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<p>1.1.1.1. Application of this Code</p> <p>3) This Code shall take effect pursuant to the terms of the Building Code Regulation under the Safety Codes Act.</p> <p>4) This Code does not authorize the construction of a <i>building</i> for which a land use is not allowed pursuant to an airport vicinity protection area regulation under the Municipal Government Act.</p>	<p>1.1.1.1. Application of this Code</p> <p>3) This Code shall take effect pursuant to the terms of the Building Code Regulation under the Safety Codes Act.</p> <p>4) This Code does not authorize <u>permit</u> the construction of a <i>building</i> for which a land use is not allowed pursuant to an airport vicinity protection area regulation under the Municipal Government Act</p>	Deleted Sentence (3).
<p>1.1.1.2. Application to Existing Buildings (See Note A-1.1.1.2.)</p> <p>1) This Article applies to a <i>building</i> that has been legally built, occupied and used before 01 April 2019.</p> <p>...</p> <p>3) Except as specified in Part 10 of Division B, the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> shall accept any construction or condition that lawfully existed in Alberta before 01 April 2019 if the construction or condition does not constitute an <i>unsafe condition</i>.</p> <p>4) A change in <i>occupancy</i> or <i>alteration</i> of any <i>building</i> constructed before 01 April 2019 shall be permitted if the level of safety and <i>building</i> performance proposed are acceptable to the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i>.</p> <p>5) For a <i>building</i> constructed before 01 April 2019, the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> may accept an alternative or a proposal that achieves the appropriate level of safety for the specific activity for which the <i>building</i> is to be used.</p> <p>6) The <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> may accept existing construction not in complete compliance with this Code, in which case it may be accepted, subject to conditions.</p>	<p>1.1.1.2. Application to Existing Buildings (See Note A-1.1.1.2.)</p> <p>1) This Article applies to a <i>building</i> that has been legally built, occupied and used <u>existed</u> before 01 April 2019 <u>May 2024</u>.</p> <p>...</p> <p>3) Except as specified in Part 10 of Division B, the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> shall accept any construction or condition that lawfully <u>existed</u> exists in Alberta before 01 April 2019 if the construction or condition does not constitute an unsafe condition.</p> <p>4) A change in <i>occupancy</i> or <i>alteration</i> of any <i>building</i> constructed before 01 April 2019 shall be permitted if the level of safety and <i>building</i> performance proposed are acceptable to the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i>.</p> <p>5) For a building constructed before 01 April 2019, the <u>The</u> <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> may accept an alternative or a proposal that achieves the appropriate level of safety for the specific activity for which the <i>building</i> is to be used.</p> <p>6) The <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> may accept existing construction not in complete compliance with this Code, in which case it and may be accepted, subject to <u>place</u> conditions <u>on the existing construction</u>.</p>	
<p>1.1.1.3. Temporary Use</p> <p>1) Except for <i>buildings</i> constructed under Part 10 of Division B, the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> may allow, for a limited time only, the erection or relocation and existence of a <i>building</i> for an <i>occupancy</i> which may, because of its nature, exist for a short time, under circumstances which may warrant only selective compliance with this Code. (See Note A-1.1.1.3.(1).)</p> <p>2) The following information shall be posted for the <i>building</i> allowed in Sentence (1):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the time limitations imposed under Sentence (1), any conditions of selective compliance imposed under Sentence (1), and the <i>permit</i>. 	<p>1.1.1.3. Temporary Use</p> <p>1) Except for buildings constructed under Part 10 of Division B, the authority having jurisdiction may allow, for a limited time only, the erection or relocation and existence of a building for an occupancy which may, because of its nature, exist for a short time, under circumstances which may warrant only selective compliance with this Code. (See Note A-1.1.1.3.(1).)</p> <p>2) The following information shall be posted for the building allowed in Sentence (1):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the time limitations imposed under Sentence (1), any conditions of selective compliance imposed under Sentence (1), and the permit. 	Article has been relocated to Article 2.2.11.3. of Division C.
