition* exists and that withholding of the permit would be unreasonable.

#### **2.5.1.6. Refuse to Issue Permit**

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may refuse to issue any permit
  - (a) whenever information submitted is inadequate to determine compliance with the provisions of these regulations,
  - (b) whenever incorrect information is found to have been submitted,
  - (c) that would authorize any *building work* or *occupancy* that would not be permitted by these regulations, or
  - (d) that would be prohibited by any other Act, regulation or bylaw.

#### **2.5.1.7. Revoke a Permit**

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may revoke a *permit* by written notice to the permit holder if
  - (a) there is contravention of any condition under which the permit was issued,
  - (b) the permit was issued in error, or
  - (c) the permit was issued on the basis of incorrect information.

#### **2.5.1.8. Occupancy Prior to Completion**

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* may issue an occupancy permit, subject to compliance with provisions to safeguard persons in or about the premises, to allow the occupancy of a *building* or part thereof for the accepted use, prior to commencement or completion of the *construction* or *demolition work*.

#### **2.5.1.9. Provide Reasons for Refusal**

- (1) The *authority having jurisdiction* shall provide the reasons for refusal to grant a permit, when requested to do so.

### Part 3: Amendments to National Codes

#### 3.1. Amendments Made to Division A, B and C of the National Building Code of Canada, the National Plumbing Code of Canada, and the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings.

##### 3.1.1. Amendments

**3.1.1.1. Sentence 1.1.1.1.(2) (Part 1, Division A) repealed and replaced.** Sentence 1.1.1.1.(2) (Part 1, Division A) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

##### 1.1.1.1. Application of this Code

(2) Except as provided by Clauses 1.2.1.2.(1)(i) and (j) of this regulation, the *Code* applies to both site-assembled, and factory-constructed buildings. (See Appendix A-1.2.1.2.(1)(i) and (j), NSBCR)

**3.1.1.2. Article 1.3.3.2. (Part 1, Division A) amended.** Article 1.3.3.2. (Part 1, Division A) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by adding immediately after Sentence 1.3.3.2.(1), the following Sentence:

##### 1.3.3.2. Application of Parts 3, 4, 5 and 6

(2) Except as provided in

(i) Sentence 1.1.1.1.(3) (Part 1, Division A), and

(ii) Sentences 9.10.1.3.(13) and (14), (NSBCR),

*all buildings* used for major *occupancies* classified as Group C, *residential occupancies* exceeding 300 m<sup>2</sup> in *building* area are within the scope of Article 3.2.2.18. (Part 3, Division B), and Articles 3.2.2.47. to 3.2.2.54. (Part 3, Division B) inclusive. (See 3.1.1.16., (NSBCR) and Appendix A-1.3.3.2.(2), (NSBCR))

**3.1.1.3. Sentence 1.4.1.2. (1) (Part 1, Division A) Defined Term of Owner in the National Building Code repealed and replaced.** The defined term of “owner” in Sentence 1.4.1.2.(1) (Part 1, Division A), of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced herein with the definition of “owner” in Sentence 1.3.1.3.(1) of these regulations.

**3.1.1.4. Article 1.3.1.2. (Part 1, Division B) repealed and replaced.** Article 1.3.1.2. (Part 1, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada*, except Table 1.3.1.2., is repealed and replaced with the following:

##### 1.3.1.2. Applicable Editions

(1) Except as provided under Sentence (2), where documents are referenced in this *Code*, they shall be the editions designated in Table 1.3.1.2. (Part 1, Division B) except those documents designated under the following Acts and regulations of the Province of Nova Scotia in which case the edition so referenced shall be deemed to be in force:

(a) *Technical Safety Act* and Sections 4 (boiler and pressure equipment standards) and 6 (fuel safety standards) of the Technical Safety Standards Regulations,

(b) *Elevators and Lifts Act* and Elevators and Lifts General Regulations, or as that Act and regulations are replaced by the Technical Safety Act and Technical Safety Standards Regulations,

(c) *Electrical Installation and Inspection Act* and Electrical Code Regulations, or as that Act and regulations are replaced by the Technical Safety Act and Technical Safety Standards Regulations. (See Appendix A-3.1.1.4., NSBCR)

(2) Where amendments to documents adopted by this *Code* apply, these amendments shall apply to the particular provisions of those documents adopted by the above Acts and regulations unless amended by this regulation.

**3.1.1.5. Table 1.3.1.2. (Part 1, Division B) amended.** Table 1.3.1.2. (Part 1, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by adding to Table 1.3.1.2. under ULC as the issuing agency, the following:

Issuing Agency	Document Number	Title of Document	Code Reference
ULC	CAN/ULC-S 545-02	Standard for Residential Fire Warning System Control Units	9.10.19.4.(2)
ULC	CAN/ULC-S 319-05	Electronic Access Control Systems	3.4.6.16.(4)(i)

**3.1.1.6. Subsection 3.1.5. (Part 3, Division B) amended.** Subsection 3.1.5. (Part 3, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by adding immediately after Article 3.1.5.24., the following Article:

**3.1.5.25. Combustible Solar Collector Systems**

(1) A combustible solar collector system is permitted to be installed above the roof of a *building* required to be of *noncombustible construction*.

**3.1.1.7. Subsection 3.2.2. (Part 3, Division B) amended.** Subsection 3.2.2. (Part 3, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by adding immediately after Article 3.2.2.90., the following Article:

**Article 3.2.2.91. Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings**

(1) The Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings contained in Schedule “D” of these regulations are hereby adopted and may be used in accordance with Sentences 1.2.1.1.(8), (9), and (10) of these regulations.

**3.1.1.8. Sentence 3.3.1.13.(3) (Part 3, Division B) repealed and replaced.** Sentence 3.3.1.13.(3) (Part 3, Division B) *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**3.3.1.13. Doors and Door Hardware**

(3) Except as permitted by Sentence (4) or Clause 3.4.6.16.(4)(f), door release hardware shall be operable by one hand and the door shall be openable with not more than one releasing operation. (See also Sentence 3.8.3.6.(4), NSBCR)

**3.1.1.9. Sentence 3.4.6.16.(4) (Part 3, Division B) repealed and replaced.** Sentence 3.4.6.16.(4) (Part 3, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**3.4.6.16. Door Release Hardware**

- (4) Electromagnetic locks that do not incorporate latches, pins or other similar devices to keep the door in the closed position are permitted to be installed on *exit* doors, other than doors leading directly from a *high-hazard industrial occupancy*, provided all of the following are met:
- (a) the *building* is equipped with a fire alarm system,
  - (b) the locking device, release upon actuation of the *alarm signal* from the *building's* fire alarm system,
  - (c) the locking device releases immediately upon loss of power controlling the electromagnetic locking mechanism and its associated auxiliary controls,
  - (d) except for electromagnetic locking devices installed in conformance with Sentence (5), the locking device releases immediately upon actuation of a manually operated switch readily accessible only to authorized personnel,
  - (e) except as allowed by Clauses (f) and (m), a force of not more than 90 N applied to the door opening hardware initiates an irreversible process that will release the locking device within 15 s and not re-lock until the door has been opened,
  - (f) in a Group B, Division 2 or Group B, Division 3 *occupancy* located in a *building*, or part thereof, licensed by the Province of Nova Scotia, the locking device on *exit* doors or doors in a *means of egress*, is permitted to be released by
    - (i) a force of not more than 90 N applied to the door opening hardware that initiates an irreversible process that will release the locking device within 15 s, and not relock until the door has been opened, or
    - (ii) activating a blue manual pull station, installed in close proximity to the door, and not relock until the door has been opened. (See Appendix A-3.4.6.16.(4)(f), NSBCR)
  - (g) upon release, the locking device must be reset manually by the actuation of the switch referred to in Clause (d),
  - (h) a legible sign is permanently mounted
    - (i) for a locking device release in Clause (e) or Subclause (f)(i), on the *exit* door to indicate that the locking device will release within 15 s of applying pressure to the door-opening hardware,
    - (ii) for a locking device release in Subclause (f)(ii), on the *exit* door or door in a means of egress to indicate that the locking device will release by actuating the blue manual pull station,
  - (i) devices installed under Subclause (f)(ii) shall conform with CAN/ULC-S319 "Electronic Access Control Systems",
  - (j) the total time delay for all electromagnetic locks in any path of egress to release is not more than 15 s,

- (k) where a bypass switch is installed to allow testing of the fire alarm system, actuation of the switch
  - (i) can prevent the release of the locking device by the fire alarm system, as stated in Clause (b), during the test, and
  - (ii) causes an audible and visual signal to be indicated at the fire alarm annunciator panel required by Article 3.2.4.9. and at the monitoring station specified in Sentence 3.2.4.8.(4),
- (l) emergency lighting is provided at each door, and
- (m) where they are installed on doors providing emergency crossover access to *floor areas* from *exit* stairs in accordance with Article 3.4.6.18.,
  - (i) the locking device releases immediately upon the operation of a manual station for the fire alarm system located on the wall on the *exit* stair side not more than 600 mm from the door, and
  - (ii) a legible sign with the words “re-entry door unlocked by fire alarm” in letters at least 25 mm high with a stroke of at least 5 mm is permanently mounted on the door on the *exit* stair side. (See Note A-3.4.6.16.(4), NBC)

**3.1.1.10. Section 3.8. (Part 3, Division B) repealed and replaced.** Section 3.8. (Part 3, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the Section 3.8. “Accessibility” in Schedule “C” attached to and part of these regulations.

**3.1.1.11. Table 3.10.1.1. (Part 3, Division B) is amended.** Table 3.10.1.1 (Part 3, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by adding immediately after the functional statements and objectives for Article 3.8.3.21. , the following functional statements and objectives:

<b>Functional Statements and Objectives</b>	
<b>3.8.3.22. Sleeping Units in Roofed Accommodations</b>	
(1)	[F 74-OA2]
(2)	[F 74-OA2]
(3)	[F 74-OA2]
<b>3.8.3.23. Suites of Residential Occupancies Required to be Barrier-Free</b>	
(1)	[F 73-OA1][F 74-OA2]
(2)	[F 73-OA1][F 74-OA2]
(3)	[F 73-OA1][F 74-OA2]
(4)	[F 73-OA1][F 74-OA2]

[The text in brackets in the right-hand column of Table 3.10.1.1. (Part 3, Division B) is part of the regulations and does not indicate editorial corrections made by the Office of the Registrar of Regulations.]

**3.1.1.12. Article 9.1.1.1. (Part 9, Division B) amended.** Article 9.1.1.1. (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by adding immediately after Sentence 9.1.1.1.(1), the following Sentence:

**9.1.1.1. Application**

(2) The Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings contained in Schedule “D” attached to and part of these regulations are adopted and may be used in accordance with Sentences 1.2.1.1.(8), (9), and (10) of these regulations.

**3.1.1.13. Sentence 9.5.2.1.(1) (Part 9, Division B) repealed and replaced.** Sentence 9.5.2.1.(1) (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following Sentence:

**9.5.2.1. General**

(1) Subject to Articles 3.8.2.1. and 9.5.2.4. of this regulation, every *building* shall be designed in conformance with Section 3.8 of the regulations.

**3.1.1.14. Article 9.5.2.3. (Part 9, Division B) repealed.** Article 9.5.2.3. (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed.

**3.1.1.15. Article 9.10.1.3. (Part 9, Division B) amended.** Article 9.10.1.3. (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by adding immediately after Sentence 9.10.1.3.(11), the following Sentences:

**9.10.1.3. Items under Part 3 Jurisdiction**

(12) Except as provided in Sentence 1.1.1.1.(3) (Part 1, Division A), and as provided in Sentences 9.10.1.3.(13) and (14), Articles 3.2.2.18. and 3.2.2.47 to 3.2.2.54, inclusive (Part 3, Division B) apply to all *buildings* used for major occupancies classified as Group C, *residential occupancies* exceeding 300 m<sup>2</sup> in *building* area or greater than 3 storeys in *building* height, shall conform to Part 3 of Division B. [*sic*] (Appendix A-1.3.3.2.(2), NSBCR)

(13) Single detached dwelling units are exempt from Part 3 of Division B.

(14) A residential *building* containing two dwelling units, with a *building* area of less than 600 m<sup>2</sup> or not more than 3 storeys is exempt from Part 3 of Division B.

**3.1.1.16. Article 9.10.19.4. (Part 9, Division B) Power Supply repealed and replaced.** Article 9.10.19.4. (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**9.10.19.4. Power Supply**

(1) Except as provided in Sentences (2), (3) and (4), *smoke alarms* described in Article 9.10.19.1. shall:

(a) be installed with permanent connections to an electrical circuit (see Note A-3.2.4.20.(7)(a), NBC),

(b) have no disconnect switch between the overcurrent device and the *smoke alarm*, and

(c) in case the regular power supply to the *smoke alarm* is interrupted, be provided with a battery as an alternative power source that can continue to provide power

to the smoke alarm for a period of no less than 7 days in the normal condition, followed by 4 minutes of alarm.

