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# NEW 2024 BC BUILDING CODE IN EFFECT ON MARCH 8, 2024

With the following exceptions per the Ministerial Order Section 4 (4). The BC Building Code 2018 still applies **ON OR AFTER MARCH 8, 2024 but BEFORE MARCH 10 2025 to:**

- Subsection 3.8.5 – Adaptable Dwelling Units
- Subsection 4.1.8 – Earthquake Load and Effects
- Section 9.23 – Wood Frame Construction
- Appendix C of Division B – Climatic and Seismic Information for Building Design in British Columbia

The BC Building Code is available at no cost at [bccodes.ca](http://bccodes.ca)

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF  
HOUSING**

***Building Act***

Ministerial Order No. BA 2023 10

I, Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing, order that effective March 8, 2024, the attached  
British Columbia Building Code Order is made.

November 24, 2023

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*Date*



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*Minister of Housing*

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*(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. 3*

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# BRITISH COLUMBIA BUILDING CODE ORDER

- 1 "2018 Code" means the British Columbia Building Code established by the order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing numbered BA 2018 1 and dated July 16, 2018;

## British Columbia Building Code established

- 2 The British Columbia Building Code is established by adopting,
- (a) as Book I (General), Divisions A to C of the National Building Code of Canada 2020, as it existed on March 28, 2022, with the changes considered necessary and incorporated in it in the attached Schedule and
  - (b) as Book II (Plumbing Systems), Divisions A to C of the National Plumbing Code of Canada 2020, as it existed on March 28, 2022, with the changes considered necessary and as provided in Part 7 Division B of Book I (General).

## Application of the British Columbia Building Code

- 3 The British Columbia Building Code established by section 2 applies except insofar as the 2018 Code applies under section 4.

## Application of B.C. Reg. BA 2018 1

- 4 (1) In this section, "building permit" means a building permit issued by
- (a) a "local authority" as defined in the *Building Act*, or
  - (b) under the *University Endowment Lands Act*.
- (2) The 2018 Code applies only to the construction or alteration of a building as follows
- (a) if a building permit is required,
    - (i) the building permit is applied for before the effective date of this order, and
    - (ii) the building permit applied for is issued and work commences and continues to completion without interruption, other than work stoppages considered reasonable in the building industry, or
  - (b) if no building permit is required, the construction or alteration of the building has substantially started as of the effective date of this order and work continues to completion without interruption, other than work stoppages considered reasonable in the building industry.
- (3) All work referred to in subsections 2(a) and (b) must be carried out in conformity with the 2018 Code.
- (4) Subsection 3.8.5., Subsection 4.1.8., Section 9.23. and Appendix C of Division B of the 2018 Code apply only to the construction or alteration of a building as follows
- (a) if a building permit is required
    - (i) the building permit is applied for on or after the effective date of this order but before March 10, 2025, and
    - (ii) the building permit applied for is issued and work commences and continues to completion without interruption, other than work stoppages considered reasonable in the building industry, or
  - (b) if no building permit is required, the construction or alteration of the building has substantially started after the effective date of this order but before March 10, 2025 and work continues to completion without interruption, other than work stoppages considered reasonable in the building industry.

- (5) All work referred to in subsections 4(a) and (b) must be carried out in conformity with
  - (a) the British Columbia Building Code established by Section 2 except Subsection 3.8.5., Subsection 4.1.8., Section 9.23. and Appendix C of Division B, and
  - (b) Subsection 3.8.5., Subsection 4.1.8., Section 9.23. and Appendix C of Division B of the 2018 Code.