

Setting the Standard

Key Updates from Building and Technical Standards

June, 2025

Grade Marks of the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board Accredited Agencies

The Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB) monitors the quality of Canada's lumber grading and identification system to ensure compliance with the National Building Code of Canada.

Please refer to the attached memorandum, which contains a facsimile of the thirteen grade stamps approved for use by the ten CLSAB Accredited Agencies.

Building Official Licence Training Advisory Updated

The [Building Official Licence Training Advisory](#), which details the requirements for renewing a building official licence, has been updated. The changes include extending the Legislative Framework Training exam duration to two and a half hours, removing the NBC edition year for the materials used and making several rewording edits for clarity.

Decks and Accessory Buildings

Summer is the prime season for permit applications for decks and accessory buildings (sheds and garages) over 100 ft².

To ensure timely review and approval, permit applications should include all relevant information, such as plans, structure and framing details, etc.

As per *The Construction Codes Act*, local authorities may appoint a building official, licensed by the province, to assist in the review and enforcement of construction standards related to these structures.

The permitting and inspection process assures local authorities and owners that buildings and structures are built to the minimum standards outlined in the National Building Code of Canada.

For more information, contact Building and Technical Standards at 306-787-4113 or btstandards@gov.sk.ca, or contact your local municipal office.

Contact Us:

Building and Technical Standards

306-787-4113

btstandards@gov.sk.ca

BTS thanks you for staying informed and promoting construction of safe, healthy, habitable buildings.

For the latest updates, announcements, information, and news releases, please visit our website at saskatchewan.ca/btstandards



CANADIAN LUMBER STANDARDS ACCREDITATION BOARD

#102-28 Deakin Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K2E 8B7 Canada

PHONE 613-482-2480
E-MAIL info@clsab.ca
WEB SITE www.clsab.ca

MEMORANDUM

To: Canadian Building Code Officials,
Canadian Home Builders' Association,
and the Supply-Build Canada.

From: Chuck Dentelbeck, President & CEO

Date: May 21, 2025

Subject: Grade Marks of the CLSAB Accredited
Agencies

The Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB) monitors the quality of Canada's lumber grading and identification system to ensure it conforms with the National Building Code.

The document attached to this memorandum contains a facsimile of the 13 grade stamps approved for use by the 10 CLSAB Accredited Agencies. They are referenced in Article 9.3.2.1(1) of the National Building Code. The document also includes the contact information for each CLSAB Accredited Agency, should you have questions about their stamp.

All grade stamps must include the following information:

1. registered trademark of the accredited agency,
2. facility number and/or name,
3. grade of the lumber,
4. species or species combination,
5. moisture content at time of grade stamping on lumber under five-inch nominal thickness,
6. CLSAB approved grading rule, i.e. NLGA,
7. other information may be required depending on the grading rule and/or product standards approved by CLSAB. For example, there are additional requirements for fingerjoined and machine stress rated lumber.

Detailed information about the grade mark and the additional requirements for fingerjoined and machine stress rated lumber is available on the CLSAB website at: <https://www.clsab.ca/about-us/more-information-about-lumber-grading/what-the-grade-marks-mean/>

NOTE DE SERVICE

Destinataires: Autorités canadiennes du bâtiment,
Association canadienne des
constructeurs d'habitations et la
Supply-Build Canada.

De: Chuck Dentelbeck, Président et chef de la
direction, CLSAB

Date: 21 mai 2025

Objet: Estampilles de qualité des agences accréditées
du CLSAB

Le Conseil d'accréditation des normes du bois d'œuvre canadien (CLSAB) surveille le système de qualité de classification et d'identification du bois d'œuvre canadien pour s'assurer qu'il est conforme au code national du bâtiment.

Le document joint à cette note de service contient un fac-similé des 13 estampilles de qualité approuvées pour utilisation par les 10 agences accréditées du CLSAB. Celles-ci sont mentionnées à l'article 9.3.2.1(1) du Code national du bâtiment. Si vous avez des questions sur les estampilles, le document comprend également les coordonnées de chaque agence accréditée par le CLSAB.

