

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND
MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING

Building Act

Ministerial Order No. M080

I, David Eby, Q.C., Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, order that the Building Act General Regulation, B.C. Reg. 131/2016, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix.

February 25, 2021

Date



Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Building Act*, S.B.C. 2015, c. 2, s. 41

Other: _____

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APPENDIX

- 1 *The Building Act General Regulation, B.C. Reg. 131/2016, is amended by repealing the heading to Part 2 and adding the following heading after section 2.5:*

PART 2 – COST RECOVERY .

- 2 *Section 11 is amended by striking out “a table” and substituting “Table 1 or 2”.*

- 3 *The following sections are added:*

Sequential progression

- 11.1 (1) In this section, “**precursor class**”, in relation to a class of building officials set out in Column 1 of Table 3 in Schedule 1, means a class of building officials set out in Column 2 opposite.
- (2) For the purposes of section 11 (1) (a) (iv) [*prescribed qualifications*] of the Act, in order to be qualified as a building official in a class set out in Column 1 of Table 3 in Schedule 1, a person must
- (a) be registered under section 12 [*register of qualified building officials*] of the Act in an applicable precursor class,
 - (b) meet the qualification requirements under section 11 (1) (a) of the Act for an applicable precursor class, other than a requirement prescribed under this section for that precursor class, or
 - (c) hold an extraprovincial building credential that is recognized under section 11 (2) (b) of the Act as qualifying the person to be classified in an applicable precursor class.

Qualification in trainee classes

- 11.2 (1) In this section:
- “**eligible leave**” means a leave described in Part 6 of the *Employment Standards Act*;
- “**graduate**”, in relation to a trainee class, means to meet the qualification requirements under section 11 (1) (a) of the Act for the regular class of building officials that corresponds to the trainee class;
- “**trainee class**” means a class of building officials that has a title that includes the words “In Training”;
- “**trainee period**” means
- (a) 24 months for Building Level 3 – In Training,
 - (b) 18 months for Building Level 2 – In Training, and
 - (c) 12 months for any other trainee class.
- (2) For the purposes of section 11 (1) (a) (iv) [*prescribed qualifications*] of the Act, in order to be qualified as a building official in a trainee class, a person must
- (a) be employed by a local authority,

- (b) have been registered under section 12 (4) [*register of qualified building officials*] of the Act in the trainee class
 - (i) no more than once before, and
 - (ii) for no longer than the trainee period for the trainee class, counting from the most recent registration in the trainee class and excluding any period of eligible leave from the employment referred to in paragraph (a),
- (c) have a written training plan that shows how the person will acquire skill and experience and otherwise prepare to graduate within the applicable trainee period, and
- (d) make a report to the registrar, at least once every 6 months,
 - (i) declaring that the person continues to meet the requirements set out in paragraphs (a) to (c), and
 - (ii) describing the steps that the person has taken to prepare to graduate within the applicable trainee period.

4 Schedule 1 is amended in Table 1

(a) by repealing paragraph (b) (i) in Column 2 opposite “Building Level 1” and substituting the following:

- (i) a *dwelling unit* above another *dwelling unit*, unless one of the *dwelling units* is a *secondary suite*, , **and**

(b) by repealing the following item:

Building Level 2 – Professional Reliance	Same as Building Level 2. In addition, if conformance is determined solely based on letters of assurance, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) conformance with the plumbing code of a <i>building</i>, and (b) conformance with the building regulations, other than the plumbing code, of a Part 3 <i>building</i>.
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5 Schedule 1 is amended in Table 2 by repealing the following item:

Plumbing Level 1 – Professional Reliance	Same as Plumbing Level 1. In addition, if conformance is determined solely based on letters of assurance, conformance with the plumbing code of a <i>building</i> .
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6 Schedule 1 is amended by adding the following table:

Table 3 – Sequential Progression

Column 1 Class of Building Official	Column 2 Precursor Classes
Building Level 2 – In Training	Building Level 1
Building Level 2	Building Level 1 or Building Level 2 – In Training
Building Level 3 – In Training	Building Level 2
Building Level 3	Building Level 2 or Building Level 3 – In Training
Plumbing Level 2 – In Training	Plumbing Level 1
Plumbing Level 2	Plumbing Level 1 or Plumbing Level 2 – In Training