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## Building, Fire and Energy Codes Cleared for Adoption in Alberta

The regulations that clear the way for the implementation of the [Alberta Building Code 2014](#), the National Energy Code for Buildings 2011, the Part 9 changes for energy efficiency and the [Fire Code 2014](#) were passed by the Provincial Cabinet this week. Alberta adopted the national version of the Energy Code without change.

Implementation of these codes will be staggered over the next year and a half. 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 in Alberta, allowing for permits to be issued under the new code. The transition period is to allow construction under the previous code or the new code. After the transition period, all new construction is required to be under the 2014 Alberta Building Code.

The timelines for the various codes are:

	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
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 are not yet available. Alberta Municipal Affairs anticipates the Alberta Building and Fire Codes 2014 to be available from NRC, both online and in hard copy, sometime in April 2015. Purchase orders will be accepted earlier. Municipal Affairs will be providing updates and additional information over the next few weeks.

CHBA – Alberta is working with each of the locals on information sessions in April and May. Watch for details from your local and CHBA – Alberta.

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