

BC Building Act Introduced in Legislature

ASTTBC would like to inform you of the introduction in the legislature of the Building Act. The Building Act is British Columbia's first Act devoted solely to building and construction. It is a key part of the Province's commitment to improve and streamline the building regulatory system, and a historic moment for all British Columbians involved in building and construction.

The Building Act introduces three main changes to B.C.'s building regulatory system:

- **Consistency:** It establishes the Province as the sole authority to set building requirements. The objective is to create more consistent building requirements across BC, while still providing local governments with flexibility to meet their needs.
- **Competency:** It establishes minimum qualification requirements for building officials to improve consistency in how the BC Building Code is interpreted, applied and enforced.
- **Innovation:** It supports local governments and other local authorities through the implementation of a provincial review process to evaluate innovative building proposals.

These changes will be introduced gradually as supporting regulations are developed, and a transition period will give those affected ample time to prepare.

The development of the Act has involved [extensive stakeholder consultation](#) over many years.

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