

CCLD REVIEW

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The State Building Code turns 50

On July 1, 1972, the first State Building Code became effective in Minnesota, superseding the codes of all municipalities throughout the state. July 1, 2022, will mark the 50-year anniversary when the new State Building Code adopted the 1970 Uniform Building Code.

Obviously a lot has changed since then, including the size and number of volumes of the code. However, the way we build houses has also changed and the code has evolved to keep pace with changes in technology and building materials that have touched virtually every aspect of house construction. More information about how we may commemorate the anniversary will come this summer.

Planning is underway for CCLD Fall Seminar

The Construction Codes and Licensing Division's Fall Seminar will occur in September and October 2022. The topics and locations, dates and delivery method for the seminars will be announced soon.

Look for an email with additional information and registration links.

Renew plumber, water conditioner registration by June 30

All registered unlicensed plumbers and water conditioners must renew their annual registration by June 30, 2022.

[Renew quickly and easily online here.](#) The renewal fee is \$19, though a \$5 late fee is charged for any renewals received after July 1, 2022.

When you renew, be prepared to upload or email a completed [work experience verification form](#). This form must be signed by the responsible licensed master plumber for your employer's contractor license. If you do not report your work experience you will not be able to track it in our [online License Lookup](#). Your employer does not report your work experience to DLI – this is your responsibility.

Continuing education

All registered unlicensed plumbers and water conditioners must complete two hours of DLI-approved continuing education courses to renew their registration. The two hours must relate to the Plumbing Code. Registered unlicensed plumbers and water conditioners may take this continuing education in a classroom setting or online. [View a list of all DLI-approved continuing education courses.](#)

Questions?

View more information about plumber licensing. For help with questions contact us at 651-284-5031 or dli.license@state.mn.us.



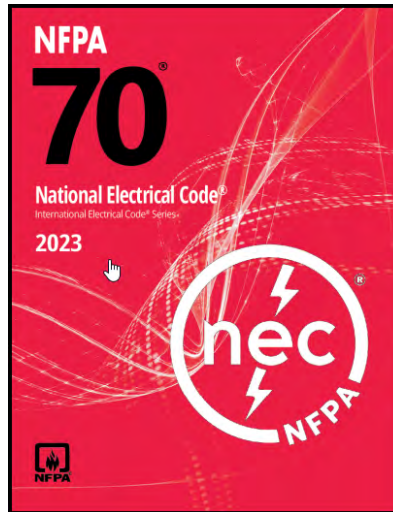
Board of Electricity reviews the 2023 NEC

As publication of the 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC) draws closer, the Minnesota Board of Electricity will begin reviewing the proposed changes associated with the 2023 NEC.

Later this summer, DLI will host a presentation for board members and the public to review the significant changes of the 2023 NEC. After a formal review process, the board's rules subcommittee will make recommendations regarding the NEC adoption, and any amendments, to the full board.

Historically, the board has worked towards implementing each newly adopted NEC on July 1 of the code cycle year in which the NEC is published.

All stakeholders and the public are welcome and encouraged to participate in the adoption process. [View more information about the Minnesota Board of Electricity.](#)



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Schedule of board and council meetings

Below is a schedule of meetings for boards and council supported by CCLD.

Visit www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils to view meeting minutes, agendas, rulemaking documents and schedules for these meetings and additional boards and councils.

Board of Electricity

- July 12, 2022
- Oct. 25, 2022

Plumbing Board

- July 19, 2022
- Oct. 18, 2022

Board of High

Pressure Piping

- July 14, 2022
- Oct. 13, 2022

Interested in serving on a board or council?

Minnesotans are encouraged to apply for positions on state councils, boards, task forces and commissions through the Secretary of State's Open Commissions and Appointments process. Visit www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils for more information about how to apply.