- (2) In a single dwelling unit, smoke alarms may be installed
  - (a) as a component of a household fire warning system which includes a certified control unit that meets the applicable requirements of ULC-S545 “Standard for Residential Fire Warning System Control Units”, and
  - (b) in case the regular power supply to the control unit is interrupted, be provided with a battery as an alternative power source that can continue to provide power to the control unit for a period of no less than 7 days in the normal condition, followed by 4 minutes of alarm.
- (3) Where the building is not supplied with electric power, smoke alarms are permitted to be battery-operated.
- (4) *Suites of residential occupancy* are permitted to be equipped with *smoke detectors* in lieu of *smoke alarms*, provided the *smoke detectors* meet all of the following:
  - (a) are capable of independently sounding audible signals within the individual *suites*,
  - (b) except as permitted in Sentence (5), are installed in conformance with CAN/ULC-S524, “Installation of Fire Alarm Systems,” and
  - (c) form part of the fire alarm system.

(See Note A-3.2.4.20(8), NBC)
- (5) *Smoke detectors* permitted to be installed in lieu of *smoke alarms* as stated in Sentence (4) are permitted to sound localized alarms within individual *suites*, and need not sound an alarm throughout the rest of the *building*.

**3.1.1.17. Article 9.25.3.2. (Part 9, Division B) repealed and replaced.** Article 9.25.3.2. (Part 9 Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**9.25.3.2. Air Barrier System Properties**

- (1) Sheet and panel type materials intended to provide the principal resistance to air leakage shall have an air leakage characteristic of not greater than 0.02 L/(s.m<sup>2</sup>) measured at a differential of 75 Pa.
- (2) Where polyethylene sheet is used to provide airtightness in the air barrier system, it shall conform to CAN/CGSB-51.34-M, “Vapour Barrier, Polyethylene Sheet for Use in Building Construction.” (See Note A-9.25.5.1(1), NBC)

**3.1.1.18. Sentence 9.27.2.2.(5) (Part 9, Division B) amended.** Sentence 9.27.2.2.(5) (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by striking out the words, symbols and references after the word “break” and replacing them with “.”.

**3.1.1.19. Clause 9.32.3.3.(1)(b) (Part 9, Division B) amended.** Clause 9.32.3.3.(1)(b) (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by striking out “except as permitted



by Article 9.32.3.6.,”.

**3.1.1.20. Article 9.32.3.6. (Part 9, Division B, Volume 1) and Note A-9.32.3.6. (Notes to Part 9, Division B) deleted.** Article 9.32.3.6. (Part 9, Division B) and Note A-9.32.3.6. (Notes to Part 9) of the *National Building Code of Canada* are deleted.

**3.1.1.21. Sentence 9.36.1.3.(1) (Part 9, Division B) repealed and replaced.** Sentence 9.36.1.3.(1) (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**9.36.1.3. Compliance and Application**

(1) Except as provided in Sentences (2) to (6), buildings shall comply with

- (a) the prescriptive or trade-off requirements for climatic Zone 6 stated in Subsections 9.36.2. to 9.36.4.,
- (b) the performance requirements in Subsection 9.36.5. based on the climatic data for where the *building* is located, or
- (c) the NECB. (See Appendix A-9.36.1.3.(1), NSBCR)

**3.1.1.22. Article 9.36.1.3. (Part 9, Division B) amended.** Article 9.36.1.3. (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by adding immediately after Sentence 9.36.1.3.(5), the following Sentence:

**9.36.1.3.**

(6) Section 9.36. does not apply to

- (a) farm *buildings*,
- (b) *buildings* intended primarily for manufacturing or commercial or industrial processing,
- (c) non-heating season, or intermittently occupied *buildings*, or (See Note A-9.1.1.1.(1), NBC)
- (d) *heritage buildings*.

**3.1.1.23. Sentence 9.36.2.5.(6) (Part 9, Division B) repealed and replaced.** Sentence 9.36.2.5.(6) (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**9.36.2.5. Continuity of Insulation**

(6) Except as provided in Sentence (10), where mechanical, plumbing or electrical system components, such as pipes, ducts, cabinets, chases, panels or recessed heaters, are placed within and parallel to the wall assembly required to be insulated, the effective thermal resistance of that wall at the projected area of the system component shall be not less than that required by Tables 9.36.2.6.-A, 9.36.2.6.-B, 9.36.2.8.-A or 9.36.2.8.-B (See Note A-9.36.2.5.(6), NBC)

**3.1.1.24. Article 9.36.2.5. (Part 9, Division B) amended.** Article 9.36.2.5. (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by adding immediately after Sentence (9), the following Sentence:

**9.36.2.5.**

(10) Effective thermal resistance at the projected area of vent pipes need not comply with Tables 9.36.2.6.-A or 9.36.2.6.-B provided

- (a) the vent pipe serves a kitchen sink and has a maximum size of 1 ½ inches, and
- (b) the insulation is continuous around the pipe.

**3.1.1.25. Sentence 9.36.2.7.(1) (Part 9, Division B) repealed and replaced.** Sentence 9.36.2.7.(1) (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada*, except Table 9.36.2.7.-A, is repealed and replaced by:

**9.36.2.7. Thermal Characteristics of Fenestration, Doors and Skylights**

(1) Except as provided in Sentences (2) to (9) and Article 9.36.2.11., fenestration and doors shall have an overall thermal transmittance (U-value) not greater than, or an Energy Rating not less than the values listed in Table 9.36.2.7-A. for the applicable heating degree day category. (see Note A-9.36.2.7.(1) and (2), NBC)

**3.1.1.26. Article 9.36.2.7. (Part 9, Division B) amended.** Article 9.36.2.7. (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is further amended by adding immediately after Sentence 9.36.2.7.(8) the following Sentence:

**9.36.2.7.**

(9) Thermal characteristic of fenestrations and doors protected by storm windows or storm doors need not comply with efficiencies specified in Table 9.36.2.7-A. or Table 9.36.2.7-C.

**3.1.1.27. Table 9.37.1.1. (Part 9, Division B) is amended.** Table 9.37.1.1. (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by repealing and replacing the functional statements and objectives for Article 9.10.19.4. with the following functional statements and objectives:

<b>Functional Statements and Objectives</b>	
<b>9.10.19.4 Power Supply</b>	
(1)	[F11, F81-OS1.5]
(2)	[F11, F81-OS1.5]

[The text in brackets in the right-hand column of Table 9.37.1.1. (Part 9, Division B) is part of the regulations and does not indicate editorial corrections made by the Office of the Registrar of Regulations.]

**3.1.1.28. Table 9.37.1.1. (Part 9, Division B) is amended.** Table 9.27.1.1. of (Part 9, Division B) of the *National Building Code of Canada* is amended by deleting the functional statements and objectives for Article 9.32.3.6.

**3.1.1.29. Article 2.4.9.1. (Part 2, Division B) National Plumbing Code repealed and replaced.** Article 2.4.9.1. (Part 2, Division B) of the *National Plumbing Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**2.4.9.1. No Reduction in Size**

(1) Except as permitted in Sentence (3), no drainage pipe that is of minimum *size* required by this Part for the purpose for which it is installed shall be so connected as to drain to other drainage pipe of lesser *size*.

- (2) Where a *building drain* connects to a stack through a wall or floor, the drain shall retain its full size through the wall or floor.
- (3) A sanitary drainage pipe may be connected to a pre-engineered waste water heat recovery system that incorporates piping of a lesser *size* than required by Sentence (1) if the drainage pipe does not convey *sewage*
  - (a) from a sanitary unit, or
  - (b) that contains solids.

**3.1.1.30. Sentence 2.6.1.6.(4) (Part 2, Division B) National Plumbing Code repealed and replaced.**  
Sentence 2.6.1.6.(4) (Part 2, Division B) of the *National Plumbing Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**2.6.1.6 Flushing Devices**

- (4) Sentence (3) does not apply to a *fixture* located in a *heritage building, care or detention occupancy* or passenger station.

**3.1.1.31. Article 2.6.1.8. (Part 2, Division B) National Plumbing Code repealed and replaced.**  
Article 2.6.1.8. (Part 2, Division B) of the *National Plumbing Code of Canada* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**2.6.1.8. Solar Domestic Hot Water Systems**

- (1) Except as provided in Sentence (2), a system for solar heating of *potable* water shall be installed in accordance with good engineering practice.
- (2) Systems for solar heating of *potable* water in residential occupancies shall be installed in conformance with CAN/CSA-F383, "Installation Code for Solar Domestic Hot Water Systems".

**3.1.1.32. Sentence 1.1.2.1. (1) (Part 1, Division B) National Energy Code repealed and replaced.**  
Sentence 1.1.2.1. (1) (Part 1, Division B) *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings* is repealed and replaced with the following:

**1.1.2.1. Prescriptive, Trade-off or Performance Compliance**

- (1) *Buildings* shall comply with one of the following:
  - (a) the prescriptive or trade-off requirements for climatic Zone 6 stated in Parts 3 to 7, or
  - (b) the performance requirements stated in Part 8.

**3.1.1.33. Notes**

The Notes to adopted editions of the *National Building Code of Canada*, the *National Plumbing Code of Canada*, and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings* apply as notes to the *Code* and the amendments made by these regulations unless specifically replaced or amended herein.

**Schedule "A"**  
**Letter of Undertaking**  
**Confirmation of Commitment by Owner**  
**to the Municipal Authority Having Jurisdiction**  
**Field Review of Construction**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the *construction or demolition of a building*;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction or demolition of buildings*;

And Whereas *architects, interior designers, and professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

**To:**


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 Authority Having Jurisdiction

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 Authority Having Jurisdiction
**Re:**


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 Address of Project

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 Name of Project

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 Legal Description of Project

I (the owner) submit this Letter of Undertaking to the *authority having jurisdiction* along with a completed application for a *building* permit.

The undersigned has appointed an *architect(s), professional engineer(s), interior designer(s), or designer(s), or prime consultant(s)* to undertake, as required in Articles 2.1.1.5. and 2.1.1.6. of the regulations, the *Field Review of Construction* and I have attached to this Letter of Undertaking

(check appropriate boxes)

- Field Review of Construction Commitment Certificates completed by me or the prime consultant appointed by me to coordinate the *Field Review of Construction*.
- Field Review of Construction Commitment Certificates (identified below) completed by individual designers appointed by me to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the applicable discipline(s).
- shall forward Field Review of Construction Commitment Certificates for those not yet appointed.

(Initial the disciplines that apply to this project. All disciplines will not necessarily be employed on every project)

- Building Design                       Interior Design                       Structural                       Plumbing
- Mechanical                       Electrical                       Geotechnical                       Fire Suppression System
- Resource Conservation- Energy

I shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction* if the *architect, interior designer, or professional engineer*, named in the attached "Review of Construction Commitment Certificate(s)" ceases, for whatever reason, to provide the *Field Review of Construction* for this *building* and shall appoint another *architect, interior designer, or professional engineer* immediately so that the *Field Review of Construction* will continue uninterrupted.

This notice and the necessary Field Review of Construction Commitment Certificates shall be forwarded to the *authority having jurisdiction* as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the change in an individual responsible occurs, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

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Signature of Owner Date

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**Schedule "A-1"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Commitment Certificate**  
**Prime Consultant**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the *construction or demolition of a building*;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction or demolition of buildings*;

And Whereas *architects, interior designers, and professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the Nova Scotia *Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the Nova Scotia *Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

**To:**


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 Authority Having Jurisdiction

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**Re:**


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This is to advise that I am the *architect, interior designer, professional engineer* or designer appointing by the *owner* as prime consultant to coordinate the *Field Review of Construction* for the above-referenced project.

I hereby certify as prime consultant for this project that I will coordinate the *Field Review of Construction* for the following disciplines which I have checked and initialed.

(Initial the disciplines that apply to this project. All disciplines will not necessarily be employed on every project)

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Design               | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural   | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical      | <input type="checkbox"/> Geotechnical | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Suppression System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Conservation- Energy |  |                                       |  |

I attach for your review the Field Review of Construction Commitment Certificates for each above marked and initialed discipline completed by an appropriate professional for each discipline, or shall forward the Field Review of Construction Commitment Certificate for those not yet appointed.

I, and professionals who have completed the various Field Review of Construction Commitment Certificates, will perform the *Field Review of Construction*.

I also certify that

- 1) I will coordinate the review of shop drawings;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the design documents; and
- 3) I will complete or have completed by the appropriate professional the Certification of Field Review of Construction and return it to the *authority having jurisdiction* prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the coordination of the *Field Review of Construction* to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Engineering Profession Act*, the *Interior Designers Act*, or the *Architects Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction*, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

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**If a design professional**  
affix below the seal of the licensed  
*Architect, Interior Designer, or*  
*Professional Engineer* or in  
accordance with provincial  
legislation

**If not a design professional** this  
document must be signed by the  
person appointed as the Prime  
Consultant.

**Schedule "A-2"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Commitment Certificate**  
**Building Design Requirements**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the construction or demolition of a building;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction or demolition of buildings*;

And Whereas *architects*, and *professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

**To:**

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Authority Having Jurisdiction

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 Legal Description of Project

This is to advise that I am the *architect*, or *professional engineer* appointed by the *owner* or prime consultant to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the *Building DESIGN* aspects of the project, which are within Parts 3 and 5 of the *Building Code* and Part 3 of the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, and as shown in design documents submitted to the *authority having jurisdiction* but do not include areas of *work* referred to in certificates A-3 to A-10 inclusive.