<p>1.3.3.3. Application of Parts 9, 10 and 11</p> <p>1) Part 9 of Division B applies to all <i>buildings</i> described in Article 1.1.1.1. of 3 storeys or less in <i>building height</i>, having a <i>building area</i> not exceeding 600 m², and used for <i>major occupancies</i> classified as</p>	<p>1.3.3.3. Application of Parts 9, 10 and 11</p> <p>1) Part 9 of Division B applies to all <i>buildings</i> described in Article 1.1.1.1. of 3 storeys or less in <i>building height</i>, having a <i>building area</i> not exceeding 600 m², and used for <i>major occupancies</i> classified as <u>a) Group B, Division 4, home-type care occupancies.</u></p>	

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<p>a) Group C, <i>residential occupancies</i> (see Note A-9.1.1.1.(1) of Division B),</p> <p>b) Group D, <i>business and personal services occupancies</i>,</p> <p>c) Group E, <i>mercantile occupancies</i>, or</p> <p>d) Group F, Divisions 2 and 3, <i>medium- and low-hazard industrial occupancies</i>.</p> <p>2) Part 10 of Division B applies to <i>buildings</i> conforming to Sentence (3) in which accommodation is provided for an industrial workforce living and working in a temporary location.</p> <p>...</p> <p>4) Part 10 of Division B applies to Group D and Group F, Division 3 <i>occupancies</i> for a workforce working in a temporary location.</p>	<p>ab) Group C, <i>residential occupancies</i> (see Note A-9.1.1.1.(1) of Division B),</p> <p>bc) Group D, <i>business and personal services occupancies</i>,</p> <p>cd) Group E, <i>mercantile occupancies</i>, or</p> <p>de) Group F, Divisions 2 and 3, <i>medium- and low-hazard industrial occupancies</i>.</p> <p>2) Part 10 of Division B applies to <u>all buildings described in Article 1.1.1.1</u> conforming to Sentence (3) in which accommodation is provided for an industrial workforce living and working in a temporary location.</p> <p>...</p> <p>4) Part 10 of Division B applies to Group D and Group F, Division 3 <i>occupancies</i> for a conforming to Sentence (3) for an industrial workforce working in a temporary location</p>	
1.4.1.2. Defined Terms	1.4.1.2. Defined Terms	
1) The words and terms in italics in this Code shall have the following meanings:	1) The words and terms in italics in this Code shall have the following meanings:	
<i>Abattoir</i> means premises where animals are slaughtered and meat is cut, wrapped, frozen, cured, smoked or aged.	<i>Abattoir</i> means premises where animals are slaughtered and meat is cut, wrapped, frozen, cured, smoked or aged.	Definition removed from the code.
<i>Architectural work</i> means the preparation of designs, plans, drawings, detail drawings, specifications or graphic representations for the erection, construction or <i>alteration</i> of, or addition to a <i>building</i> , but does not include <i>engineering work</i> .	<i>Architectural work</i> means the preparation of designs, plans, drawings, detail drawings, specifications or graphic representations for the erection, construction or alteration of, or addition to a building, but does not include engineering work.	Definition removed from the code.
<i>Barrier-free</i> means that a <i>building</i> and its facilities can be approached, entered, and used by persons with physical, cognitive or sensory disabilities.	<i>Barrier-free</i> means that a <i>building</i> and its facilities can be approached, entered, and used by persons with physical, cognitive or sensory disabilities.	
<i>Campground</i> means land on which a person is commonly permitted to erect tents or park recreational vehicles for the purpose of overnight camping, and includes any <i>building</i> , structure, tent, vehicle or enclosure that is located on the land and is used as part of the facility.	<i>Campground</i> means land on which a person is commonly permitted to erect tents or park recreational vehicles for the purpose of overnight camping, and includes any building, structure, tent, vehicle or enclosure that is located on the land and is used as part of the facility.	Definition removed from the code.
<i>Care occupancy</i> means the <i>occupancy</i> or use of a <i>building</i> or part thereof where <i>care</i> is provided to residents. (See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1).)	<i>Care occupancy</i> (<u>Group B, Division 3</u>) means the <i>occupancy</i> or use of a <i>building</i> or part thereof, <u>other than a home-type care occupancy</u> , where <i>care</i> is provided to residents. (See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1).)	
<i>Cemetery</i> means land that is set apart or land that is used for the burial of dead human bodies or other human remains or in which dead human bodies or other human remains are buried.	<i>Cemetery</i> means land that is set apart or land that is used for the burial of dead human bodies or other human remains or in which dead human bodies or other human remains are buried.	Definition removed from the code.
<i>Combustible construction</i> means that type of construction that does not meet the requirements for <i>noncombustible construction</i> .	<i>Combustible construction</i> means that type of construction that does not meet the requirements for <i>noncombustible construction</i> <u>or encapsulated mass timber construction</u> .	
<i>Coordinating registered professional</i> means a <i>registered professional</i> retained to coordinate all design work and <i>field reviews</i> of the <i>registered professionals of record</i> required for the <i>project</i> .	<i>Coordinating registered professional</i> means a <i>registered professional</i> retained to coordinate all the design work and <i>field reviews</i> of the <i>registered professionals of record</i> required for the <i>project</i> .	
