

9th Edition Resources

Building permit applications for projects utilizing eighth edition code provisions will need to be filed on or before December 31, 2017. Applications received after January 1, 2018, where the project has been designed to the eighth edition, shall be returned to the applicant. The applicant will either need to revise construction documents and specifications to comply with ninth edition standards or seek relief through the [Building Code Appeals Board](#) (BCAB).

The new, ninth edition code is based on modified versions of the following 2015 International Codes as published by the International Code Council (ICC).

- [The International Building Code \(IBC\)](#);
- [International Residential Code \(IRC\)](#);
- [International Existing Building Code \(IEBC\)](#);
- [International Mechanical Code \(IMC\)](#);
- [International Energy Conservation Code \(IECC\)](#);
- [International Swimming Pool and Spa Code \(ISPSC\)](#);
- [Portions of the International Fire Code \(IFC\)](#).

The 2015 International codes may be viewed @ [I-Codes](#). The Massachusetts amendments for the base code may be viewed @ [Base Code Amendments](#) and the residential code amendments may be viewed @ [Residential Code Amendments](#).

Please remember that the Massachusetts amendments posted on-line are *unofficial versions* and are meant for convenience only. *(There are some spacing issues in the posted documents that make words appear to be spelled incorrectly. We are aware of the issue and are working to correct. Please pardon the inconvenience.)*

Official versions of the Massachusetts amendments may be purchased from the State House Bookstore @ [Shop the Bookstore](#) and any of the I-Codes may be purchased from the International Code Council (ICC) @ [iccsafe.org](#).

Additionally, the ICC publishes transition documents that identify changes from the 2009 to the 2015 I-Codes for those who may have interest.

- [International Building Code \(IBC\) Transition](#)
- [International Residential Code \(IRC\) Transition](#) .

For those interested in changes between the eighth and ninth edition versions of the code (*whether through the ICC or via Massachusetts amendments*), the following *PowerPoint* presentation materials may be helpful.

- [Introduction to the IRC](#)
- [Introduction to the IEBC](#)
- [An Overview of Massachusetts Amendments](#)
- [An Introduction to Residential HVAC Systems](#)

- [Cutting & Notching Requirement of the Ninth Edition](#)

Also, please remember that the [Construction Supervisor License](#) (CSL) exam will transition to the ninth edition code beginning **January 1st** as well. Exam candidates will be allowed to take either the eighth edition (*2009 I-Codes with amendments*) or ninth edition (*2105 I-Codes with amendments*) into the exam site beginning October 23rd.

It is hoped that this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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