



Website Update

On Tuesday, May 4th, the Department of State (DOS) launched a new, redesigned website, at the same address: <https://dos.ny.gov>. The new website is designed to provide a better digital experience for our visitors by being more user-friendly and accessible for all New Yorkers.

DOS provides a variety of services and programs for New Yorkers. The new site is designed to be responsive across all devices and to make it easier for people to quickly find the information they need. This edition of the Code Outreach Program intends to help visitors navigate the new Building Standards and Codes (BSC) webpages.

You can navigate to the new BSC webpages, from any page within the DOS website, by hovering your cursor over the words “Local Government” on the ribbon toward the top of the page and selecting “Building Standards and Codes” from the dropdown menu.

On the BSC homepage (<https://dos.ny.gov/building-standards-and-codes>) there are four main headings as shown below. Under each heading are links to content based on the user; some of our frequently visited pages are as follows:

Current Building Codes of New York State

- Click on **Learn More** under “The Code” (<https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/new-york>) to find the Uniform Code and Energy Code books (note: this link takes you to a website that is not managed by New York State).
- Click on **Learn More** under “Regulations” (<https://dos.ny.gov/laws-and-regulations-division-building-standards-and-codes>) to find the laws and regulations related to the Uniform Code and Energy Code.

Code Enforcement Officials & Building Safety Inspectors

- Click the **Basic Training Program** (<https://dos.ny.gov/code/basic-training-program>) or the **In-Service Training** (<https://dos.ny.gov/code/service-training>) link to find training information for code enforcement officials and building safety inspectors.
- Click **Code Development** (<https://dos.ny.gov/code/code-development>) for information on the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council, how to submit code change proposals, and rulemaking activity.
- Click **Technical Support Unit** (<https://dos.ny.gov/technical-support-unit>) to learn how to receive technical support on the Uniform Code and the Energy Code. This page also has links to the Technical Support Documents (<https://dos.ny.gov/technical-support>) page, where many of the BSC publications, including the Code Outreach Program, Technical Bulletins, and Code Interpretations are found; and the BSC Frequently Asked Questions (<https://dos.ny.gov/division-building-standards-and-codes-frequently-asked-questions>) page.
- Click **Code Enforcement Disaster Assistance Response (CEDAR) Program** (<https://dos.ny.gov/code-enforcement-disaster-assistance-response-cedar-program>) for information about the CEDAR program and how to volunteer.

Local Government and State Agency Enforcement Programs

- Click on **Learn More** (<https://dos.ny.gov/code/local-government-state-agency-enforcement-programs>) for information on annual reporting, a Model Local Law, and More Restrictive Local Standards (MRLS).

Developers, Homeowners, and Design Professionals

- Click the **Variances** (<https://dos.ny.gov/code/variiances>) link for applications for, and information on, variances and appeals.
- Click the **Meeting & Training Events** (<https://dos.ny.gov/events>) link to find notices of upcoming meetings of the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council, and use the “Building, Standards & Codes” filter.
- Links for the **Complaints**, **Technical Support**, **Code Development**, **Manufactured Homes**, and **Code Interpretations** pages are also found under the “Developers, Homeowners, and Design Professionals” heading of the BSC homepage.

Note

- Users will need to update bookmarks to the old BSC webpages (previously referred to as DBSC) using the links from the new site.
- On each subpage, the ribbon on the left side of BSC webpages contains quick links to the sections and topics on each page.
- If you land on an old DBSC page and receive this message, “We’re sorry, the page that you are looking for is not found,” select “Building Standards and Codes” from the “Local Government” menu. The same instruction will work from any page within the DOS website.