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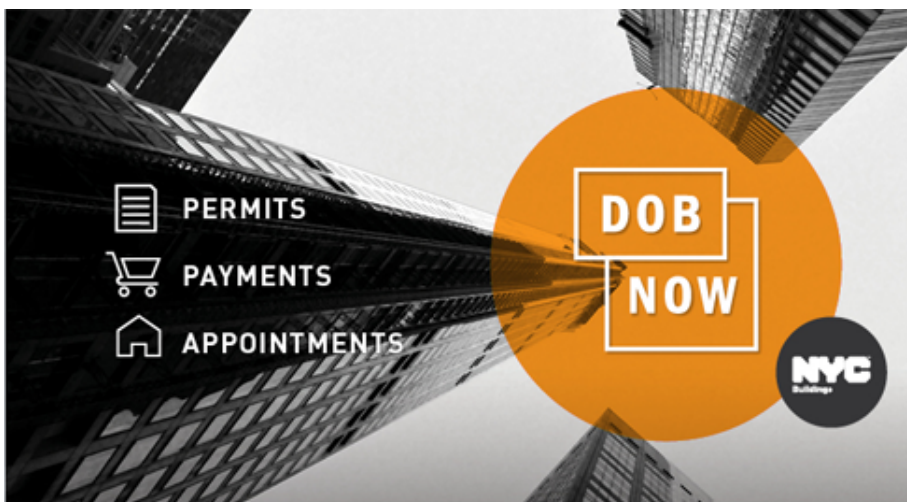

## Deadline Extended For Code Revision Committees



You still have time to apply to be a member of our 2017 Construction Codes Revision Committees. The deadline for membership applications has been extended by two more weeks. Volunteers on these committees will help the Department draft revisions to the NYC Construction Codes, which serve to increase safety, savings, and innovation in our buildings and on our construction sites. Send in your completed application to the Department by our new deadline of Friday, April 14, 2017, to be considered for a position on one of these committees.

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## Sound Off on Our New Online Portal: *DOB NOW*



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## Code Notes

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## Hearings + Rules

DOB continues to make progress rolling out *DOB NOW!* Functionality already available includes *DOB NOW: Build* for Plumbing, Sprinklers, and Standpipe job filings and *DOB NOW: Safety* for Facade compliance filings. The *DOB NOW* team is hard at work on future releases and will keep you updated in the coming months on enhancements and new functionality. In preparation, DOB encourages you to register with [eFiling](#) if you have not already done so.

The *DOB NOW* team has received positive testimonials from industry users. Stan, an architect, recently wrote to us:

"I really like the new e-filing system and think it's better and potentially more efficient and faster."

DOB values feedback from industry users like you. If you have any questions or comments, please email [dobnowsupport@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:dobnowsupport@buildings.nyc.gov).

## Presentation Topics Announced For Safety Conference



Topics have been announced for this year's upcoming Build Safe | Live Safe Conference, scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017. DOB experts will cover topics that include construction safety, forensic engineering, demolition & site safety plans, flood protection & NYC gas work, special inspections, alterations, and crane codes & regulations.

Attendees at the conference are eligible to receive up to 4.75 LU/HSW credits.

Tickets for this year's conference have sold out, but all of the presentations will be made available on our website after the event.

[2017 Conference Topics & 2016 Conference Presentations](#)

## Gas Piping Work Civil Penalty Amnesty Program

NYC Building's Gas Piping Work Civil Penalty Amnesty Program starts next Wednesday, April 5, 2017. During this 6-month amnesty period the Department will waive the civil penalties associated with certain previously issued violations for work without a permit on gas piping systems, provided that the owner obtains the proper DOB permit and completes the job. Take advantage of this amnesty period to legalize your gas piping work and reduce the fines you owe to the City.

[Service Update](#)

## Hoisting Machine Operators Amendment

[1 RCNY 104-09](#) (effective 03.02.17)  
The amendments reflect the New York State Supreme Court's decision that the portion of the current rule relating to out-of-state experience in an urban area of comparable density for a Class A Hoisting Machine License is invalid.

## Amendment of License Application Rules

[1 RCNY 104-01](#) (effective 03.16.17)  
The amendments more accurately reflect the current qualification process for licensees, expand the fitness requirements to additional license types, and add restrictions on the location of contractors' businesses within the city.

## Proposed Amendment of Licensing Rules Relating to Riggers, Sign Hangers, and Elevator Inspection Agencies

The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to amend its rules relating to reinstatement of license, continuing education requirements, and supervisory responsibilities of riggers and sign hangers and to repeal its rules regarding private elevator inspection agencies and climber or tower crane rigger licenses.

Public Hearing 4.14.17 @10am - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

[All Department Rules](#)

## 2014 Construction Code Updates

[Update Page # 23](#) reflects changes made by [Local Laws 154 of 2016](#) (effective 03.06.17), in relation to requiring gas service providers and owners to notify the Department of Buildings within twenty-four hours when gas service is shut-off or not restored due to safety concerns.

Update Pages are printable inserts to keep your hard copy Construction Codes up to date.

All [Update Pages](#) for the 2014 NYC Construction Codes.

## Buildings Bulletins

[OTCR/Buildings Bulletin 2017-002](#): Establishes acceptance criteria for

## Loft Board Registration Deadline Approaching

Anyone seeking coverage under the Loft Law must file an application with the NYC Loft Board on or before June 15, 2017. To access forms or get more information visit the NYC Loft Board website or call (212) 393-2616.

[NYC Loft Board Website](#)

[Owner Registration Application](#)

[Tenant Coverage Application](#)

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## Disciplinary Cases

A Bronx building owner was issued a \$2,500 violation for an elevator that was intermittently out of service for a year.

A plumber was issued a \$3,200 violation for having more than 40% of his requested inspections rejected.

[Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders](#)

[Industry Code of Conduct for Construction Professionals](#)

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## Licensing Updates

[Class C Hoisting Machine Operator License](#)

[Elevator Director License Renewal](#)

[Site Safety Coordinator Certification Renewal](#)

[Site Safety Manager Certification Renewal](#)

[High Pressure Boiler Operating Engineer License Renewal](#)

[Concrete Safety Manager Registration Renewal](#)

[Master Plumber License Renewal](#)

[Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor License Renewal](#)

[Master Rigger License Renewal](#)

[Special Rigger License Renewal](#)

[Welder License Renewal](#)

[Class 1 Filing Representative Registration Renewal](#)

[Class 2 Code And Zoning Representative Registration Renewal](#)

[Becoming a NYC Registered Class 2 Code and Zoning Representative](#)

[Oil Burner Equipment Installer License Renewal](#)

[Journeyman Plumber Fire Suppression Piping Installer Registration](#)

[Class A Hoisting Machine Operator Requirements](#)

[Home Improvement Contractor License](#)

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## Job Postings

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## Sign up for Weather Alerts

**Rick D. Chandler, P.E.,** Commissioner

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evaluating metal fire-rated single-wall insulated vent connector assemblies penetrating fire-rated walls of mechanical rooms (insulated vent connector pass-through assemblies) pursuant to section AC 28-103.8.

[All Buildings Bulletins](#)

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## Website Updates

[Disability Service Facilitator Contact Information](#)

[City Record Online](#)

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## Did You Know

The easiest way to find out about the latest construction projects going on in your neighborhood is DOB's [Building on My Block](#).

This DOB searchable database provides the public with information on new buildings, major alterations, and full demolition permit applications filed with the Department, and is organized by [Community Board](#) for easy reference. Use this tool to always be in the know of the latest changes to your neck of the woods.

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