Toutes les estampilles de qualité doivent inclure les informations suivantes :

1. une marque enregistrée de l'agence accrédité,
2. le numéro et/ou le nom de l'établissement,
3. la qualité du bois,
4. l'essence ou la combinaison d'essences,
5. la teneur en humidité au moment de l'estampillage pour le bois d'œuvre de moins de cinq pouces d'épaisseur nominale,
6. la règle de classement approuvée par le CLSAB, i.e. NLGA,
7. d'autres informations peuvent être requises selon la règle de classement et/ou les normes de produits spéciaux approuvées par le CLSAB. Par exemple, il existe des exigences supplémentaires pour le bois d'œuvre abouté et classé par contrainte mécanique.

Des informations détaillées sur les estampilles de qualité et les exigences supplémentaires pour le bois abouté et classé par une contrainte mécanique sont disponibles sur le site Web du CLSAB à l'adresse: <https://www.clsab.ca/about-us/more-information-about-lumber-grading/what-the-grade-marks-mean/>

If you have questions about this memorandum, do not hesitate to contact me at cdentelbeck@clsab.ca or 613-482-2480

Si vous avez des questions sur cette note de service, n'hésitez pas à contacter Francois-Olivier Beaudoin à fbeaudoin@clsab.ca ou au 613-482-2480

Att.


Facsimiles of Grade Marks of CLSAB Accredited Agencies Fac-similé des estampilles de qualité des agences accréditées du CLSAB

(May 21, 2025 / 21 mai 2025)

A.F.P.A.[®] 10 S-P-F NLGA 1 KD-HT
Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA) 1300-10707 100 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 3M1 Tel: 780-452-2841 www.albertaforestproducts.ca

 No 1 KD-HT NLGA S-P-F 100	 KD-HT 91 NLGA S-P-F 1	 KD-HT 25 NLGA D FIR-L(N) 1
Canadian Mill Services Association (CMSA) #280, 500-6th Avenue New Westminster, BC V3L 1V3 Tel: 604-523-1288 www.canserve.org		

CL[®]A 100 1 NLGA S-P-F KD-HT
Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) 8 King St. East, Suite 1704 Toronto, ON M5C 1B5 Tel: 416-368-6188 www.ofia.com

CSI[®] No. 1 5 KD-HT NLGA S-P-F	 No. 2 KD-HT NLGA D FIR-L(N)
Canadian Softwood Inspection Agency (CSI) 902 County Road 50 East Harrow, Ontario NOR 1G0 Tel: 855-714-2090 www.canadiansoftwood.com	


CFPA[®] 00 S-P-F NLGA KD-HT 1
Central Forest Products Association (CFPA) 957 River Street East Prince Albert, SK S6V 0B3 Tel: (306) 960-5914

 S-P-F S-DRY CIFQ 1 477 NLGA
Conseil de l'industrie forestière du Québec (CIFQ) 1175, avenue Lavigerie Suite 200 Québec, QC G1V 4P1 Tel: 418-657-7916 www.cifq.com

O.L.M.A.[®] 09 1 KD-HT NLGA S-P-F
Ontario Lumber Manufacturers' Agency 244 Viau Road Noelville, ON POM 2N0 Tel: 705-898-1036 www.olma.ca

M S-P-F L[®] No. 1 B KD-HT 99 NLGA
Maritime Lumber Bureau P.O. Box 459 Amherst, NS B4H 4A1 Tel: 902-667-3889 www.mlb.ca

N NLGA L S-P-F P NO.2 A[®] 000 KD HT
Newfoundland and Labrador Lumber Producers Association (NLLPA) P.O. Box 8 Glovertown, NL A0G 2L0 Tel: 709-533-2206

 NO. 1 KD - HT S-P-F 00 NLGA RULES
Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau (PLIB) PO Box 19118, Fourth Ave. Postal Outlet Vancouver, BC V6K 4R8 Tel: 604-732-1782 www.plib.org