

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT
AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING AND DEPUTY PREMIER

Building Act


Ministerial Order No. M 081

Pursuant to the *Building Act*, Section 11, I, Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier, hereby:

- 1) specify examination requirements by class for qualified building officials as set out in Schedule A, effective February 28, 2017; and
- 2) specify continuing professional development requirements for qualified building officials as set out in Schedule B, effective February 28, 2017.

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(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Building Act*, S.B.C. 2015, c. 2, s. 11

Other: _____

Schedule A – Examination Requirements

1) For the purposes of section 11 (1) (a) (i) and section 11 (3) of the *Building Act*, a qualified building official must pass examinations in accordance with the following:

Building Official Class	Building Officials' Association of British Columbia Examination ID / Name / Content
Building Level 1	BC1 – 1 / Level I Exam 1 / British Columbia Building Code (BCBC) Part 9 Codes Exam (One-and Two-family Dwellings); and BC1 – 2 / Level I Exam 2 / BCBC Part 9 Plan Review Exam (Single Family Dwelling)
Building Level 2	BC2 – 5 / Level II Exam 5 / BCBC Part 9; and BC2 – 6 / Level II Exam 6 / BCBC Part 9 (Also Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10)
Building Level 3	BC3 – 7 / Level III Exam 7 / BCBC Part 3 (Part 3 Buildings Classification and Construction); BC3 – 8 / Level III Exam 8 / BCBC Part 3 (Buildings Plan Review); BC3 – 9 / Level III Exam 9 / BCBC Part 3 (Buildings Life Safety Systems); and BC3 – 10 / Level III Exam 10 / BCBC Part 3 (Part 3 Buildings Fire Protection)
Plumbing Level 1	BC – P1 / Level I / BCBC Part 7 and British Columbia Plumbing Code (BCPC) (Residential and Light Commercial Construction)
Plumbing Level 2	BC – P2 / Level II / BCBC Part 7 and BCPC (Complex Commercial and High Rise Construction)

Note: All examinations are developed and administered by the Building Officials' Association of British Columbia. Examinations within a Class Level may be written in any order as available. All exams within a Class Level must be passed for qualification at that Class Level. Building or Plumbing qualification must proceed sequentially, beginning at Level 1.

Schedule B – Continuing Professional Development Requirements

- 1) For the purposes of section 11 (1) (a) (ii) of the *Building Act*, a qualified building official must complete continuing professional development requirements in accordance with section 2.
- 2) Within each calendar year, a qualified building official must complete a minimum of 10 points of continuing professional development from the following table:

Code		Point Allocation
A1	Attendance at conferences offered by the Building Officials' Association of British Columbia that directly address one or more of the Blocks/General Areas of Competence published in the National Occupational & Training Standard: Professional Building Official (2007)	5 points for one day 8 points for two days 10 points for three days
A2	Attendance at code change seminars offered by the Building Officials' Association of British Columbia when a new edition of the British Columbia Building Code is enacted	5 points for one day
A3	Successful completion of courses that directly address one or more of the Blocks/General Areas of Competence published in the National Occupational & Training Standard: Professional Building Official (2007)	5 points per course
A4	Attendance at meetings, seminars, workshops or webinars that directly address one or more of the Blocks/General Areas of Competence published in the National Occupational & Training Standard: Professional Building Official (2007)	1 point per hour
A5	Development and delivery of a presentation or lecture directly relevant to one or more of the Blocks/General Areas of Competence published in the National Occupational & Training Standard: Professional Building Official (2007)	5 points per developed and delivered presentation or lecture (no additional points for subsequent delivery)
A6	Serving on the Building Officials' Association of British Columbia's Executive Committee, Education Committee or Examination Development Committee	5 points per year

- 3) Whenever the Building Officials' Association of British Columbia offers a code change seminar for a new edition of the British Columbia Building Code, attendance is mandatory for qualified building officials.
- 4) For a person who is entered in the register as a qualified building official on or before September 30, the required continuing professional development points for the person's first year as a qualified building official will be pro-rated, based on the date on which the person was entered in the register.

- 5) For a person who is entered in the register as a qualified building official on or after October 1, continuing professional development points are not required for that calendar year.