

Ontario's Building Code Technical Bulletin: Highlights of Amendments to Ontario's 2012 Building Code

Ontario Regulation 88/19, amending Ontario's 2012 Building Code, was filed on May 2, 2019. The amendment includes changes to the following parts of Division B in the Building Code:

- Part 3 (Fire Protection, Occupant Safety and Accessibility)
- Part 4 (Structural Design)
- Part 5 (Environmental Separation)
- Part 6 (Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning)
- Part 7 (Plumbing)
- Part 8 (Sewage Systems)
- Part 9 (Housing and Small Buildings)

Separate bulletins have been prepared for each of these parts.

In addition, the regulation impacts definitions set out in Part 1 of Division A in the Building Code (Compliance and General).

A number of standards referenced in the Building Code and set out in Division B, Table 1.3.1.2., are also updated. They are now more consistent with those listed in the National Building and Plumbing Codes. Certain redundant standards have been withdrawn, edition references have been revised, and new standards have been added.

For the full range of changes, code users are advised to consult the official source documents, including:

- The Building Code Act, 1992;
- The 2012 Building Code (O. Reg. 332/12) as amended, and
- Ontario Regulation 88/19.

The above documents are available on [the Government of Ontario's e-laws site](#).

Unless otherwise noted in the other bulletins, the in-effect date for the above amendments is January 1, 2020.

A separate regulation amending the Building Code (O. Reg 87/19), was filed on May 2, 2019 to address farm buildings with cannabis operations (Division A, 1.3.1.2.):

- New provisions address farm buildings containing hazardous extraction operations where flammable liquids, combustible liquids or flammable gases are used as extraction solvents related to cannabis processing;
- These amendments are consistent with the amendments to the Fire Code set out in Ontario Regulation 33/19;
- **These amendments come into effect July 1, 2019.**

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