

Setting the Standard

Key Updates from Building and Technical Standards

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Building Permit Process

The building permit process is an essential part of the administration and enforcement of construction standards. Building permits ensure local authorities are aware of work occurring within their jurisdiction. They also ensure the appointed building official can complete a plan review of the work and inspect the building during construction to verify compliance with the construction standards.

As per *The Construction Codes Act* (the CC Act), a building owner must obtain a valid building permit prior to commencing work on a building. The local authority can facilitate this requirement by having a well-defined building permit process in place. The typical building permit process includes five basic stages: (1) Building Design, (2) Plan Review and Permit Approval, (3) Construction, (4) Inspections, (5) Permit Closure and Occupancy. For more detailed information on the typical building permit process, please refer to our [Building Permit Process Advisory](#).

Upcoming Workshops

Building and Technical Standards (BTS) is currently accepting registrations for:

- Fall 2025 Workshop – Virtual – October 24, 2025

Visit the [BTS Course page](#) to register and see available workshops.

Construction Codes Advisories and Guides

The Building and Technical Standards branch is currently reviewing and updating its advisories and guides to ensure they reflect current codes and standards. As part of this effort, the following documents have been recently revised:

- [Building Permit Process Advisory](#) – new October 2025
- [Five Principles of the National Building Code of Canada and National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings Advisory](#) – updated October 2025

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