<i>Dairy manufacturing plant</i> means an establishment in which milk, cream, butter, cheese, ice cream, condensed milk, evaporated milk, milk powder, dry milk, malted milk, sherbet or any other product manufactured wholly or mainly from milk is processed, manufactured, reprocessed, packed or repacked.	<i>Dairy manufacturing plant</i> means an establishment in which milk, cream, butter, cheese, ice cream, condensed milk, evaporated milk, milk powder, dry milk, malted milk, sherbet or any other product manufactured wholly or mainly from milk is processed, manufactured, reprocessed, packed or repacked.	Definition removed from the code.
N/A	<u><i>Encapsulated mass timber construction</i> means that type of construction in which a degree of fire safety is attained by the use of encapsulated mass timber elements with an <i>encapsulation rating</i> and minimum dimensions for structural members and other <i>building assemblies</i>.</u>	New definition added.
N/A	<u><i>Encapsulation rating</i> means the time in minutes that a material or assembly of materials will delay the ignition and combustion of encapsulated mass timber elements when it is exposed to fire under</u>	New definition added.

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	specified conditions of test and performance criteria, or as otherwise prescribed by this Code.	
<i>Engineering work</i> means the preparation of designs, plans, drawings, detail drawings, specifications or graphic representations for electrical, mechanical and structural systems or components in <i>buildings</i> , and includes any applicable geotechnical <i>engineering work</i> , but does not include <i>architectural work</i> .	<i>Engineering work</i> means the preparation of designs, plans, drawings, detail drawings, specifications or graphic representations for electrical, mechanical and structural systems or components in <i>buildings</i>, and includes any applicable geotechnical <i>engineering work</i>, but does not include <i>architectural work</i>.	Definition removed from the code.
<i>Field review</i> means a review of the <i>work</i> to which a <i>project</i> relates at the <i>project</i> site, and at locations where <i>building</i> components are fabricated for use at the <i>project</i> site.	<i>Field review</i> means a review of the <i>work</i> related to which a <i>project</i> relates at the <i>project</i> site, and at locations where <i>building</i> components are fabricated for use at the <i>project</i> site in accordance with the requirements of the Architects Act or the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act. (See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1).)	
Fire stop means a system consisting of a material, component and means of support used to fill gaps between fire separations or between fire separations and other assemblies, or used around items that wholly or partially penetrate a fire separation.	Fire stop Firestop means a system consisting of a material, component and means of support used to fill gaps between <i>fire separations</i> or between <i>fire separations</i> and other assemblies, or used around items that wholly or partially penetrate a <i>fire separation</i> .	This change has been made throughout the code.
<i>Food establishment</i> means premises where food that is intended for consumption by the public is served, offered for sale, displayed, processed, packaged, stored or handled.	<i>Food establishment</i> means premises where food that is intended for consumption by the public is served, offered for sale, displayed, processed, packaged, stored or handled.	Definition removed from the code.
N/A	Home-type care occupancy (Group B, Division 4) means the occupancy or use of a building consisting of a single detached housekeeping unit where care is provided to residents and may include the living space of the caregiver and their family. (See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1).)	New definition added.
<i>Major occupancy</i> means the principal <i>occupancy</i> for which a <i>building</i> or part thereof is used or intended to be used, and shall be deemed to include the subsidiary <i>occupancies</i> that are an integral part of the principal <i>occupancy</i> . The <i>major occupancy</i> classifications used in this Code are as follows: ... B3 – <i>Care occupancies</i> C – <i>Residential occupancies</i> ...	<i>Major occupancy</i> means the principal <i>occupancy</i> for which a <i>building</i> or part thereof is used or intended to be used, and shall be deemed to include the subsidiary <i>occupancies</i> that are an integral part of the principal <i>occupancy</i> . The <i>major occupancy</i> classifications used in this Code are as follows: ... B3 – <i>Care occupancies</i> B4 – Home-type care occupancies C – <i>Residential occupancies</i> ...	
<i>New building</i> means a <i>building</i> (a) that was not substantially completed on or before 01 April 2019, or (b) for which an application for a <i>permit</i> was not submitted to the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> on or before 01 April 2019.	<i>New building</i> means a <i>building</i> (a) that was not substantially completed on or before 01 April 2019 May 2024 , or (b) for which an application for a <i>permit</i> was not submitted to the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> on or before 01 April 2019 May 2024 .	