I hereby certify for the Building Design Requirements that

- 1) I will review the shop drawings relevant to this certificate to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed therein;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the design documents relevant to this certificate to ensure that the changes conform to the Code; and
- 3) I will complete the Certification of Field Review of Construction and return it to the authority having jurisdiction prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the coordination of the *Field Review of Construction* to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Architects Act* or *Engineering Profession Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction*, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

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Affix below the seal of the  
*Architect* or licensed *Professional  
 Engineer* in accordance with  
 provincial legislation.



**Schedule "A-3"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Commitment Certificate**  
**Structural Design Requirements**

**Preamble**

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And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction or demolition of buildings*;

And Whereas *architects*, and *professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

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This is to advise that I am the *professional engineer* appointed by the *owner* or prime consultant to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the STRUCTURAL DESIGN requirements.

I hereby certify for the Structural Design Requirements that

- 1) I will review the structural shop drawings to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed therein;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the structural design drawings to determine that the changes conform to the *Code*; and

- 3) I will complete the Certification of Field Review of Construction and return it to the *authority having jurisdiction* prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the Field Review of Construction to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Engineering Profession Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the authority having jurisdiction, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for Field Review of Construction is terminated at any time during construction.

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**Schedule "A-4"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Inspection Commitment Certificate**  
**Mechanical Design Requirements**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the *construction or demolition of a building*;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction or demolition of buildings*;

And Whereas *architects* and *professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

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This is to advise that I am the *professional engineer* appointed by the *owner* or prime consultant to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the MECHANICAL DESIGN aspects of this project, which are within Part 6 of the *Building Code* and Parts 5 and 6 of the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*.

I hereby certify for the Mechanical Design Requirements that

- 1) I will review the mechanical shop drawings to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed therein;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the mechanical design documents to ensure that the applicable *professional engineer(s)* determines whether the changes conform to the *Code*; and
- 3) I will complete the Certification of Field Review of Construction and return it to the *authority having jurisdiction* prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the *Field Review of Construction* to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Engineering Profession Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the authority having jurisdiction, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

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**Schedule "A-5"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Inspection Commitment Certificate**  
**Electrical Design Requirements**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the *construction or demolition of a building*;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction or demolition of buildings*;

And Whereas *architects* and *professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

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This is to advise that I am the *professional engineer* appointed by the *owner* or prime consultant to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the ELECTRICAL DESIGN aspects of this project, which are within Part 1 of the Canadian Electrical Code and Parts 4 and 7 of the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*.

I hereby certify for the Electrical Design Requirements that

- 1) I will review the electrical shop drawings to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed therein;

- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the electrical design documents to ensure that the applicable *professional engineer(s)* determines whether the changes conform to the *Code*; and
- 3) I will complete the Certification of Field Review of Construction and return it to the *authority having jurisdiction* prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the *Field Review of Construction* to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Engineering Profession Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction*, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

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**Schedule "A-6"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Inspection Commitment Certificate**  
**Fire Suppression Systems Design Requirements**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the *construction or demolition of a building*;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction or demolition of buildings*;

And Whereas *architects* and *professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

**To:**\_\_\_\_\_  
Authority Having Jurisdiction\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Dear

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Authority Having Jurisdiction**Re:**\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Project\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Project\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Description of Project

This is to advise that I am the *professional engineer* appointed by the *owner* or prime consultant to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS DESIGN requirements.

I hereby certify for the Fire Suppression Systems Design Requirements that

- 1) I will review the fire suppression systems shop drawings to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed therein;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the fire suppression systems design documents to ensure that the applicable *professional engineer(s)* determines whether the changes conform to the *Code*;
- 3) I will complete the Certification of Field Review of Construction and return it to the *authority having jurisdiction* prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit;
- 4) I will file a copy of this form, a copy of the shop drawings, and specifications for the fire suppression system, and a copy of the appropriate contractor's material and test certificate for the system, as required by Sentence 3.2.5.12.(1) of the *Code*, with the *authority having jurisdiction* prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the *Field Review of Construction* to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Engineering Profession Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction*, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

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**Schedule "A-7"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Inspection Commitment Certificate**  
**Geotechnical Design Requirements**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the *construction or demolition of a building*;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction or demolition of buildings*;

And Whereas *architects* and *professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

**To:**

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 Authority Having Jurisdiction

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Dear

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 Authority Having Jurisdiction

**Re:**

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 Legal Description of Project
 

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This is to advise that I am the *professional engineer* appointed by the *owner* or prime consultant to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the GEOTECHNICAL (PERMANENT) DESIGN requirements.

I hereby certify for the Geotechnical (Permanent) Systems Design Requirements that

- 1) I will review the Geotechnical shop drawings to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed therein;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the Geotechnical design documents to ensure that the applicable *professional engineer(s)* determines whether the changes conform to the *Code*; and
- 3) I will complete the Certification of Field Review of Construction and return it to the *authority having jurisdiction* prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the *Field Review of Construction* to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Engineering Profession Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction*, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

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**Schedule "A-8"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Inspection Commitment Certificate**  
**Plumbing Design Requirements**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the *construction or demolition of a building*;



And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction* or *demolition* of *buildings*;

And Whereas *architects* and *professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

**To:**


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 Authority Having Jurisdiction

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 Date

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 Authority Having Jurisdiction
**Re:**


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 Address of Project

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 Name of Project

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 Legal Description of Project

This is to advise that I am the *professional engineer* appointed by the *owner* or prime consultant to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the PLUMBING DESIGN requirements.

I hereby certify for the Plumbing Design Requirements that

- 1) I will review the plumbing shop drawings to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed therein;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the plumbing design documents to ensure that the applicable *professional engineer(s)* determines whether the changes conform to the *Code*; and
- 3) I will complete the Certification of *Field Review of Construction* and return it to the *authority having jurisdiction* prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the *Field Review of Construction* to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Engineering Profession Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction*, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

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Affix below the seal of the licensed *Professional Engineer* in accordance with provincial legislation.

**Schedule "A-9"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Inspection Commitment Certificate**  
**Interior Design Requirements**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the construction or demolition of a *building*;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with the *Nova Scotia Building Code* in the *construction* or *demolition* of *buildings*;

And Whereas *architects*, *interior designers*, and *professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

**To:**

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Authority Having Jurisdiction

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Date

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Dear

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Authority Having Jurisdiction

**Re:**\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Project\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Project\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Description of Project

This is to advise that I am the *interior designer* appointed by the *owner* or prime consultant to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the INTERIOR DESIGN requirements.

I hereby certify for the interior design requirements that

- 1) I will review the shop drawings relevant to this certificate to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed therein;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the design documents relevant to this certificate to ensure that the changes conform to the *Code*; and
- 3) I will complete the Certification of Field Review of Construction and return it to the authority having jurisdiction prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the Field Review of Construction to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Interior Designers Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction*, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

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Print Name of Firm or Company\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Address\_\_\_\_\_  
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Affix below the seal of the Registered *Interior Designer* in accordance with provincial legislation, where applicable.

**Schedule "A-10"**  
**Field Review of Construction**  
**Inspection Commitment Certificate**  
**Resource Conservation Measures–Energy**

**Preamble**

Whereas the *Building Code Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" applies to the construction or demolition of a building;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs has by regulation adopted the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*, with amendments, as the *Nova Scotia Building Code*, requiring compliance with it as adopted for the *construction* or *demolition* of *buildings*;

And Whereas *architects*, *interior designers*, and *professional engineers* are required by their respective statutes, regulations, and bylaws, to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of *buildings*;

And Whereas Part 2 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* requires professionals to design *buildings* in conformance with the minimum standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code* with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met;

And Whereas Part 2 of the regulations made pursuant to the Act, requires that these *buildings* be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of *construction* to determine general compliance with the design drawings accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* and all revisions thereto;

To:

Authority Having Jurisdiction

Date

Address

Dear

Authority Having Jurisdiction

Re:

Address of Project

Name of Project

Legal Description of Project

This is to advise that I am the *architect* or the *professional engineer* appointed by the *owner* or prime consultant to perform the *Field Review of Construction* for the Resource Conservation Measures–Energy requirements for the following disciplines, which I have checked and initialled

Building Design     Plumbing     Mechanical     Electrical

I hereby certify for the Resource Conservation Measures Requirements–Energy that

- 1) I will comply with the requirements of Division C of the *National Building Code of Canada* and the *National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings*;
- 2) I will review the energy shop drawings to determine general compliance with the design documents; however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed therein;
- 3) I will coordinate the review of changes to the energy design documents to ensure that the changes conform to the Code;
- 4) Where the size and complexity of the design has been identified, I will coordinate additional areas of review as deemed appropriate in consultation with the *authority having jurisdiction* and;

5) I will complete the Certification of Field Review of Construction and return it to the authority having jurisdiction prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the *Field Review of Construction* to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. The functions will however be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Engineering Profession Act* or the *Nova Scotia Architects Act*.

The undersigned shall notify the *authority having jurisdiction*, in writing as soon as practical, but not later than 72 hours after the event, if the contract for *Field Review of Construction* is terminated at any time during *construction*.

Sign and affix below the seal of the *Architect* or licensed *Professional Engineer* in accordance with provincial legislation.

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Affix below the seal of the licensed *Professional Engineer* or *Architect* in accordance with provincial legislation, where applicable.

**Schedule "A-11"**  
**Certification of Field Review of Construction**

NOTE: This letter must be signed by a licensed *Architect, Interior Designer, or Professional Engineer* as appropriate in accordance with provincial legislation and must be submitted after completion of the project but before the occupancy permit is issued. A separate letter must be submitted by each *architect, interior designer, or professional engineer* hired by the *owner* or prime consultant.

**To:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Authority Having Jurisdiction

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Authority Having Jurisdiction

**Re:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Project

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Name of Project

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Legal Description of Project

I hereby certify that I have fulfilled my obligations for *Field Review of Construction* as defined in the Letter of Undertaking and the Commitment Certificate, and advise that I have reviewed the *work* at intervals appropriate, to determine general compliance with the design and all revisions thereto as accepted by the *authority having jurisdiction* for the following disciplines, which I have checked and initialled.

(Initial the disciplines that apply to this project. All disciplines will not necessarily be employed on every project).

- Building Design       Interior Design       Structural       Plumbing  
 Mechanical       Electrical       Geotechnical       Fire Suppression System  
 Resource Conservation- Energy

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Print Name

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Affix below the seal of the licensed *Architect, Interior Designer, or Professional Engineer* in accordance with provincial legislation, where applicable.

### Schedule "B" Design Data for Selected Locations in Nova Scotia

It is not practical to list design values for all municipalities in Nova Scotia, in Appendix C of the *National Building Code of Canada*, Table C-2 Design Data for Selected Locations in Canada.

Design values for locations not listed can be obtained by writing to the Atmospheric Environment Service, Environment Canada, 4905 Dufferin Street, Downsview, Ontario M3H 5T4 or by contacting (416) 739-4365.

Seismic values for those not listed may be obtained through the Natural Resources Canada website at [www.earthquakescanada.ca](http://www.earthquakescanada.ca), or by writing to the Geological Survey of Canada, 7 Observatory Crescent Ottawa, ON, K1A 0Y3.

### Schedule "C" Accessibility

As amended by Article 3.1.1.10. of these regulations, Section 3.8. Accessibility of the National Building Code is replaced with the following:

#### 3.8 Accessibility

##### 3.8.1. Scope (See Appendix A-3.8.1., NSBCR)

###### 3.8.1.1. Scope

- (1) This Section is concerned with the *barrier-free* design of *buildings*.
- (2) *Buildings* required to be *barrier-free* in accordance with Subsection 3.8.2. shall be designed in accordance with Subsection 3.8.3.

### 3.8.2. Application

#### 3.8.2.1. Application and Exceptions

- (1) The requirements of this Section apply to all *buildings*, except
  - (a) houses on their own lot, other than those houses used as *roofed accommodation* for not more than 10 persons including the *owner* and the *owner's* family and that meet the requirements of Sentence (5),
  - (b) semi-detached, houses with *secondary suites*, duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, row houses, boarding houses, and rooming houses,
  - (c) *buildings* of Group F, Division 1 *major occupancy*,
  - (d) *buildings* that are not intended to be occupied on a daily or full time basis, including automatic telephone exchanges, pumphouses, and substations,
  - (e) *industrial occupancies* with an operation that is not adaptable to *barrier-free* design, and
  - (f) fire, rescue, and emergency response facilities intended to house vehicles and their crews. (See Appendix A-3.8.2.1.(1)(f), NSBCR)
- (2) In *camping accommodation* where sleeping accommodations are provided, and in *roofed accommodation* one sleeping unit conforming to Article 3.8.3.22. shall be provided for every 20 sleeping units or part thereof.
- (3) In *roofed accommodation*, when a fire alarm system is required by Subsection 3.2.4. (Part 3, Division B) or Subsection 9.10.18. (Part 9, Division B) NBC, at least one sleeping unit for every 20 sleeping units or part thereof, other than those required in Sentence 3.8.2.1.(2), shall be provided with a warning system that shall conform to Article 3.2.4.19. Visual Signals (Part 3, Division B).
- (4) Every *floor area* to which a *barrier-free* path of travel is required to provide access, shall conform to Article 3.3.1.7. (Part 3, Division B), Protection on Floor Areas with a Barrier-Free Path of Travel.
- (5) Where an *alteration* on the entrance level is made to a *dwelling unit* used as *roofed accommodation* to add sleeping accommodation, all of the following shall be provided:
  - (a) one sleeping unit conforming to Article 3.8.3.22.,
  - (b) a *barrier-free* entrance designed in accordance with Subsection 3.8.3. ,
  - (c) a *barrier-free* path of travel conforming to Article 3.8.3.2., and
  - (d) one parking stall for each required sleeping unit under this Sentence conforming with Sentence 3.8.3.4.(2).
- (6) Except as exempt by Clause 3.8.2.1.(1)(a), in *care* or *residential occupancies* of multiple *suites*, one unit conforming to Article 3.8.3.23. shall be provided for every 20 units or part thereof.

