



## Code Outreach Program – 2020 Code Update – Access to NYS Specific Code Books

This edition of the Code Outreach Program is intended to explain how municipalities will be able access the following publications, which have been incorporated by reference as part of the [Notice of Adoption](#), amending and updating the Uniform Code and Energy Code. This update becomes effective on May 12, 2020. Access to online versions of the 2020 Codes of New York State, which are listed below, may be found on the [DBSC's website](#) and the [ICC's website](#).

- 2020 Residential Code of New York State\_
- 2020 Building Code of New York State\_
- 2020 Plumbing Code of New York State\_
- 2020 Mechanical Code of New York State
- 2020 Fuel Gas Code of New York State\_
- 2020 Fire Code of New York State\_
- 2020 Property Maintenance Code of New York State\_
- 2020 Existing Building Code of New York State\_
- 2020 Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State\_

Below is a list of common questions and answers pertaining to accessing these publications.

**Q: Will municipalities receive copies of the above-referenced publications?**

**A:** DBSC will purchase for each municipality, one PDF version (useable offline) and one subscription to the online premiumACCESS version (accessed through a web browser) of the listed publications from the ICC. The ICC provides free, read only access to the publications online, which can be accessed by using the provided links above.

**Q: How will municipal Code Enforcement Officials (CEOs) and Building Safety Inspectors (BSIs) access the above-referenced publications?**

**A:** The ICC will send out a notification via email to the municipal clerk or chief elected official of each municipality that contains instructions on how to access the publications. It is the responsibility of the recipient to transmit this information to their municipality's CEO(s) and BSI(s).

**Q: How long is the PDF accessible?**

**A:** The PDF version has no expiration date.

**Q: How long will the premiumACCESS version be accessible, and is it possible to renew before the termination date?**

**A:** A five-year subscription to the premiumACCESS version of the publications will be provided. You will need to contact ICC for additional subscriptions or to renew the subscription.

**Q: Will the Authority Having Jurisdiction be allowed to print the publications and/or load them onto more than one computer or device?**

**A:** The notification from the ICC will include a licensing agreement. Each user will have to accept the licensing agreement to gain access to the materials. Any limits on the accessibility will be included in the agreement. Please read the agreement for details.

**Q: How can I obtain official hardcopies of the publications or additional subscriptions or PDF's?**

**A:** Hardcopies and any additional PDF copies or premiumACCESS subscriptions that the municipality desires must be [purchased through ICC](#) by the municipalities directly.

CEOs and BSIs: Please see the DBSC [Educational Services](#) website for more information pertaining to Advanced In-Service Training for the 2020 Code Update.

Please look for our next edition of the Code Outreach Program at the beginning of next month.

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