

International Code Council Government Relations New Updates – August 2018

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It's **only 11 weeks** before the start of the 2018 ICC Annual Conference in Richmond, Va.! To keep you on track, this August issue of the ICC GR Chapter Monthly Update will focus on deadlines:

Deadline August 10: Applications are due for ICC's 2018 Code of Honor Scholarship Program

If you are an ICC Governmental Member Voting Representative, don't miss your chance to apply for a Code of Honor Scholarship to support your attendance at ICC's Public Comment Hearings, October 24–31, 2018, in Richmond, Va. **The application site will close on Friday, August 10.** For details, [click here](#).

Deadline August 10: Applications are due to seek a seat on the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee

The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) seeks to fill openings on the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee, with qualified individuals who will evaluate proposed acceptance criteria prepared by staff concerning building products. Applications will be accepted until August 10, 2018. For more information, [click here](#).

Deadline August 15: All ICC Chapters must submit their annual reports to receive Chapter benefits

Many Chapters have already done so, but Wednesday, August 15, is the deadline to submit your Annual Report so you can receive all Chapter benefits, including a complimentary registration to this year's Annual Conference in Richmond, Va. Monday afternoon, October 22, will feature a Chapter Presidents' Meeting, where the Chapter of the Year will receive its award. To submit your Chapter's Annual Report, log in to your My ICC account and choose "My Chapters." From there, you can go to "View/Edit Chapter Details," and add an Annual Report. For more information, contact Karla Higgs at 888-422-7233 x5268 or chapters@iccsafe.org.

Deadline August 31: Send in applications for the Governing Committee of an ICC Membership Council

If you want a seat on one of the ICC Membership Councils' Governing Committees, the first step is to submit your application to seek candidacy for the position by Friday, August 31. [ICC has six Membership Councils](#). The application puts you into the nomination and election process which concludes Sunday morning, October 21, at the ICC Annual Conference in Richmond. [Click here](#) for an application to become a Governing Committee candidate. Terms are 2 years for the Emerging Leaders Membership Council and 3 years for all other Councils. Travel is required for at least two of the Membership Council Governing Committee meetings. For more information, [email Karla Higgs](#).

Deadline September 14: Opportunities available to participate on ICC Exam Development Committees

If you've ever been interested in having a say in the development and maintenance of the ICC National Certification exams, [now's the time to apply](#). But hurry — the closing date for receipt of applications is September 14. EDC members are appointed by the Certification Committee of the Professional Development Council for three-year terms. Applications are reviewed for experience, education, certifications held, previous committee experience and geographic location/municipality size to ensure our committees are representative of the entire nation. Beginning January 1, 2019, there will be many openings on ICC [Exam Development Committees](#) (EDCs). [Read more](#).

Deadline September 16: Get price breaks from early-bird registrations for 2018 ICC Annual Conference

Register by Sunday, September 16, to benefit from early-bird savings when you register for the [2018 ICC Annual Conference](#), Code Hearings and Expo, October 21-31 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Va. This important building industry event offers [educational sessions](#) led by world-renowned experts, networking opportunities, [historic building tours](#) and the chance to influence the 2021 International Codes (I-Codes). If your jurisdiction needs prompting to understand the value of your participation in the Annual Conference and code hearings, please use this [justification letter template](#). For conference information at-a-glance, [click here](#) to see the ICC Annual Conference talking points.

Deadline September 24: Validation required to vote at 2018 Annual Conference and on Group A codes

Join the over 5,000 Governmental Member Voting Representatives that have already been validated to vote online or in person. As a Primary Representative of current Governmental Members, you can [click](#)

[here](#) to login and validate your Governmental Member Voting Representatives. This year, Voting Representatives must have their credentials validated by **September 24** in order to fully participate in the 2018 Annual Business Meeting, Public Comment Hearings, and Online Governmental Consensus Vote. **Governmental Member Voting Representatives must be validated each year.** If you have already validated your voting representatives' credentials in 2018, you do not need to do so again.