(See Appendix A-3.8.2.1.(6) NSBCR)

#### 3.8.2.2. Entrances (See Note A-3.8.2.2., NBC)

- (1) In addition to the *barrier-free* entrances required by Sentence (2), not less than 50% of the

pedestrian entrances of a *building* referred to in Sentence 3.8.2.1.(1) shall be *barrier-free* and shall lead from

- (a) the outdoors at sidewalk level, or
  - (b) a ramp that conforms with Subsection 3.8.3. and leads from a sidewalk.
- (2) A *suite* of *assembly occupancy, business and personal services occupancy* or *mercantile occupancy* that is located in the first *storey* of a *building*, or in a *storey* to which a *barrier-free path of travel* is provided, and that is completely separated from the remainder of the *building* so that there is no access to the remainder of the *building*, shall have at least one *barrier-free* entrance.
- (3) A *barrier-free* entrance required by Sentence (1) or (2) shall be designed in accordance with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (4) At a *barrier-free* entrance that includes more than one doorway, only one of the doorways is required to be designed in accordance with the requirements of Subsection 3.8.3.
- (5) If a walkway or pedestrian bridge connects two *barrier-free storeys* in different *buildings*, the path of travel from one *storey* to the other *storey* by means of a walkway or bridge shall be *barrier-free*.
- (6) Where a principal entrance to a *building* of *residential occupancy* is equipped with a security door system,
- (a) both visual and audible signals shall be used to indicate when the door lock is released, and
  - (b) where there are more than 20 *suites* a closed-circuit visual monitoring system shall be provided capable of connection to individual *suites*.
- (7) Where a house is required to conform to the requirements of Sentence 3.8.2.1.(5) such house shall provide one *barrier-free* entrance in conformance with Sentence (1).

**3.8.2.3. Areas Requiring a Barrier-Free Path of Travel** (See Appendix A-3.8.2.3., NSBCR)

- (1) Except as permitted by Sentence (2), a *barrier-free* path of travel from the entrances required by Sentences 3.8.2.2.(1) and (2) to be *barrier-free* shall be provided throughout and within all normally occupied *floor areas* of each of the following:
- (a) the entrance *storey*,
  - (b) each *storey* exceeding 600 m<sup>2</sup> in area, and
  - (c) each *storey* served by a passenger elevator, escalator, inclined moving walk, or a passenger-elevating device. (See Article 3.3.1.7. Protection on Floor Areas with a Barrier-Free Path of Travel (Part 3, Division B) for additional requirements for *floor areas* above or below the first *storey* to which a *barrier-free* path of travel is required.)
- (2) A *barrier-free* path of travel for persons in wheelchairs is not required
- (a) to *service rooms*,
  - (b) to elevator machine rooms,
  - (c) to janitor's rooms,



- (d) to *service spaces*,
  - (e) to crawl spaces,
  - (f) to *attic or roof spaces*,
  - (g) to floor levels not served by a passenger elevator, a passenger-elevating device, an escalator, or an inclined moving walk,
  - (h) to *high-hazard industrial occupancies*,
  - (i) within portions of a *floor area* with fixed seats in an *assembly occupancy* where those portions are not part of the *barrier-free* path of travel to spaces designated for wheelchair use,
  - (j) within floor levels of a *suite of care* or *residential occupancy* that are not at the same level as the entry level to the *suite*,
  - (k) within a *suite of care* or *residential occupancy* unless required by Sentence 3.8.2.1.(6), or
  - (l) within those parts of a *floor area* that are not at the same level as the entry level, provided amenities and uses provided on any raised or sunken level are accessible on the entry level by means of a *barrier-free* path of travel.
- (3) In an *assembly occupancy*, the number of spaces designated for wheelchair use within rooms or areas with fixed seats shall conform to Table 3.8.2.3. (See also Article 3.8.3.21. for additional requirements.)

**Table 3.8.2.3.**  
**Designated Wheelchair Spaces**  
 Forming Part of Sentence 3.8.2.3(3)

Number of Fixed Seats in Seating Area	Number of Spaces Required for Wheelchairs
2–100	2
101–200	3
201–300	4
301–400	5
401–500	6
501–900	7
901–1300	8
1301–1700	9
each increment of up to 400 seats in excess of 1700	one additional space

**3.8.2.4. Access to Storeys Served by Escalators and Moving Walks**

- (1) In a *building* in which an escalator or inclined moving walk provides access to any floor level above or below the entrance floor level, an interior *barrier-free* path of travel shall be provided to that floor level. (See Note A-3.8.2.4.(1), NBC)
- (2) The route from the escalator or inclined moving walk to the *barrier-free* path of travel from floor to floor required by Sentence (1) shall be clearly indicated by appropriate signs.

**3.8.2.5. Access to Parking Areas and Exterior Passenger-Loading Zones** (See Note A-3.8.2.5. NBC)

- (1) A *barrier-free* path of travel shall be provided between an exterior parking area and a *barrier-free* entrance referred to in Article 3.8.2.2. (See Note A-3.8.2.5.(1), NBC)
- (2) Where a passenger elevator serves one or more indoor parking levels, a *barrier-free* path of travel shall be provided between at least one parking level and all other parts of the *building* required to be provided with *barrier-free* access in accordance with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (3) Exterior passenger-loading zones shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (4) Where on-site parking is provided, parking stalls for use by persons with a disability shall be provided as follows:
  - (a) as designated by Table 3.8.2.5.,

**Table 3.8.2.5.**  
**Designated Parking Stalls**  
Forming part of Sentence 3.8.2.5.(4)

Number of Parking Stalls	Number of Designated Stalls Required for Wheelchairs
2–15	1
16–45	2
46–100	3
101–200	4
201–300	5
301–400	6
401–500	7
501–900	8
901–1300	9
1301–1700	10
each increment of up to 400 stalls in excess of 1700	one additional space

- (b) one parking stall shall be provided for each viewing position required in *assembly occupancies* in Sentence 3.8.2.3.(3) or
  - (c) one parking stall shall be provided for each *barrier-free* residential *suite*.
- (5) Where on-site parking is provided, parking stalls for use by persons with a disability shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3.

**3.8.2.6. Controls**

- (1) Except as required by Sentence 3.5.2.1.(3) (NBC Part 3, Division B) for elevators, controls for the operation of *building* services or safety devices, including electrical switches, thermostats and intercom switches, intended to be operated by the occupant and located in or adjacent to a *barrier-free* path of travel shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3. (See Note A-3.8.2.6.(1), NBC)

**3.8.2.7. Power Door Operators**

- (1) Except as permitted by Sentences (2) and (3), every door that provides a barrier-free path of travel

through an entrance referred to in Article 3.8.2.2., including the interior doors of a vestibule where provided, shall be equipped with a power door operator if the entrance serves any of the following:

- (a) a hotel,
  - (b) a *building* of Group B, Division 2 *major occupancy*,
  - (c) a *building* of Group B, Division 3 *major occupancy* with more than ten residents, or
  - (d) a *building* that is more than 500 m<sup>2</sup> in *building area* and contains one of the following *occupancies*:
    - (i) an *assembly occupancy*,
    - (ii) a *business and personal services occupancy*, or
    - (iii) a *mercantile occupancy*.
- (2) The requirements of Sentence (1) do not apply to an individual *suite* having an area less than 500 m<sup>2</sup> in a *building* having only *suites* of *assembly occupancy*, *business and personal services occupancy* or *mercantile occupancy* if the *suite* is completely separated from the remainder of the *building* so that there is no access to the remainder of the *building*.
- (3) Only the active leaf in a multiple leaf door in a *barrier-free* path of travel need conform to the requirements of this Article.

**3.8.2.8. Plumbing Facilities** (See Note A-3.8.2.8.(1) to (4), NBC)

- (1) Except as permitted by Sentence (2), a washroom in a *storey* to which a *barrier-free* path of travel is required in accordance with Article 3.8.2.3., shall be *barrier-free* in accordance with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (2) A washroom need not conform to the requirements of Sentence (1) provided
- (a) it is located within a *suite of care* or *residential occupancies*, except where required by Sentence 3.8.2.1.(6), or
  - (b) other *barrier-free* washrooms are provided on the same *floor area* within 45 m.
- (3) In a *building* in which water closets are required in accordance with Subsection 3.7.2. (NBC Part 3, Division B), one or more *barrier-free water* closets shall be provided in the entrance *storey*, unless
- (a) a *barrier-free* path of travel is provided to *barrier-free* water closets elsewhere in the *building*, or
  - (b) the water closets required by Subsection 3.7.2. (NBC Part 3, Division B) are for *dwelling units* only.
- (4) In any washroom containing not more than three water closets, one of the water closet stalls may be replaced by a universal washroom conforming to Subsection 3.8.3. (See Appendix A-3.8.2.8., NSBCR).

- (5) In any washroom containing 4 or more water closets at least one of the water closet stalls shall conform to Subsection 3.8.3.
- (6) A universal washroom conforming to Subsection 3.8.3. is permitted to be substituted for one water closet stall required by Sentence (5), in lieu of facilities for persons with disabilities in washrooms used by the general public. (See Appendix A-3.8.2.8., NSBCR).
- (7) Where *alterations* are made to existing *buildings*, a universal washroom conforming to Subsection 3.8.3. is permitted to be provided in lieu of facilities for persons with disabilities in washrooms used by the general public.
- (8) Where urinals are provided in a *barrier-free* washroom, at least one urinal shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (9) A *barrier-free* washroom shall be provided with a lavatory that complies with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (10) Where mirrors are provided in a *barrier-free* washroom, at least one mirror shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (11) Where drinking fountains are provided, at least one shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (12) Except within a *suite of care occupancy* or a *suite of residential occupancy*, where showers are provided in a *building*, at least one shower stall in each group of showers shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (13) Where a bathtub or shower is installed in a *suite of residential occupancy* required to be *barrier-free*, it shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3.

#### 3.8.2.9. Assistive Listening Devices

- (1) In a *building of assembly occupancy*, all classrooms, auditoria, meeting rooms or theatres with an area of more than 100 m<sup>2</sup> and all court rooms shall be equipped with an assistive listening system complying with Subsection 3.8.3.

#### 3.8.2.10. Signs and Indicators

- (1) Signs complying with Subsection 3.8.3. shall be installed to indicate the location of
  - (a) *barrier-free* entrances,
  - (b) *barrier-free* washrooms,
  - (c) *barrier-free* showers,
  - (d) *barrier-free* elevators,
  - (e) *barrier-free* parking spaces, and
  - (f) facilities for persons with hearing disabilities.
- (2) Where a washroom is not designed to accommodate persons with physical disabilities in a *storey* to which a *barrier-free* path of travel is required, signs shall be provided to indicate the location of *barrier-free* facilities.

**3.8.2.11. Counters** (See Note A-3.8.2.11.(1) NBC)

- (1) Every counter more than 2 m long, at which the public is served, shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3.
- (2) Built-in shelves and counters provided for public telephones shall comply with Subsection 3.8.3.

**3.8.3. Design****3.8.3.1. Design Standards**

- (1) *Buildings* or parts thereof and facilities that are required to be *barrier-free* shall be designed in accordance with
  - (a) this Subsection, or
  - (b) the provisions of CSA B651, “Accessible Design for the Built Environment” listed in Table 3.8.3.1. in their entirety. (See Note A-3.8.3.1.(1), NBC and Appendix A-3.8.3.1.(1), NSBCR)

**Table 3.8.3.1.**  
**Barrier-free Design Provisions**  
 Forming Part of Sentence 3.8.3.1.(1)

<b>Barrier-free Application (Code References)</b>	<b>Applicable CSA B651 Provisions</b>
Interior accessible routes (3.8.3.2.)	4.3 and 5.1
Exterior accessible routes (3.8.3.3.)	8.2.1 to 8.2.5 and 8.2.7
Parking stalls and Passenger pickup areas (3.8.3.4)	8.3.3, 9.3 and 9.5.1 to 9.5.2 <sup>1</sup>
Ramps (3.8.3.4.)	5.3 and 5.5
Doors and doorways (3.8.3.6.)	5.2
Passenger-elevating devices (3.8.3.7.)	5.6.2
Operating controls (3.8.3.8.)	4.2
Signage (3.8.3.9.)	4.5 and 9.4
Drinking fountains (3.8.3.10)	6.1
Washroom facilities (3.8.3.11. to 3.8.3.15.)	6.2 and 6.3
Bathing facilities (3.8.1.16. and 3.8.3.17.)	6.5
Communication (3.8.3.18. and 3.8.3.20.)	6.6
Counters (3.8.3.19.)	6.7.1.
Spaces in seating area (3.8.3.21)	6.7.2
Sleeping Units in Roofed Accommodation (3.8.3.22.)	6.2.5, 6.2.6.4, 7.4.3 <sup>2</sup> , 7.4.5, 7.4.6.3, 7.4.6.4
Suites of Care and Residential Occupancies to be Barrier-free (3.8.3.23.)	7.4.1.5.2, 7.4.2.1, 7.4.3, 7.4.4, 7.4.5, 7.4.6.3, 7.4.6.4

Note 1. Clause 3.8.3.4.(3)(e) NSBCR must be complied with as well

Note 2. Grab bar requirements for water closets, showers and bathtubs are required to be met (Clauses 6.2.5. and 6.2.6.4.).