Agency continues preparation for code updates

DLI staff continue to make significant progress toward the adoption of ASHRAE 90.1-2019 as the new Minnesota Commercial Energy Code and updating Minnesota Rules, chapter 1335, Floodproofing, to adopt the 2014 edition of ASCE/SEI 24 Flood Resistant Design and Construction (ASCE 24). Staff have reviewed the provisions of ASHRAE 90.1-2019 and ASCE 24 and developed amendments to the current rules and modifications to some provisions of both standards. Rule drafts have been prepared and are being finalized in anticipation of moving forward with the adoptions.

Later this year DLI will hold an informational hearing to receive public input and testimony about whether it is appropriate to amend the existing Minnesota Residential Energy Code to adopt the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code.

Updates about the adoptions process for ASHRAE 90.1-2019 and ASCE 24 and the informational hearing for the Minnesota Residential Energy Code will be available on the rulemaking dockets at www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/rulemaking/construction-codes-and-licensing-rulemaking.

Department continues to accept comments

DLI continues to accept comments about each of the standards being adopted. Submit comments about a code or rule by sending an email to dli.rules@state.mn.us. Include the rule chapter number or standard in the email subject line.

Unlicensed contractor sentenced to 21 months in prison

- In 2018, an unlicensed Lindstrom contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential building contractor, electrical and plumbing activities. DLI ordered the contractor to cease and desist from engaging in the unlicensed activity and fined him \$30,500. In April 2022, the unlicensed contractor was convicted of felony theft by swindle and nonpayment of improvement in Hennepin County Criminal Court, resulting in a sentence of 21 months in prison. The unlicensed contractor was also ordered to pay \$115,623.66 in restitution to his victims.
- An unlicensed contractor from Oklahoma was found to have performed electrical or technology systems work in Minnesota. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activity and fined \$6,500.
- An unlicensed residential building contractor from St. Paul, who was previously ordered to cease and desist from engaging in unlicensed activities, was found continuing to engage in unlicensed building contractor and plumbing activity. The unlicensed contractor was again ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activity and fined \$19,000.
- An unlicensed handyman based in Buffalo was ordered to cease and desist from unlicensed residential building contractor, electrical and plumbing work and fined \$22,700.



Enforcement actions

View enforcement and license actions levied against licensees.

More information

View summaries of enforcement actions at www.dli.mn.gov/workers/homeowners/file-complaint-and-view-enforcement-actions. Contact us at 651-284-5069 or dli.contractor@state.mn.us.

New staff and roles in CCLD Plan Review

Mike Westemeier is the new supervisor for Plumbing Plan Review

Westemeier most recently worked more than 25 years as a mechanical engineer and partner in an engineering design firm. He has extensive experience in plumbing code and brings a wealth of practical application background to his position.

Ryan Rehn promoted to supervisor of Building Plan Review

Rehn worked as a state plan reviewer for the past nine years and before that worked in plan review at the City of St. Paul. He also sits on the ICC Building Code Action Committee and brings deep code knowledge to the supervisor position.

Building Plan Review adds Britt McAdamis to its team

McAdamis brings six years of plan review and building inspection experience at the City of Duluth where she performed as the chief building inspector. Before that she worked in private-sector housing. Her work in Duluth provided her with a broad base of commercial construction experience.

Greg Metz promoted to manager of Building and Plumbing Plan Review

Metz has worked in a variety of roles at CCLD over the past seven years after working the previous 15 years as an architect and building inspector in the Twin Cities. Metz brings extensive conservation code, energy code and building code knowledge to the agency and looks forward to better integrating the Plan Review teams of CCLD.

View contact information for CCLD staff at

www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/our-areas-service/phone-and-email-directory.

Free workplace safety and health consultations available

DLI offers a free consultation service called MNOSHA Workplace Safety Consultation to help employers find out about potential hazards at their worksites, improve safety management systems and apply for grants to abate safety hazards.



The program targets small, high-hazard businesses. It is separate from the OSHA Compliance inspection activities and no citations are issued as part of a consultation visit.

Learn more and request a consultation

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