Space is limited: Applications are online to sign up for the Fourth Annual Ron Burton Golf Outing

The very popular [Ron Burton Golf Outing](#) is receiving applications right now and supporters are advised to act now. Space in the event is limited. This annual feature of the ICC Annual Conference is sponsored by the ICC Past Presiding Officers to provide training and resources to future leaders of the code profession. It will be held Sunday, October 21. You can sign up as a [sponsor](#) or [player](#). This event celebrates the life and work of William Ronald "Ron" Burton.

August 13 teleconference scheduled to organize public input to the ICC Code Correlation Committee

A teleconference for the ICC Code Correlation Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2018, to initiate public comments, as needed, for correlation of changes to be considered at the Public Comment Hearing. The meeting is expected to start at 1 p.m. Eastern. An agenda will be posted on the ICC website at www.iccsafe.org/cc. [Read more](#)

ICC Government Relations Forum time and date set for 2018 ICC Annual Conference

One of the most popular attractions during the ICC Annual Conferences has been the Government Relations Forum, which features timely issues and compelling speakers. The Forum will be 8:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 23, in the Greater Richmond Convention Center. ICC Members will be eligible for ICC CEUs for attending.

Focus on the ICC Military Families Career Path Program progress will be featured October 22

Starting at 1 p.m. Monday, October 22, ICC Members can hear a one-hour update on the ICC Military Families Career Path Program to recruit veterans to find careers in code development and enforcement. The meeting will be held in Room B17 of the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The program was featured in the latest episode of the ICC Pulse Podcast with Sergeant First Class [Mike Reese](#) with the Code Services Department of Manhattan, Kansas. [Click here](#) to listen.

WILDFIRES: ICC webpage offers insights and resources to help communities and officials cope

Once again, wildfires are tragically claiming lives and wrecking neighborhoods and communities, resulting in mounting costs that have enormous economic and environmental impacts to the nation's communities and businesses. [The ICC website offers a resource page](#) to help officials and communities cope with fires, prevention and recovery. Also, Gabe Maser, Vice President of ICC Federal Relations, recently published this news article on FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding to support wildfire recovery. [Click here](#).

New video available to explain the benefits of becoming a Member of the International Code Council

When it comes to creating safe, sustainable and resilient structures, code officials are the heroes that make it happen. And if you're interested in pursuing a career that's dedicated to keeping people safe where they live, work and play, ICC provides an abundance of tools to help you get started. [Click here to view the new video from ICC Member Services](#), and pass it along to others. Also, new ICC Chapter logos are available for your website, merchandise, and other uses. A vertical Chapter logo is available by [clicking here](#). A horizontal version is available [here](#).

2018 marks the 20th anniversary of the International Energy Conservation Code

ICC celebrates the 20th anniversary of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) this year, which addresses the design of energy-efficient building envelopes and the installation of energy-efficient mechanical, lighting and power systems through requirements emphasizing performance. The IECC is in use across the United States, member nations of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi. To date, the energy code has saved U.S. consumers over \$44 billion and avoided 36 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions. Between 2010 and 2040, the U.S. Department of Energy

expects that model building energy codes will save homeowners and businesses up to \$126 billion in energy costs. [Click here to read more.](#)

ICC and NFPA release the 2018 edition of the International Solar Energy Provisions (ISEP)

