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Ontario Regulation 236/05

Extending the Implementation of the Changes to the Building Regulatory System

Major changes to Ontario's building regulatory system are scheduled to come into force on July 1, 2005. These changes are set out in amendments to the *Building Code Act, 1992* and the Building Code resulting from the *Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002* (Bill 124). The changes to the legislation were proclaimed and related changes to the Building Code were filed in July 2003.

Stakeholders have raised concerns about the ability of certain building officials and designers to meet some of the new requirements by July 1, 2005. To respond to these concerns the Building Code has been further amended, through Ontario Regulation 236/05, to extend the implementation period for some of the new requirements to January 1, 2006.

Ontario Regulation 236/05 amends the Building Code to extend the implementation period from July 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006 for:

- Qualification requirements for building officials and designers
- Registration requirements (i.e. qualified staff and insurance) for designers
- Timeframes for the review of building permit applications by municipalities
- Commencement of the first reporting period for the annual building permit fee report to be prepared by municipalities

The following changes to the *Building Code Act, 1992* and Building Code will take effect on July 1, 2005:

- New service delivery options for municipalities through the use of private inspection bodies, known as registered code agencies (RCAs)
- Mandatory use of provincial building permit application form
- A new list of "applicable law"
- New rules governing building permit fees
- Mandatory notices and inspections at key construction stages
- Roles defined in Act for different building practitioners, including owners, builders, designers, and manufacturers

- New measures to support innovation including binding Minister's interpretations and Minister's rulings
- Mandatory registration and insurance for RCAs
- Mandatory qualification for RCA staff
- A Code of Conduct for building officials

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