

NBBOA NEWSLETTER



Fall/winter 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The last few years has been challenging to say the least but building inspectors across the province continued to do their hard work throughout the pandemic. Major changes have been made with the introduction of the Building Code Administration Act and its regulations. More changes are to come as we strive to have building inspectors to be certified with the NBBOA to be able to inspect constructions throughout the province.

NBBOA continues to work and advocate for our members' education while recognizing the provincial and national level.

**Julien Bouchard, PTech,
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ACT AND REGULATION CHANGES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

As of January 1, 2023, new regulation changes will come in effect that could affect your municipalities' by-laws as building by-laws created under the *Community Planning Act* will no longer be valid. Also, some changes to the BCAA's exemptions will come in effect at the same date, notably the sizes of accessory buildings' size have been reduced to 55 square meters and the size of overnight accommodation buildings' size has been modified to 58.06 square meters.

NBBOA EDUCATION-UPCOMING EVENTS:

Courses: The 2023 calendar currently includes Legal Processes and Responsibilities, Part 3 2015 Large Buildings, Communications Skills for Building Officials, and Barrier Free Design. All course dates and Calendar can be found on the NBBOA website. The Education Committee is working with ACBOA to add Part 9 & 3 Plan Examination courses for 2023-24. Dates to be announced. Additionally, we are working on details for Spring and Fall 1 day maintenance sessions watch your emails and NBBOA website for details.

NBBOA would like to thank the many individuals involved with updating the Legal Processes and Responsibilities course material to reflect new regulation changes.

2015 Online Exams: With full implementation of the 2015 NBC finally in effect. The ACBOA 2010 paper exam are no longer available. 2015 exams can be accessed online at www.nbboa.ca a exam portal can be found under the Education tab. The exam writing process includes: student must arrange location and Proctor (someone who does not work with the Code), date & time to write the exam. Register online and pay for the exam on the NBBOA Website Portal. Payment receipts is sent to the student immediately by email. Captus sends the student registration email with the user code (typically a few days before the exam date). Carbon copies ('CC') NBBOA Executive Assistant on the registration email with the proctor code. NBBOA provides the proctor you selected the proctor code. Once the student is ready for exam at arranged location with chosen Proctor both the student code and proctor's codes will be entered. Immediately after completion of exam ACBOA emails results to the user and NBBOA's Executive Assistant.



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2023 NBBOA Conference & AGM

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MARCH 29-31ST, 2023

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUBMISSION UPDATES

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all certified members that they must attain a minimum of 18 continuous education points in accordance with NBBOA by-laws. You must submit an annual record form by January 14th each year. Record forms can be found on our website and attached to this newsletter.

Professional development is an important part of maintaining your certification to keep you up to date on changes in the codes and the construction industry.

The NBBOA professional development adds to the professionalism and recognition of all certified members.

All record forms can be submitted to Tracy the Executive Assistant at info@nbboa.ca

NBBOA BILINGUAL WEBSITE

Did you know? The majority of your questions can actually be answered by checking out our website www.nbboa.ca. NBBOA now has most materials on our website offered in both French and English. All you need to do is select the Fr/En mode at the bottom of the screen on our website to access forms & policies in the preferred language. Here are some FAQs to help serve you better:

q. Where can I find the course calendar & prices for these courses?

The course calendar is found under the Education section of our website. Prices are included beside each course name

q. Which ACBOA exam corresponds with the course I just took?

If you just took our communications, legal, barrier free, there is no ACBOA exams associated with those courses because they are owned by the NBBOA. Otherwise, a course alignment table can be found on the website.

q. Do I become automatically qualified after taking the required courses?

There is a certification process in place to ensure nobody "slips through the cracks" and follows the national standards. As soon as you finish your required courses for the level you are qualifying for, let us know! The website has certification application forms under the certification tab. Most of your questions regarding certification can be answered by reviewing these forms.

q. I'm NBCBO Level 3 certified. Now what?

Congratulations! Be sure to keep your education up to date by taking our maintenance courses and pay your yearly dues.

NBBOA Volunteers Needed!

NBBOA is always looking for volunteers to join our committees. Currently we are looking for a Zone Representative from Zone 2 on the Executive committee and a member from any zone for the Education committee. Contact Tracy at info@nbboa.ca if interested in learning more about volunteering with NBBOA with either of these committees.