### **3.8.3.2. Barrier-Free Path of Travel**

- (1) Except as required elsewhere in this Part or as permitted by Article 3.8.3.6. pertaining for [to] doorways, the unobstructed width of a *barrier-free* path of travel shall be not less than 920 mm.
- (2) Interior and exterior walking surfaces that are within a *barrier-free* path of travel shall
  - (a) have no opening that will permit the passage of a sphere more than 13 mm diameter,
  - (b) have any elongated openings oriented approximately perpendicular to the direction of travel,
  - (c) be stable, firm and slip-resistant,
  - (d) have a cross slope no steeper than 1 in 50,
  - (e) be bevelled at a maximum slope of 1 in 2 at changes in level between 6 mm and 13 mm, and
  - (f) be provided with sloped floors or ramps at changes in level more than 13 mm. (See Note A-3.8.3.2.(2), NBC)
- (3) A *barrier-free* path of travel is permitted to include ramps, passenger elevators, inclined moving walks, or passenger-elevating devices to overcome a difference in level.
- (4) The width of a *barrier-free* path of travel that is more than 30 m long shall be increased to not less than 1500 mm for a length of 1500 mm at intervals not exceeding 30 m.

### **3.8.3.3. Exterior Walks**

- (1) Exterior walks that form part of a *barrier-free* path of travel shall
  - (a) be not less than 1100 mm wide, and
  - (b) have a level area conforming to Clause 3.8.3.5.(1)(c) adjacent to each entrance doorway.

### **3.8.3.4. Parking Stalls and Exterior Passenger-Loading Zones**

- (1) If an exterior passenger-loading zone is provided, it shall have
  - (a) an access aisle not less than 1500 mm wide and 6000 mm long adjacent and parallel to the vehicle pull-up space,
  - (b) a curb ramp, where there are curbs between the access aisle and the vehicle pull-up space, and
  - (c) a clear height of not less than 2750 mm at the pull-up space and along the vehicle access and egress routes.
- (2) A curb ramp shall have
  - (a) a minimum width of 1200 mm,
  - (b) a maximum slope of 1 in 12,

- (c) flared sides with a maximum slope of 1 in 10. (See Appendix A-3.8.3.4., NSBCR)
- (3) Parking stalls for use by persons with physical disabilities shall
  - (a) be not less than 2400 mm wide and provided on one side with an access aisle not less than 1500 mm wide (if more than one parking space is provided for persons with physical disabilities, a single access aisle can serve two adjacent parking stalls), and if parallel parking stalls shall be not less than 7000 mm long,
  - (b) have a firm, slip-resistant and level surface of asphalt, concrete or compacted gravel,
  - (c) be located close to an entrance required to conform to Article 3.8.2.2., but not exceeding 50 m from the entrance,
  - (d) be clearly marked as being for the use of persons with physical disabilities, and
  - (e) be identified by a sign located not less than 1500 mm above ground level in conformance with the *Motor Vehicle Act* of Nova Scotia traffic sign regulations.

### 3.8.3.5. Ramps

- (1) A ramp located in a *barrier-free* path of travel shall
  - (a) have a clear width of not less than 870 mm, (See Note A-3.4.3.4., NBC)
  - (b) have a slope not more than 1 in 12, (See Note A-3.8.3.5.(1)(b), NBC)
  - (c) have a level area not less than 1500 by 1500 mm at the top and bottom and at intermediate levels of a ramp leading to a door, so that on the latch side the level area extends not less than
    - (i) 600 mm beyond the edge of the door opening where the door opens towards the ramp, or
    - (ii) 300 mm beyond the edge of the door opening where the door opens away from the ramp, (See Note A-3.8.3.5.(1)(c), NBC)
  - (d) have a level area not less than 1200 mm long and at least the same width as the ramp
    - (i) at intervals not more than 9 m along its length, and
    - (ii) where there is an abrupt change in the direction of the ramp,
  - (e) except as permitted by Sentence (2), be equipped with handrails conforming to Article 3.4.6.5., except that they shall be not less than 865 mm and not more than 965 mm high, and
  - (f) be equipped with *guards* conforming to Article 3.4.6.6.
- (2) Handrails installed in addition to required handrails need not comply with the height requirements stated in Clause (1)(e).
- (3) The requirement for handrails in Clause (1)(e) does not apply to a ramp serving as an aisle for fixed seating.
- (4) The surfaces of ramps and landings shall

- (a) be hard or resilient where the ramp is steeper than 1 in 15, (See Note A-3.8.3.5.(4)(a), NBC)
  - (b) have a cross slope no steeper than 1 in 50, and
  - (c) where exposed to water, be designed to drain.
- (5) Ramps and landings not at *grade* or adjacent to a wall shall have edge protection consisting of
- (a) a curb not less than 75 mm high, or
  - (b) a raised barrier or rail located not more than 100 mm from the ramp or landing surface.
- (6) Floors or walks in a *barrier-free* path of travel having a slope steeper than 1 in 20 shall be designed as ramps.

### 3.8.3.6. Doorways and Doors

- (1) Except where stated otherwise, this Article applies to swinging and sliding doors.
- (2) Every doorway that is located in a *barrier-free* path of travel shall have a clear width not less than 800 mm when the door is in the open position. (See Note A-3.8.3.6.(2), NBC)
- (3) Doorways in a path of travel to and into at least one bathroom within a *suite of care* or *residential occupancy* shall have a clear width of not less than 800 mm when the door is in the open position. (See Note A-3.8.3.6.(3), NBC)
- (4) Door-operating devices shall
- (a) comply with Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(b), and
  - (b) be operable at a height between 900 mm and 1100 mm above the floor. (See Note A-3.8.3.6.(4), NBC)
- (5) A threshold for a doorway referred to in Sentences (2) or (3) shall not be more than 13 mm higher than the finished floor surface and shall be bevelled to facilitate the passage of wheelchairs.
- (6) Power door operators required by Sentence 3.8.2.7.(1) shall
- (a) activate automatically or through the use of controls that
    - (i) are located in a *barrier-free* path of travel,
    - (ii) are marked with the International Symbol of Access,
    - (iii) are located clear of the door swing and no more than 1500 mm from the door swing,
    - (iv) comply with Subclause 3.8.3.8.(1)(a)(ii),
    - (v) are operable from a height between 150 mm and 300 mm as well as between 900 mm and 1100 mm above the floor, and
    - (vi) are operable by touching or approaching any part of their surface with a fist, arm or foot, and



- (b) unless equipped with safety sensors,
  - (i) fully open the door in not less than 3 s, and
  - (ii) require a force not more than 65 N to stop movement of the door. (See Note A-3.8.3.6.(6) and (7), NBC)
- (7) A cane-detectable *guard* shall be installed on the hinged side of power-assisted doors that swing open into the path of travel. (See Note A-3.8.3.6.(6) and (7), NBC.)
- (8) Except as provided for in Sentence (9) and except for a door with a power door operator complying with Sentence (6), when unlatched, a door in a *barrier-free* path of travel shall open when the force applied to the handle, push plate or latch-releasing device is not more than
  - (a) 38 N in the case of an exterior door,
  - (b) 22 N in the case of an interior swinging door, or
  - (c) 22 N in the case of a sliding door.
- (9) Sentence (8) does not apply to a door at the entrance to a *dwelling unit*, or where greater forces are required in order to close and latch the door against the prevailing difference in air pressure on opposite sides of the door. (See Note A-3.8.3.6.(9), NBC)
- (10) Except for a door at the entrance to a *dwelling unit*, a closer for an interior door in a *barrier-free* path of travel shall have a closing period of not less than 3 s measured from when the door is in an open position of 70° to the doorway, to when the door reaches a point 75 mm from the closed position, measured from the leading edge of the latch side of the door. (See Note A-3.8.3.6.(10), NBC)
- (11) Unless equipped with a power door operator complying with Sentence (6), a swinging door in a *barrier-free* path of travel shall have a clear space on the latch side extending the height of the doorway and not less than
  - (a) 600 mm beyond the edge of the door opening if the door swings toward the approach side, and
  - (b) 300 mm beyond the edge of the door opening if the door swings away from the approach side. (See Note A-3.8.3.6.(11), NBC)
- (12) A vestibule located in a *barrier-free* path of travel shall be arranged to allow the movement of wheelchairs between doors and shall provide a distance between 2 doors in series of not less than 1200 mm plus the width of any door that swings into the space in the path of travel from one door to another.
- (13) Only the active leaf in a multiple-leaf door in a barrier-free path of travel need conform to the requirements of this Article.
- (14) Except as provided in Clause 3.8.3.5.(1)(c), the floor surface on each side of a door in a *barrier-free* path of travel shall be level within a rectangular area
  - (a) as wide as the door plus the clearance on the latch side required by Sentence (11), and
  - (b) whose dimension perpendicular to the closed door is not less than the width of the

*barrier-free* path of travel but need not exceed 1500 mm. (See Appendix A-3.8.3.6.(14), NSBCR)

- (15) The power door operator required by Sentence (6) shall function for passage in both directions through the door.
- (16) Where a power door operator is required at least one leaf in each set of doors in the *barrier-free* path of travel through a vestibule shall meet the requirements. (See Appendix A-3.8.3.6.(16), NSBCR)

#### **3.8.3.7. Passenger-elevating Device**

- (1) A passenger-elevating device referred to in Article 3.8.2.3. shall conform to CSA B355, "Lifts for Persons with Physical Disabilities".

#### **3.8.3.8. Controls**

- (1) Controls described in this Section shall
- (a) where located in or adjacent to a *barrier-free* path of travel, and unless otherwise stated,
    - (i) be mounted 400 mm to 1200 mm above the floor,
    - (ii) be adjacent to and centred on either the length or the width of a clear space of 1350 mm by 800 mm, and
  - (b) be operable
    - (i) with one hand in a closed fist position, without requiring tight grasping, pinching with fingers, or twisting of the wrist, and
    - (ii) unless otherwise stated, with a force not more than 22N.

#### **3.8.3.9. Accessibility Signs**

- (1) Signs required by Article 3.8.2.10. shall incorporate the International Symbol of Access or the International Symbol of Access for Hearing Loss and appropriate graphical or textual information that clearly indicates the type of facilities available. (See Note A-3.8.3.9.(1), NBC)

#### **3.8.3.10. Drinking Fountains**

- (1) Drinking fountains required by Sentence 3.8.2.8.(9) shall
- (a) be located along a *barrier-free* path of travel,
  - (b) have a minimum clear floor space of 800 mm by 1350 mm in front of it,
  - (c) where it has frontal access, provide a knee clearance in accordance with Clause 3.8.3.15.(1)(d),
  - (d) have a spout that
    - (i) is located near the front of the unit, at a height between 750 and 915 [*sic*] above the floor, and
    - (ii) directs water flow in a trajectory that is nearly parallel to the front of the unit, at a height not less than 100 mm, and

- (e) be equipped with controls that
  - (i) active automatically, or
  - (ii) are located either on the front or on both sides of it and comply with Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(b).

### **3.8.3.11. Water Closet Stalls**

**(1)** Water closet stalls and enclosures required by Sentence 3.8.2.8.(5) shall

- (a) be not less than 1500 mm wide by 1500 mm deep,
- (b) have a clear floor space of 1500 mm by 1500 mm in front of the accessible stall,
- (c) be equipped with a door that
  - (i) can be latched from the inside with a mechanism conforming to Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(b),
  - (ii) is aligned with either the transfer space adjacent to the water closet or with a clear floor space not less than 1500 mm by 1500 mm within the stall,
  - (iii) provides a clear opening not less than 850 mm wide when it is open,
  - (iv) is self-closing so that, when at rest, the door is ajar by not more than 50 mm beyond the jamb,
  - (v) swings outward, unless there is sufficient floor space within the stall for the door to swing inward in addition to a clear floor space of at least 800 mm by 1350 mm, (See Note A-3.8.3.11.(1)(c)(v), NBC)
  - (vi) where the door swings outward, is provided with a horizontal, D-shaped, visually contrasting door pull not less than 140 mm long located on the inside such that its midpoint is 200 mm to 300 mm from the hinged side of the door and 800 to 1000 mm above the floor, and (See Note A-3.8.3.11.(1)(c)(vi), NBC)
  - (vii) is provided with a horizontal, D-shaped, visually contrasting door pull not less than 140 mm long located on the outside such that its midpoint is 120 mm to 220 mm from the latch side and 800 mm to 1000 mm above the floor,
- (d) have a water closet located so that the distance between the centre line of the fixture and the wall on one side is 460 mm to 480 mm,
- (e) be equipped with an L-shaped grab bar that
  - (i) is mounted on the side wall closest to the water closet,
  - (ii) has horizontal and vertical components not less than 760 mm long mounted with the horizontal component 750 mm to 850 mm above the floor and the vertical component 150 mm in front of the water closet, and (See Note A-3.8.3.11.(1)(e)(ii), NBC)
  - (iii) complies with Article 3.7.2.8. (NBC Part 3, Division B),

- (f) be equipped with either one grab bar at least 600 mm long centred over the water closet, or two grab bars at least 300 mm long and located either side of the flush valve that,
  - (i) conform to Article 3.7.2.8., (NBC Part 3, Division B)
  - (ii) are mounted on the rear wall, or
  - (iii) are mounted at the same height as the grab bar on the side wall or 100 mm above the top of the attached water tank, if applicable,
- (g) be equipped with a coat hook mounted not more than 1 200 mm above the floor on a side wall and projecting not more than 50 mm from the wall, and
- (h) be equipped with a toilet paper dispenser mounted on the side wall closest to the water closet such that,
  - (i) the bottom of the dispenser is 600 mm to 800 mm above the floor, and
  - (ii) the closest edge of the dispenser is 300 mm from the front of the water closet.