The International Code Council and the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (ICC-SRCC), in collaboration with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), have updated the 2018 International Solar Energy Provisions (ISEP). This publication compiles the solar energy provisions of the 2018 International Codes (I-Codes) and the 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC or NFPA 70) and related ICC-SRCC standards into one comprehensive document on the design, installation and administration of solar thermal and photovoltaic systems. The ISEP is available for adoption by interested countries, states and local jurisdictions as their solar energy code, and it mirrors the format of the I-Codes, a family of fifteen modern, regularly updated building safety codes used throughout the world. The ISEP contains separate provisions for commercial and residential buildings, and two important solar standards have been included in their entirety: ICC 900/SRCC 300–2015, Solar Thermal System Standard, and ICC 901/SRCC 100–2015, Solar Thermal Collector Standard. Additional resources, such as the Checklist and Submittal Requirements for Expedited Permitting of Solar Photovoltaic Systems and the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Site Access, are also included. To order the 2018 ISEP, [click here.](#)

ICC Government Relations' Sara Yerkes outlines ICC's efforts to inspire people to take code careers

Sara Yerkes, Senior Vice President of ICC Government Relations, recently had an article published that explains ICC's efforts and commitment to inspire young people and military veterans to consider careers in code development and enforcement. [Click here to read the article.](#)

ICC-ES resumes Building Department Service due to demand for evaluating products or components

The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) is reinstating its Building Department Service due to requests and increased demand. This unique program provides technical services to code officials for evaluating a building material, product or system for specific sites. Through the service, jurisdictions can arrange for ICC-ES experts to investigate, evaluate, and report on specific products or components that are being proposed for use on a given project to determine whether they are acceptable. ICC-ES technical staff are the standard for the industry and are qualified to evaluate a wide range of products including fire-resistive assemblies, sandwich panels, solid-fuel-burning appliances, classified roof coverings and wall-covering systems. For more information, contact es@icc-es.org or 1-800-423-6587.

Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **August 8** – IMC [Boiler and Hydronic Piping.](#)
- **August 21** – IMC [Refrigeration, Fuel Oil Piping and Storage, and Solar Systems.](#)
- **October 17** - [Single Family Homes from Application to Occupancy.](#)
- **November 1** - [Procedures for Officers and Inspectors.](#)
- **November 15** - [Inspector Skills.](#)
- **December 6** - [Report Writing for Code Officials.](#)

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **August 6-10** at Myrtle Beach, S.C., [Plan Review Institute.](#)
- **August 13-15** in Portland, Ore., [Fire & Life Safety Institute.](#)
- **August 20-24** at Brea, Calif., [Residential Inspection Institute.](#)
- **August 28** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [2018 IRC Significant Changes.](#)
- **August 29** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [2018 IRC Significant Changes.](#)
- **September 6** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [2015 IFC and IBC Hazardous Materials Provisions.](#)
- **September 10-11** in Brea, Calif., ["When Disaster Strikes"](#) Institute.
- **September 17-20** in Dallas, Texas, **14 Permit Technician Certification Test Academy.**

- **September 24-25** in Brea, Calif., [Permit Technician Institute](#).
- **October 2-4** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [Principles of Building Safety Institute](#).
- **October 9** in Country Club Hills, Ill., [2015 Means of Egress](#) with Doug Thornburg.
- **October 29-November 2** at Arlington, Va., [Residential Inspection Institute](#).
- **November 5-8** at the ICC office in Country Hills, Ill., **64 Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector Certification Test Academy**.
- **November 15** at Focal Point Academy, Columbia, Md., [Inspector Skills](#).
- **December 3-4** at Atlanta, Ga., [Permit Technician Institute](#).
- **December 6** at MicroTek in Chicago, [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- **December 10-11** in Orlando, Fla., "[When Disaster Strikes](#)" Institute.

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming Academies:

- **August 13-16** and **November 5-8**, [B1 Res. Building Insp.](#)
- **August 27-30** and **December 11-14**, [B2 Com. Build. Insp.](#)
- **September 17-20**, [14 Permit Technician](#)
- **September 24-26**, [S1 Str. Steel & Bolting Spec. Insp.](#)
- **October 1-4**, [M1 Res. Mechanical Insp.](#)
- **October 9-12**, [66 Fire Inspector I](#)
- **November 5-8**, [64 Property Maintenance](#)