<i>Owner</i> means a person who (a) controls the property under consideration, (b) holds themselves out as the person having the powers and authority of ownership or who, for the time being, exercises the powers and authority of ownership, (c) is registered under provincial legislation as the <i>owner</i> of a freehold estate in possession of land, or (d) has purchased or otherwise acquired land, whether they have purchased or otherwise acquired the land directly from a previous <i>owner</i> or from another purchaser, and have not yet registered their ownership.	<i>Owner</i> means a person who (a) controls the property under consideration, (b) holds themselves out as the person having the powers and authority of ownership or who, for the time being, exercises the powers and authority of ownership, (c) is registered under provincial legislation as the <i>owner</i> of a freehold estate in possession of land, or (d) has purchased or otherwise acquired land, whether they have purchased or otherwise acquired the land directly from a previous <i>owner</i> or from another purchaser, and have not yet registered their ownership.	Definition removed from the code.
<i>Permit</i> means, for the purposes of this Code, permission or authorization in writing to commence the use, <i>occupancy</i> , relocation, construction or demolition of any <i>building</i> .	<i>Permit</i> means, for the purposes of this Code, permission or authorization in writing to commence the use, <i>occupancy</i> , relocation, construction or demolition of any <i>building</i> .	
<i>Personal service facilities</i> means those premises where there is skin-to-skin contact between the personal service worker and the client, resulting in the possible transfer of viruses or bacteria.	<i>Personal service facilities</i> means those premises where there is skin-to-skin contact between the personal service worker and the client, resulting in the possible transfer of viruses or bacteria.	Definition removed from the code.
<i>Post-disaster building</i> means a <i>building</i> that is essential to the provision of services in the event of a disaster, and includes • hospitals, emergency treatment facilities and blood banks,	<i>Post-disaster building</i> means a <i>building</i> that is essential to necessary for the provision of essential services to the general public in the event of a disaster, and includes • hospitals, emergency treatment facilities and blood banks,	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> telephone exchanges, power generating stations and electrical substations, control centres for air, land and marine transportation, public water treatment and storage facilities, and pumping stations, sewage treatment facilities and <i>buildings</i> having critical national defence functions, and <i>buildings</i> of the following types, unless exempted from this designation by the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> emergency response facilities, fire, rescue and police stations and housing for vehicles, aircraft or boats used for such purposes, and communications facilities, including radio and television stations. (See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1).)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> telephone exchanges, power generating stations and electrical substations, control centres for natural gas distribution. control centres for air, land and marine transportation, public water treatment and storage facilities, and pumping stations, water storage facilities. water and sewage pumping stations. sewage treatment facilities and buildings having critical national defence functions, and buildings having critical national defence functions, and <i>buildings</i> of the following types, unless exempted from this designation by the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> emergency response facilities, fire, rescue and police stations and housing for vehicles, aircraft or boats used for such purposes, and communications facilities, including radio and television stations. (See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1).)	
<i>Private sewage disposal system</i> means a privately owned plant for the treatment and disposal of sewage (such as a septic tank with an absorption field).	<i>Private sewage disposal system</i> means a privately owned plant for the treatment and disposal of sewage (such as a septic tank with an absorption field).	Definition removed from the code.
N/A	Professional health care service means a service offered by a physician registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.	New definition added.
N/A	Professional permit holder means a permit or certificate holder as defined in the Architects Act or the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act.	New definition added.
N/A	Provincial Barrier-Free Administrator means a person in the <i>barrier-free design and access discipline</i> appointed as an Administrator under the Safety Codes Act.	New definition added.
N/A	Ramp means a path of travel having a slope steeper than 1 in 20.	New definition added.
<i>Restaurant</i> means a <i>food establishment</i> where food is sold or distributed in a state ready for immediate consumption and that has <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) seating or standing room designed for food consumption by patrons, or (b) parking space under the control of the <i>owner</i> provided so that a patron may consume food in a vehicle, and includes a canteen, cafeteria, dining room or similar facility provided for employees, staff or students. 	<i>Restaurant</i> means a <i>food establishment</i> where food is sold or distributed in a state ready for immediate consumption and that has <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) seating or standing room designed for food consumption by patrons, or (b) parking space under the control of the <i>owner</i> provided so that a patron may consume food in a vehicle, and includes a canteen, cafeteria, dining room or similar facility provided for employees, staff or students. 	Definition removed from the code.
<i>Secondary meat processing plant</i> means a <i>food establishment</i> where carcasses or primal cuts are converted to saleable products for wholesale distribution.	<i>Secondary meat processing plant</i> means a <i>food establishment</i> where carcasses or primal cuts are converted to saleable products for wholesale distribution.	Definition removed from the code.
<i>Unsafe condition</i> means any condition that, in the opinion of the <i>authority having jurisdiction</i> , could endanger the life, limb or health of any person authorized or expected to be on or about the premises.	<i>Unsafe condition</i> means any condition that, in the opinion of the authority having jurisdiction, could endanger could cause undue hazard to the life, limb or health of any person authorized or expected to be on or about the premises.	