### **3.8.3.12. Universal Washrooms** (See Note A-3.8.3.12., NBC)

#### **(1)** A universal washroom shall

- (a) be served by a *barrier-free* path of travel,
- (b) have a door complying with Article 3.8.3.6. that
  - (i) has a latch-operating mechanism located 900 mm to 1000 mm above the floor that is capable of being locked from the inside and released from the outside in case of emergency, and,
  - (ii) if it is an outward swinging door that is not self-closing, has a door pull not less than 140 mm long located on the inside so that its midpoint is not less than 200 mm and not more than 300 mm from the hinged side of the door and not less than 900 mm and not more than 1000 mm above the floor, and  
(See Note A-3.8.3.11.(1)(c)(vi), NBC)
  - (iii) on an outward-swinging door, a door closer, spring hinges or gravity hinges, so that the door closes automatically,
- (c) have one lavatory conforming to Article 3.8.3.15.,
- (d) have one water closet conforming to Article 3.8.3.13. and Clause 3.8.3.11.(1)(d), with a clear floor space at least 900 mm wide that is parallel and adjacent to the open side of the water closet,
- (e) have grab bars conforming to Clauses 3.8.3.11.(1)(e) and (f),
- (f) have a coat hook conforming to Clause 3.8.3.11.(1)(g),
- (g) have a toilet paper dispenser conforming to Clause 3.8.3.11.(1)(h),
- (h) unless a counter is provided, have a shelf located not more than 1200 mm above the floor, and

- (i) be designed to permit a wheelchair to turn in an open space that has a diameter not less than 1500 mm.

**3.8.3.13. Water Closets** (See Appendix A-3.8.3.13., NSBCR)

- (1) A water closet for a person with physical disabilities shall
- (a) be equipped with a seat located at not less than 430 mm and not more than 460 mm above the floor,
  - (b) flush automatically or be equipped with a flushing control that
    - (i) is located 500 mm to 900 mm above the floor,
    - (ii) is located no more than 350 mm from the transfer side, and
    - (iii) complies with Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(b),
  - (c) be equipped with a seat lid or other back support, and
  - (d) where it has a tank, have a securely attached tank top.  
(See Note A-3.8.3.13.(1), NBC)

**3.8.3.14. Urinals**

- (1) Urinals described in Sentence 3.8.2.8.(6) shall
- (a) be wall-mounted, with the opening of the basin located not more than 430 mm above the floor,
  - (b) be adjacent to an accessible route,
  - (c) have a clear width of approach of 800 mm centred on the urinal and unobstructed by privacy screens,
  - (d) have no step in front of it,
  - (e) have a flush control that
    - (i) is automatic, or
    - (ii) complies with Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(b) and is located 900 mm to 1100 mm above the floor, and
  - (f) have a vertically mounted grab bar installed on each side that
    - (i) complies with Article 3.7.2.8.,
    - (ii) is not less than 600 mm long, with its centre line 1000 mm above the floor, and
    - (iii) is located not more than 380 mm from the centre line of the urinal. (See Appendix A-3.8.3.14., NSBCR)

**3.8.3.15. Lavatories and Mirrors**

- (1) Lavatories required by Sentence 3.8.2.8.(7) shall

- (a) be equipped with faucets complying with Sentence 3.7.2.3.(4), (NBC Part 3, Division B)
  - (b) be located so that the distance between the centre line of the lavatory and any side wall is not less than 460 mm,
  - (c) have a rim height not more than 865 mm above the floor,
  - (d) have a clearance beneath the lavatory not less than
    - (i) 760 mm wide,
    - (ii) 735 mm high at the front edge,
    - (iii) 685 mm high at a point 200 mm back from the front edge, and
    - (iv) 230 mm high over the distance from a point 280 mm to a point 430 mm back from the front edge, (See Note A-3.8.3.15.(1)(d), NBC)
  - (e) have insulated water supply and drain pipes where these pipes are exposed, (See Note A-3.8.3.15.(1)(e), NBC)
  - (f) have a soap dispensers that
    - (i) is automatic, or
    - (ii) complies with Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(b) and is located not more than 1100 mm above the floor within 500 mm from the front of the lavatory, and (See Note A-3.8.3.15.(1)(f), NBC)
  - (g) have a towel dispenser or other hand-drying equipment located close to the lavatory, not more than 1200 mm above the floor in an area that is accessible to persons in wheelchairs.
- (2)** Mirrors required by Sentence 3.8.2.8.(10) shall be
- (a) mounted with its bottom edge not more than 1000 mm above the floor, or
  - (b) fixed in an inclined position so as to be usable by a person in a wheelchair.

### **3.8.3.16. Showers**

- (1)** Showers required by Sentence 3.8.2.8.(13) shall
- (a) be not less than 1500 mm wide and 900 mm
  - (b) have a clear floor space at the entrance to the shower not less than 900 mm deep and the same width as the shower, except that fixtures are permitted to project into that space provided they do not restrict access to the shower, (See Note A-3.8.3.16.(1)(b), NBC)
  - (c) have no doors or curtains that obstruct the controls or clear floor space at the entrance to the shower,
  - (d) have a slip-resistant floor surface,

- (e) have a threshold not more than 13 mm higher than the finished floor, and where it is higher than 6 mm, beveled to a slope no steeper than 1 in 2 (50%),
  - (f) have 2 grab bars that
    - (i) conform to Sentence 3.7.2.8.(1),
    - (ii) one of which is not less than 1000 mm long and located vertically on the side wall 50 mm to 80 mm from the adjacent clear floor space, with its lower end 600 mm to 650 mm above the floor, and
    - (iii) one of which is L-shaped and located on the wall opposite the entrance to the shower, with a horizontal member not less than 1000 mm long mounted 750 mm to 870 mm above the floor and a vertical member not less than 750 mm long mounted 400 mm to 500 mm from the side wall on which the other vertical grab bar is mounted, (See Note A-3.8.3.16.(1)(f), NBC)
  - (g) have a hinged seat that is not spring loaded, or a fixed seat with a smooth slip-resistant surface and no rough edges, the seat being
    - (i) not less than 450 mm wide and 400 mm deep,
    - (ii) mounted on the same side wall as the vertical grab bar, at 460 mm to 480 mm above the floor, and
    - (iii) designed to carry a minimum load of 1.3 kN,
  - (h) have a pressure-equalizing or thermostatic-mixing valve that
    - (i) comply with Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(b),
    - (ii) are mounted on the wall opposite the entrance to the shower at not more than 1200 mm above the floor and within reach of the seat,
  - (i) have a hand-held shower head with not less than 1800 mm of flexible hose located so that it
    - (i) can be reached from the seated position,
    - (ii) can be used in a fixed position at a height of 1200 mm and 2030 mm, and
    - (iii) does not obstruct the grab bars., and
  - (j) have recessed soap holders that can be reached from the seated position.
- (2) If individual shower stalls are provided for use by residents and patients in *buildings* of Group B, Division 2 *institutional occupancy*, they shall conform to the requirements of Clauses (1)(a) to (j) except where
- (a) common showers are provided in conformance with Clauses (1)(a) to (j), or
  - (b) common bath tubs equipped with hoist mechanisms to accommodate residents and patients are available.

**3.8.3.17. Bathtubs**

- (1) Bathtubs required by Sentence 3.8.2.8.(13) shall
- (a) be located in a room with a clear floor space not less than 1500 mm in diameter,
  - (b) be not less than 1500 mm long,
  - (c) have a clear floor space not less than 750 mm wide adjacent to its entire length,
  - (d) be capable of being accessed along its full length with no tracks mounted on its rim,
  - (e) have faucets and other controls that
    - (i) conform to Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(b), and
    - (ii) are located on the centre line or between the centre line of the bathtub and the exterior edge of the bathtub rim, at a maximum height of 450 mm above the rim,
  - (f) have three grab bars
    - (i) that conform to Sentence 3.7.2.8.(1), (NBC Part 3, Division B)
    - (ii) that are not less than 1200 mm long,
    - (iii) two of which are located vertically at each end of the bathtub, set 80 mm to 120 mm in from the outside edge of the bathtub, with their lower end 180 mm to 280 mm above the bathtub rim, and
    - (iv) one of which is located horizontally along the length of the bathtub at 180 mm to 280 mm above the bathtub rim,
  - (g) have a slip-resistant bottom surface, and
  - (h) be equipped with a hand-held shower head with not less than 1800 mm of flexible hose that can be used in a fixed position at a height of 1200 mm and 2030 mm.

**3.8.3.18. Assistive Listening Devices** (See Note A-3.8.3.18., NBC)

- (1) Except as permitted in Sentence (2), [an] assistive listening system required by Article 3.8.2.9. shall encompass the entire seating area.
- (2) Where the assistive listening system referred to in Article 3.8.2.9. is an induction loop system, only half the seating area in the room need be encompassed.

**3.8.3.19. Counters**

- (1) Counters required by Sentence 3.8.2.11.(1) shall have
- (a) at least one *barrier-free* section not less than 760 mm long centred over a knee space conforming to Clause (c),
  - (b) a surface not more than 865 mm above the floor, and
  - (c) except as provided in Sentence (2) and where the counter is intended to be used as a work surface, a knee space underneath it that is



- (i) not less than 760 mm wide,
  - (ii) not less than 685 mm high, and
  - (iii) not less than 485 mm deep.
- (2) A counter that is used in a cafeteria or one that performs a similar function whereat movement takes place parallel to the counter need not have knee space underneath the counter.

**3.8.3.20. Shelves or Counters for Telephones and TTY/TDD Telephone Services** (See Note A-3.8.3.20., NBC)

- (1) Shelves or counters required by Sentence 3.8.2.11.(2) shall
- (a) be level,
  - (b) be not less than 305 mm deep, and
  - (c) have, for each telephone provided, a clear space not less than 250 mm wide having no obstruction within 250 mm above the surface, and
  - (d) have a section with a surface not more than 865 mm above the floor serving at least one telephone.
- (2) Where a wall-hung telephone is provided above the shelf or counter section described in Clause (1)(d), it shall be located so that the receiver and coin slot are not more than 1200 mm above the floor.
- (3) Where public telephones are provided, at least one telephone shall be provided with a variable volume control on the receiver.
- (4) At least one built-in teletypewriter telephone (TTY/TDD) shall be provided and located in a publicly accessible location where
- (a) four or more public access telephones are provided, including interior and exterior locations,
  - (b) the building area exceeds 600 m<sup>2</sup> in a Group A, Group B, Group D or Group E *occupancy* when telephones are provided,
  - (c) a hotel or motel that
    - (i) exceeds 600 m<sup>2</sup> in building area, or
    - (ii) is required by Sentence 3.8.2.1.(2) to provide a barrier-free suite, or
  - (d) a tourist cabin is required by Sentence 3.8.2.1.(2) to provide *barrier-free suites*, unless a portable unit is available for use. (See Appendix A-3.8.3.20.(4)(d), NSBCR)
- (5) Where public telephones are provided, at least one electrical receptacle shall be provided within 500 mm of one of the public telephones.

**3.8.3.21. Spaces in Seating Area**

- (1) Spaces designated for wheelchair use referred to in Sentence 3.8.2.3.(3) shall be

- (a) clear and level, or level with removable seats,
- (b) not less than 900 mm wide and 1525 mm long to permit a wheelchair to enter from a side approach and 1220 mm long where the wheelchair enters from the front or rear of the space,
- (c) arranged so that at least 2 designated spaces are side by side,
- (d) located adjoining a barrier-free path of travel without infringing on egress from any row of seating or any aisle requirements, and
- (e) situated, as part of the designated seating plan, to provide a choice of viewing location and a clear view of the event taking place.

