

# NOTICE

## New Alberta Building, Fire and Energy Codes

The 2014 editions of the Alberta Building Code and the Alberta Fire Code based on the 2010 National Building and Fire Codes were adopted at the end of February 2015 by provincial regulation. Also adopted by regulation is the National Energy Code for Buildings (NECB) 2011 edition. Key changes in the codes include:

- A new building class known as “B3” to address the demand for a more flexible range of care accommodation for an aging population. The B3 provides safe and affordable housing options for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- New provisions to allow for the construction and fire protection during construction of six-storey wood buildings entirely based on the national code requirements for the upcoming 2015 national building and fire code editions.
- New building protection against radon gas.
- Energy efficiency requirements for housing and small buildings under section 9.36 of the Alberta Building Code.

Each code has a coming into force date and a transition period. **The coming into force date is the date on which the codes apply or may be used in Alberta.** The transition period is to allow construction under the previous 2006 Alberta Building Code or under the new codes. All coming into force dates have a standard 6 month transition period to construct in the previous code provided a permit has been issued prior to the end of the transition period; or the safety codes officer is satisfied that the preparation of the plans and specifications for the project commenced prior to the coming into force date. The objective of this section is to prevent unnecessary and costly changes to construction already underway or plans that have been substantially developed for construction.

The timelines for the Alberta codes are:

Codes	Coming into force or Implementation Date	Transition Period End Date
Alberta Building Code 2014	May 1, 2015	November 1, 2015
Alberta Fire Code 2014	May 1, 2015	No transition required
National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings 2011	November 1, 2015	May 1, 2016
Section 9.36 Energy Efficiency, Alberta Building Code 2014	May 1, 2016	November 1, 2016

The National Energy Code for Buildings 2011 is available through the [National Research Council Website](#). The Alberta Building and Fire Codes 2014 will be available from the National Research Council, both online and in hard copy, in April 2015 or possibly at an earlier date. Notice will be provided shortly as to when purchase orders may be made to the National Research Council. Municipal Affairs and the Alberta Safety Codes Council will be providing additional information over the next few weeks respecting purchasing, price of codes, training, code seminars and other related information and activities. It is important to take note that the codes cannot be used or enforced in Alberta until the coming into force or implementation date.

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Mr. Bruce Friend  
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Dear Mr. Friend:

Thank you for your email dated June 2, 2010, regarding PNA Group Incorporated, the photoluminescent safety product company you represent.

I appreciate receiving information about the company, and am pleased to see your products are eco-friendly.

Although the Government of Alberta does not endorse or promote any one photoluminescent company, we recognize the benefits of cost-effective, energy efficient, environmentally-friendly and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design qualified products. I wish PNA Group Incorporated success.

Sincerely,

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