

International Code Council Government Relations Update – January 2015

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Group A Code Change Proposals Due by January 12!

Work is well underway on ICC's 2015/2016/2017 Code Development Cycle that begins with the Group A International Codes. This will be the first full cycle that utilizes cdpACCESS, ICC's new cloud-based system that allows for online collaboration, code change and public comment submittals, submission of floor modifications, and online voting. A change to section 3.3.5.6 of [Code Council Policy 28](#) also is new to this cycle that addresses cost impacts of code change proposals. Click here for details on the 2015/2016/2017 cycle: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Pages/cycle.aspx>, including the [schedule](#) and the [Code Committee Responsibility Matrix](#).

FREE Registration Now Open for 2015 Committee Action Hearings

This year's Committee Action Hearings, from April 19 – 30 in Memphis, TN, offer ICC Members and all concerned with building safety the opportunity to discuss and debate various code change proposals to the Group A 2018 International Codes. Whether you attend the hearings in person or participate online through cdpACCESS, you help to ensure the next generation of codes includes the latest technical and scientific advancements to benefit public safety. For more information about the hearings and the codes that will be discussed, and to register for FREE, click here:

<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=12038&ItemID=46216> .

2015 Examination and Certification Information Bulletins Now On ICC Website

ICC Certification and Testing will be making program changes to more closely align with the values and goals of ICC, as well as continuing to maintain the validity, fairness, reliability, and credibility of your exam programs. Please take a few minutes to read through the list of upcoming changes, and let us know if you have questions: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Pages/Changes.aspx>

Here's a quick look at what's upcoming:

- National Certification Exam Information Bulletins – computer-based testing: http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Bulletins/National_Certification_EIB-CBT.pdf
- National Certification Exam Information Bulletin – paper-and-pencil testing: http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Bulletins/National_Certification_EIB-PP.pdf
- Application for 2009/2012/2015 National Certification paper-and-pencil exams: http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Documents/NatlCert_PnP_App2015-2009-2012.pdf
- Exam listings for 2009-based National Certification exams: http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Documents/Natl_Cert_2009-Listings.pdf
- Updated expanded content outlines, most with scope statements (a few still to come): <http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Pages/safetyprofexams.aspx>
- Certification Renewals bulletin: http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Bulletins/Renewal_EIB.pdf

- Application for Renewals:
<http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Documents/RenewalApplication.pdf>
- Updated Master Code Professional information:
http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Documents/Master_Code_Professional.pdf
- Updated combination certification information:
<http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Documents/ComboCertificate.pdf>

Newly Available U.S. Fire Administration Reports Address Fire-Related Problems

Despite code requirements for smoke alarms, the report finds smoke alarms were not present in 22 percent of the larger fires in occupied residential buildings. Primarily based on data collected through USFA's National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), the reports briefly address the nature and relevance of the specific fire or fire-related problems, highlight important findings, and suggest other resources to consider for further information. Click here to read the reports:

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/statistics/reports.html>

Exclusive Free Benefit for ICC Governmental Members

Through a special agreement with the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), ICC Governmental Members may qualify for free access to ACCA's online membership benefits. As a contractor-focused organization, ACCA provides technical and business management products and services to help contractors meet or exceed business requirements. Now, ICC Members can have access to the same information contractors have – just click here:

<http://media.iccsafe.org/news/eNews/2014v11n11/14-09657.pdf>

IAS Corner: Accreditation Committee Hearings Coming in February

International Accreditation Service, an ICC subsidiary, has scheduled the next open hearings of its Accreditation Committee in Los Angeles, CA on February 9, 2015 at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel. The committee hearings will include discussion of revisions to IAS Accreditation Criteria for Testing Laboratories, Inspection Agencies, Special Inspection Agencies, Building Departments/Code Enforcement Agencies, Fire Prevention and Life Safety Departments to name a few.

Materials related to the hearings will be posted on the IAS website (www.iasonline.org) approximately 60 days prior to the hearing date. All interested parties are welcome to attend and participate in the hearings.

Building Safety Month 2015 Campaign Rollout

It seems like May comes earlier every year – and so, ICC will begin the roll out the 2015 Building Safety Month campaign as we get closer to our annual celebration of everyone who plays a part in keeping our built environment safe and efficient. Be on the lookout for announcement of weekly themes and other relevant information coming soon!