### 3.8.3.22. Sleeping Units in Roofed Accommodation

- (1) Where sleeping unit suites conforming to this Article are required by Sentence 3.8.2.1.(2), they shall have
- (a) sufficient space to provide a turning area of not less than 1500 mm diameter on one side of a bed,
  - (b) sufficient space to provide clearance of not less than 900 mm to allow for functional use of units by persons in wheelchairs,
  - (c) an accessible balcony where balconies are provided,
  - (d) at least one closet that provides
    - (i) a minimum clear opening of 900 mm,
    - (ii) clothes hanger rods located at a height of 1200 mm, and
    - (iii) at least one shelf located at a height of 1370 mm,
  - (e) light switches, thermostats and other controls that are specifically provided for use by the occupant mounted not more than 1200 mm above the floor,
  - (f) electrical receptacles located between 455 mm and 550 mm above the finished floor,
  - (g) a GFI outlet located not more than 1200 mm above the floor,
  - (h) an accessible bathroom that shall be designed to provide manoeuvring space up to each type of fixture required to be usable by persons in a wheelchair conforming to the following:
    - (i) a floor space of not less than 3.7 m<sup>2</sup> with no dimension less than 1700 mm when the door swings out and 4.0 m<sup>2</sup> with no dimension less than 1800 mm when the door swings in,
    - (ii) fixtures located to provide maximum manoeuvrability for persons in wheelchairs,
    - (iii) grab bars conforming to Clauses 3.8.3.11.(1)(e) and (f),
    - (iv) a coat hook conforming to Clause 3.8.3.11.(1)(g),

- (v) a water closet conforming to Article 3.8.3.13.,
  - (vi) at least one lavatory conforming to Article 3.8.3.15.,
  - (i) washroom accessories conforming to Clause 3.8.3.15.(1)(g), and
  - (j) a lock on the entrance door that is operable with one hand.
- (2) If a bathtub is installed in a sleeping unit required to be *barrier-free*, the bathtub shall comply with the requirements of Article 3.8.3.17.
- (3) If a shower is installed within a sleeping unit, required to be *barrier-free* at least one shower stall shall be *barrier-free* and shall comply with the requirements of Article 3.8.3.16.

### 3.8.3.23. Suites of Care and Residential Occupancies to Be Barrier-free

#### General

- (1) Where a *suite of care* or *residential occupancy* is required by Sentence 3.8.2.1.(6) to provide *barrier-free* access it shall be served by
- (a) entrances in accordance with Article 3.8.2.2.,
  - (b) a *barrier-free* path of travel to, into, and throughout each required *suite* in accordance with Article 3.8.2.3.,
  - (c) an accessible balcony if required in accordance with Clause 3.3.1.7.(1)(c) Part 3, Division B, NBC, and
  - (d) *barrier-free* controls for the operation of building services or safety devices, including electrical switches, thermostats and intercom switches, that are accessible to a person in a wheelchair, operable with one hand, and mounted not more than 1200 mm above the floor and electrical receptacles that are located between 400 mm and 550 mm above the finished floor, except as required by Clause 3.8.3.23.(3)(f) (bathroom) and Subclause 3.8.3.23.(4)(c)(v) (kitchen).

#### Sleeping Area

- (2) Where a *suite of residential occupancy* is required by Sentence 3.8.2.1.(6) to provide *barrier-free* access it shall contain at least one sleeping area with
- (a) a minimum floor area of 12.25 m<sup>2</sup>,
  - (b) a least one horizontal room dimension not less than 3.35 m, and
  - (c) at least one closet that provides
    - (i) a minimum clear opening of 900 mm,
    - (ii) clothes hanger rods located at a height of 1200 mm, and
    - (iii) at least one shelf located at a height of 1370 mm.

#### Bathroom

- (3) Where a *suite of care* or *residential occupancy* is required by Sentence 3.8.2.1.(6) to provide *barrier-free* access, a minimum of one accessible bathroom shall be provided with

- (a) a floor space of not less than 3.7 m<sup>2</sup> with no dimension less than 1700 mm when the door swings out and 4.0 m<sup>2</sup> with no dimension less than 1800 mm when the door swings in,
- (b) a water closet conforming to Article 3.8.3.13.,
- (c) a lavatory conforming to Article 3.8.3.15.,
- (d) where a shower is provided, a shower conforming to Article 3.8.3.16.,
- (e) where a bathtub is provided, a bathtub conforming to Article 3.8.3.17. , and
- (f) a GFI razor outlet located not more than 1200 mm above the floor.

**Kitchen**

(4) Where a *suite of care* or *residential occupancy* is required by Sentence 3.8.2.1.(6) to provide *barrier-free* access the kitchen shall have

- (a) a minimum 1200 mm clearance between counters and all opposing base cabinets, counter tops, appliances, or walls except in a U-shaped kitchen the minimum distance shall be 1500 mm,
- (b) a minimum clear floor space 750 mm x 1200 mm at each
  - (i) range,
  - (ii) cooktop,
  - (iii) oven,
  - (iv) refrigerator/freezer,
  - (v) dishwasher, and
  - (vi) other major appliance,
- (c) a minimum of one work surface that
  - (i) is 750 mm wide × 600 mm deep,
  - (ii) is 810 mm to 860 mm above the floor,
  - (iii) has a clear floor area 750 mm by 1200 mm, which may extend 480 mm under the work surface,
  - (iv) has a knee space a minimum of 750 mm wide, 480 mm deep, and 680 high, and
  - (v) has a minimum of one electrical receptacle located at the front or side of the work surface,
- (d) base cabinets with a minimum toe space 150 mm deep and 230 mm high,
- (e) sinks

- (i) mounted with the rim between 810 mm and 860 mm above the floor,
- (ii) with a knee space a minimum of 750 mm wide, 250 mm deep, and a toe space 750 mm wide 230 mm deep and 230 mm high,
- (iii) with a clear floor area 750 mm by 1200 mm, which may extend 480 mm under the work surface,
- (iv) with faucets equipped with lever handles, and
- (v) with insulated hot water and drain pipes where they may abut required clear space,
- (f) where upper cabinets are provided, an upper cabinet with a minimum of one shelf not more than 1200 mm above the floor,
- (g) storage cabinet doors and drawers
  - (i) with handles that are easily graspable, and
  - (ii) mounted at the top of base cabinets and bottom of upper cabinets,
- (h) all controls in compliance with Clause 3.8.3.23.(1)(d) except as required by Subclause 3.8.3.23.(4)(c)(v).

**Schedule “D”**  
**Alternate Compliance Methods for Existing Buildings**

No.	Code Requirement	Alternate Compliance Method
1	Fire Separations Article 3.1.3.1. (Part 3, Division B) and Table 3.1.3.1. (Part 3, Division B); Subsection 9.10.9. (Part 9, Division B) 2 h <i>fire separation</i> required between some <i>major occupancies</i> .	Except for F1 <i>occupancies</i> , 1 h <i>fire separation</i> is acceptable, if the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered.
2	Fire Separations Article 3.1.3.1 (Part 3, Division B) and Table 3.1.3.1. (Part 3, Division B); Subsection 9.10.9. (Part 9, Division B) 1 h <i>fire separation</i> required between some <i>major occupancies</i> .	30 min. <i>fire separation</i> is acceptable if the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered.
3	Noncombustible Construction Subsection 3.1.5. (Part 3, Division B) and Article 9.10.6.1. (Part 9, Division B) All materials used in <i>noncombustible construction</i> must be <i>noncombustible</i> unless otherwise permitted.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Roofs may be of <i>combustible construction</i> provided the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered.</li> <li>2. Up to 10% gross <i>floor area</i> to a maximum of 10% of any one <i>floor area</i> may be of <i>combustible construction</i> provided the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered.</li> </ol>

4	<p>Fire-resistance Rating Sentence 3.1.7.1.(1) (Part 3, Division B); Article 9.10.3.1. (Part 9, Division B) Where a material, assembly of materials or structural member is required to have a <i>fire-resistance rating</i> it shall be tested in accordance with CAN/ULC-S101.</p>	<p>A <i>fire-resistance rating</i> may also be used where they are based on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) HUD Rehabilitation Guidelines No. 8 “Guideline on Fire Ratings of Archaic Materials and Assemblies”</li> <li>(b) “Fire Endurance of Protected Steel Columns and Beams”, DBR Technical Paper No. 194</li> <li>(c) “Fire Endurance of Unit Masonry Walls”, DBR Technical Paper No. 207</li> <li>(d) Fire Endurance of Light-Framed and “Miscellaneous Assemblies, DBR Technical Paper No. 222”</li> </ul>
5	<p>Rating of Supporting Construction Article 3.1.7.5. (Part 3, Division B); Article 9.10.8.3. (Part 9, Division B) Supporting assemblies to have <i>fire-resistance rating</i> at least equivalent to that of the supported floor.</p>	<p><i>Heavy timber construction</i> is permitted to have a <i>fire-resistance rating</i> less than would be required by the <i>Code</i> provided the <i>building</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) is fully sprinklered, and</li> <li>(b) does not exceed 5 storeys in <i>building height</i>.</li> </ul>
6	<p>Continuity of Fire Separations Sentences 3.1.8.3.(1) (Part 3, Division B) and (2); Article 9.10.9.2. (Part 9, Division B) <i>Fire separations</i> are required to be continuous above the ceiling space.</p>	<p><i>Fire separations</i> are not required to be continuous above the ceiling space where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the ceiling space is <i>noncombustible construction</i>,</li> <li>(b) both <i>fire compartments</i> are sprinklered, or</li> <li>(c) the ceiling has a minimum rating of 30 min.</li> </ul>
7	<p>Wired Glass Sentence 3.1.8.5.(1) (Part 3, Division B) and Sentence 3.1.8.16.(2) (Part 3, Division B); Article 9.10.13.1. (Part 9, Division B) and Article 9.10.13.5. (Part 9, Division B) 6 mm wired glass in steel frame required in <i>fire separations</i>.</p>	<p>For fixed transoms or sidelights, 6 mm wired glass fixed to a wood frame of at least 50 mm thickness with steel stops is permitted in a required <i>fire separation</i>.</p>
8	<p>Mezzanines Sentences 3.2.1.1.(3) to (6) (Part 3, Division B); Article 9.10.4.1. (Part 9, Division B) <i>Mezzanines</i> enclosing more than 10% above the horizontal plane are considered as <i>storey</i> in <i>building height</i>.</p>	<p><i>Mezzanines</i> may enclose up to 20% above the horizontal plane and not be considered a <i>storey</i> in <i>building height</i> if the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered.</p>
9	<p>Spatial Separation Subsection 3.2.3. (Part 3, Division B); Subsection 9.10.14. (Part 9, Division B) The maximum area of <i>unprotected openings</i>.</p>	<p>The area of <i>unprotected opening</i> is not limited provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the exterior walls have a interior thermal barrier of 12.7 mm thick gypsum board, or lath and plaster in good condition,</li> <li>(b) the <i>limiting distance</i> is a minimum 1 m,</li> <li>(c) the entire <i>building</i> has a supervised sprinkler system in conformance with Sentence 3.2.4.8.(2), (Part 3, Division B) and</li> <li>(d) the sprinkler system is connected to the fire department in conformance with Sentence 3.2.4.7.(4). (Part 3, Division B)</li> </ul>

10	<p>Construction of Exposing Building Face Articles 3.2.3.7. (Part 3, Division B); 9.10.14.5. and 9.10.15.5. (Part 9, Division B)</p> <p>The <i>exposing building face</i> is required to have a <i>fire-resistance rating</i> and/or be of <i>noncombustible construction</i>.</p>	<p><i>Exposing building face</i> is not required to have a <i>fire-resistance rating</i> if the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered. Also, the <i>exposing building face</i> is not required to be of <i>noncombustible construction</i> if it is protected by an exterior sprinkler system conforming to NFPA 13 and has a thermal barrier as specified in No. 9(a) of these compliance tables.</p>
11	<p>Roof Covering Rating Article 3.1.15.2. (Part 3, Division B) Class A, B or C roof covering in conformance with CAN/ULC-S107 required.</p>	<p>For existing roofs not covered by a Class A, B or C roofing a manually operated deluge system in accordance with NFPA 13 is permitted.</p>
12	<p>Interconnected Floor Space Subsection 3.2.8. (Part 3, Division B) Sentence 9.10.1.3.(6); (Part 9, Division B) Openings that are not protected by shafts or <i>closures</i> shall be protected in conformance with Subsection 3.2.8 (Part 3, Division B) or Sentence 9.10.1.3.(6) (Part 9, Division B).</p>	<p>An open stair in <i>buildings</i> of maximum 3 <i>storeys</i> in <i>building height</i> need not comply with Subsection 3.2.8. (Part 3, Division B) provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it is not a required <i>exit</i> stair,</li> <li>(b) the <i>building</i> contains a Group C or D <i>occupancy</i>,</li> <li>(c) the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered with fast-response sprinklers,</li> <li>(d) corridors opening into the <i>interconnected floor space</i> are separated from the <i>interconnected floor space</i> by a <i>fire separation</i> with the rating required for the corridor, and</li> <li>(e) <i>smoke detectors</i> are installed in the rooms opening into the <i>interconnected floor space</i>.</li> </ul>
13	<p>Separation of Suites Articles 3.3.1.1. (Part 3, Division B); 9.10.9.13. and 9.10.9.14. (Part 9, Division B)</p> <p><i>Suites</i> are required to be separated from adjoining <i>suites</i> by 45 min or 1 h rated <i>fire separations</i>.</p>	<p>Existing 30 min <i>fire separations</i> are acceptable in fully sprinklered <i>buildings</i> not exceeding 5 <i>storeys</i> in <i>building height</i>.</p>
14	<p>Public Corridor Fire Separation 3.3.1.4. (Part 3, Division B); 9.10.9.15. (Part 9, Division B)</p> <p><i>Public corridors</i> are required to be separated from the remainder of the <i>building</i> by a <i>fire separation</i> having a <i>fire-resistance rating</i> of at least 45 min.</p>	<p>Existing corridors with 30 min fire resistance ratings, are acceptable in residential occupancies provided the <i>building</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) does not exceed 5 <i>storeys</i> in <i>building height</i>, and</li> <li>(b) is fully sprinklered with fast-response sprinklers.</li> </ul>
15	<p>Width of Corridors Articles 3.3.1.9. and 3.4.3.1. (Part 3, Division B); 9.9.3.3. (Part 9, Division B)</p> <p><i>Public corridors</i>, corridor used by the public and <i>exit</i> corridors are required to have a minimum width of 1100 mm.</p>	<p><i>Public corridors</i>, corridors used by the public and <i>exit</i> corridors are permitted with a minimum width of 800 mm provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the <i>occupant load</i> of the <i>building</i> is maximum 20 people, and</li> <li>(b) the <i>building</i> does not exceed 3 <i>storeys</i> in <i>building height</i>.</li> </ul>

16	<p>Door Swing Articles 3.3.1.11. and 3.4.6.12. (Part 3, Division B); Article 9.9.6.5. (Part 9, Division B) Doors required to swing in the direction of <i>exit</i> travel.</p>	<p>2nd egress door from a room is not required to swing in the direction of <i>exit</i> travel provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered and the system is supervised in conformance with Sentence 3.2.4.8.(2), (Part 3, Division B) and</li> <li>(b) the <i>occupant load</i> of the <i>building</i> is maximum 100 people.</li> </ul>
17	<p>Stairs, Ramps, Handrails and Guards Articles 3.3.1.14., 3.3.1.16., 3.3.1.18., 3.4.6.4. to 3.4.6.9. (Part 3, Division B); Section 9.8. (Part 9, Division B)</p>	<p>Existing conditions that do not comply fully with the requirements are permitted if they do not create a hazardous condition and are acceptable to the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i>.</p>
18	<p>Transparent Doors and Panels Articles 3.3.1.19. (Part 3, Division B); 9.6.1.4 (Part 9, Division B) Glass in doors and sidelights are required to be protected by <i>guards</i> and to be safety glass.</p>	<p>Existing glass or transparent panels that do not comply fully with the requirements are permitted if sufficiently discernible or <i>guards</i> are provided in hazardous situations.</p>
19	<p>Dead-end Corridors Sentence 3.3.1.9.(7) (Part 3, Division B); Article 9.9.7.3. (Part 9, Division B) Dead-end corridors are permitted to a maximum length of 6 m.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dead-end corridors are permitted to a maximum length of 10 m in Group C <i>occupancies</i> provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered with fast-response sprinklers, and</li> <li>(b) <i>smoke detectors</i> are installed in the corridor system.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Dead-end corridors are permitted to a maximum of 15 m in length in Group D, E, F2 and F3 <i>occupancies</i> provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered with fast-response sprinklers, and</li> <li>(b) <i>smoke detectors</i> are installed in the corridor system.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
20	<p>Exits Articles 3.4.2.1. (Part 3, Division B); 9.9.8.2. (Part 9, Division B) <i>Floor areas</i> shall be served by not fewer than 2 <i>exits</i> except as permitted by Sentence 3.4.2.1.(2) (Part 3, Division B).</p>	<p><i>Floor areas</i> may be served by a single <i>exit</i> within the limits of Sentence 3.4.2.1.(2) (Part 3, Division B) provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the <i>building</i> does not exceed 3 <i>storeys</i> in <i>building height</i>,</li> <li>(b) the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered with fast-response sprinklers, and</li> <li>(c) the <i>building</i> contains an approved fire alarm system with <i>smoke detectors</i> located in accordance with Article 3.2.4.11. (Part 3, Division B)</li> </ul>
21	<p>Reduction of Exit Width Sentence 3.4.3.3.(2) (Part 3, Division B); Article 9.9.6.1. (Part 9, Division B) Swinging doors in their swing shall not reduce the effective width of <i>exit</i> stairs and landings to less than 750 mm.</p>	<p>Existing swinging doors in their swing are permitted to reduce the effective width of <i>exit</i> stairs and landings to a minimum of 550 mm provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) they serve Group C or D <i>occupancies</i>,</li> <li>(b) the <i>building</i> does not exceed 5 <i>storeys</i> in <i>building height</i>, and</li> <li>(c) the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered.</li> </ul>



22	<p>Fire Separation of Exits Article 3.4.4.1. (Part 3, Division B); subsection 9.9.4. (Part 9, Division B) <i>Exits</i> are required to be separated from the remainder of the <i>floor area</i> by a <i>fire separation</i> having a <i>fire-resistance rating</i> of not less than 45 min.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Existing <i>fire separations</i> of 30 min. are acceptable provided the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered with fast-response sprinklers and does not exceed 3 <i>storeys</i> in <i>building height</i>.</li> <li>2. <i>Buildings</i> not exceeding 5 <i>storeys</i> in <i>building height</i> may have <i>exits</i> that are separated by a 45 min. <i>fire separation</i> provided the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered.</li> </ol>
23	<p>Exits Through Lobbies Articles 3.4.4.2. (Part 3, Division B); 9.9.8.5. (Part 9, Division B) Rooms adjacent to the lobby are required to be separated by a <i>fire separation</i>.</p>	<p>Rooms adjacent to the lobby are not required to be separated by a <i>fire separation</i> provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the <i>floor area</i> is sprinklered with fast-response sprinklers, and</li> <li>(b) <i>smoke detectors</i> are installed in the adjacent rooms.</li> </ol>
24	<p>Rooms Opening into an Exit Sentences 3.4.4.4.(7) and (8) (Part 3, Division B); 9.9.5.9.(1) (Part 9, Division B) <i>Service rooms</i> and ancillary rooms are not permitted to open directly into an <i>exit</i>.</p>	<p><i>Service rooms</i> and ancillary rooms may open directly into an <i>exit</i> provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered,</li> <li>(b) the room is sprinklered with fast-response sprinklers,</li> <li>(c) the door assembly has a <i>fire-protection rating</i> of at least 20 min.,</li> <li>(d) the <i>building</i> does not exceed 3 <i>storeys</i> in <i>building height</i>, and</li> <li>(e) weatherstripping is installed on the door to prevent the passage of smoke.</li> </ol>
25	<p>Illumination of Exit Signs Sentences 3.4.5.1.(3) (Part 3, Division B); 9.9.11.3(3) and (4) (Part 9, Division B) <i>Exit signs</i> are required to be illuminated continuously while the <i>building</i> is occupied.</p>	<p>In provincial or municipal <i>designated heritage buildings</i> where <i>exit</i> signage may compromise historic appearances or authenticity of displays, <i>exit signs</i> may be installed to light only in an emergency condition, such as by the fire alarm system or because of power failure.</p>
26	<p>Clearance from Exit Doors Sentence 3.4.6.11.(1) (Part 3, Division B); Article 9.9.6.6. (Part 9, Division B) Stair risers shall not be closer than 300 mm from an <i>exit</i> door.</p>	<p>Except as permitted in Sentences 3.4.6.11.(3) or 9.9.6.6.(2), existing <i>exit</i> doors shall not extend beyond the first riser.</p>
27	<p>Fire Escapes Subsection 3.4.7. (Part 3, Division B); Article 9.9.2.1. (Part 9, Division B) Fire escapes are required to conform to Subsection 3.4.7. (Part 3, Division B).</p>	<p>Existing fire escapes that do not completely conform to Subsection 3.4.7. are acceptable provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) they are acceptable to the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> and</li> <li>(b) the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered.</li> </ol>
28	<p>Fire Escape Construction Articles 3.4.7.2. (Part 3, Division B); 9.9.2.1. (Part 9, Division B).</p>	<p>Existing <i>combustible</i> fire escapes are permitted if the <i>building</i> is permitted to be <i>of combustible construction</i> by Part 3 (Part 3, Division B), Part 9 (Part 9, Division B) or by these Compliance Tables.</p>

29	<p>Protection of Fire Escapes Articles 3.4.7.4. (Part 3, Division B); 9.9.2.1. (Part 9, Division B) Openings in the exterior wall adjacent to the fire escape are required to be protected by <i>closures</i>.</p>	<p>Existing openings in the exterior wall adjacent to the fire escape are not required to be protected by <i>closures</i> provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered, and</li> <li>(b) a sprinkler head is located within 1.5 m of the opening required to be protected by Article 3.4.7.4. (Part 3, Division B)</li> </ul>
30	<p>Vertical Service Space Articles 3.6.3.1. (Part 3, Division B) <i>Vertical service spaces</i> are required to be separated from the adjacent floor area by a rated <i>fire separation</i>.</p>	<p>Existing <i>vertical service spaces</i> that do not completely conform to the rated <i>fire separation</i> requirements are acceptable provided the <i>building</i> is fully sprinklered.</p>
31	<p>Height and Area of Rooms Subsection 3.7.1. (Part 3, Division B); Section 9.5. (Part 9, Division B) The height and area of rooms are required to comply to minimum dimension requirements.</p>	<p>Existing rooms are not required to comply to the minimum dimension requirements of Subsection 3.7.1. (Part 3, Division B) or Section 9.5. (Part 9, Division B).</p>
32	<p>Window Areas Article 9.9.10.1. (Part 9, Division B) Windows in dwelling units are required to comply to minimum dimensions.</p>	<p>Existing windows are not required to comply with the minimum dimensions of Article 9.9.10.1. (Part 9, Division B).</p>
33	<p>Washrooms Required to be Barrier-Free Sentence 3.8.2.8.(1), NSBCR Except as permitted by Sentence (2), a washroom in a <i>storey</i> to which a <i>barrier-free</i> path of travel is required in accordance with Article 3.8.2.3., shall be <i>barrier-free</i> in accordance with the appropriate requirements in Subsection 3.8.3., NSBCR</p>	<p>Except in <i>assembly occupancies</i> and Group D <i>business and personal services occupancies</i> intended to offer medical or therapeutic services, a <i>barrier-free</i> washroom need not be provided in an existing <i>building</i> with a <i>building area</i> less than 120 m<sup>2</sup>.</p>
34	<p>Entrances Sentence 3.8.2.2.(1) NSBCR In addition to the barrier-free entrances required by Sentence (2), not less than 50% of the pedestrian entrances of a <i>building</i> referred to in Sentence 3.8.2.2.(1) shall be <i>barrier-free</i> and shall lead from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the outdoors at sidewalk level, or</li> <li>(b) a ramp that conforms to Subsection 3.8.3. and leads from a sidewalk.</li> </ul>	<p>Where an existing <i>building</i> has</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a <i>building area</i> less than 120 m<sup>2</sup>, (1292 sq. ft.), and</li> <li>(b) a slope from the entrance level floor at the entrance door to a street or public way greater than 1 in 10, and</li> <li>(c) no entrance more than 1 m to the property line, and</li> <li>(d) no possible alternate access to an entrance from a street or public way, (See Appendix Note No. 35)</li> </ul> <p>the owner may use a stair with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a maximum rise of 150 mm (6"),</li> <li>(b) a minimum run of 280 mm (11"),</li> <li>(c) tactile landings,</li> <li>(d) contrasting colour nosings, and</li> <li>(e) an unobstructed width of 1 m.</li> </ul>

35	Mechanical Systems Part 6 and Part 7.	Existing mechanical systems in <i>buildings</i> are not required to fully comply to the requirements of Parts 6 or 7 provided (a) it is not an <i>unsafe condition</i> and (b) it is acceptable to the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> .
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## Spring Weight Restriction Regulations

Order dated February 27, 2017

Regulations made by Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations,  
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal  
pursuant to subsection 20(1) of the *Public Highways Act*

**In the matter of subsection 20(1) of Chapter 371 of  
the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Public Highways Act***

- and -

**In the matter of an order made by the Executive Director of Maintenance  
and Operations, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal,  
under subsection 20(1) of the *Public Highways Act***

**Order**

I, Barbara Baillie, Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, as delegated by the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal under subsection 20(1) of Chapter 371 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Public Highways Act*, hereby order that

- (a) the regulations set out in Schedule "A" (the *Spring Weight Restrictions Regulations*) apply to public highways in the zones shown and for the time period indicated in Table A, and
- (b) the roads listed in Appendix 1, attached to this Order are exempt from the spring weight restrictions.

**Table A**

<b>Effective Dates for Spring Weight Restriction Regulations</b>	
<b>Column 1: Counties</b>	<b>Column 2: Weight Restriction Periods</b>
Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens, Lunenburg, Digby, Annapolis and Kings	12:01 a.m., March 6, 2017 to 12:01 a.m., May 8, 2017
Halifax and Hants	12:01 a.m., March 6, 2017 to 12:01 a.m., May 8, 2017
Colchester, Cumberland and Pictou	12:01 a.m., March 13, 2017 to 12:01 a.m., May 15, 2017