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2024 Ontario Building Code Amendment

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This Building Bulletin is intended to support open communication with our customers.

Please be advised that the **2024 Ontario Building Code (OBC)** was amended on **Monday, April 20, 2026**, with the changes taking effect **immediately**.

While the majority of these amendments are **editorial in nature**, some **technical and administrative amendments** were also included. A summary of key amendments is provided below.

Summary of Key Amendments

1. Editorial Amendments

Numerous editorial amendments were made throughout the OBC, including correction of incorrect cross references and minor wording clarifications.

- To see all editorial amendments follow the directions at the end of this bulletin to obtain a copy of the latest Ontario amendment document.

2. Applicable Law - New Item Added - Reference: Div. B, 1.4.1.3.(1)(b)(iv.i)

A new item has been added to the definition of *Applicable Law*:

- **Section 9 of the GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023**

Excerpt

Withholding of Building Permit if Charge Not Paid:

Despite any other Act, a municipality is not required to issue a building permit for development to which a transit station charge applies if the charge, or any part of it, is payable but has not been paid.

3. Reference Standards - Updated Editions - Reference: Div. B, Table 1.3.1.2.

Several referenced standards have been updated to **newer editions**.

Some noteworthy updates include:

- CAN/CGSB-12.1-**2022** – *Safety Glazing* (previously 2017)
- CSA B64 Series-**2021** – *Backflow and Vacuum Breakers* (previously 2011)
- CSA B137 Series-**2020** – *Plastic Piping Systems* (previously 2017)
- NFPA 96-**2021** – *Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations* (previously 2014)
- CAN/ULC-S102-**2018** – *Flame Spread Rating* (previously 2010)
- CAN/ULC-S115-**2018** – *Fire Stop Systems* (previously 2011)

For a complete list, see attached updated Table 1.3.1.2., with all revised editions highlighted in yellow.

4. Headroom Clearance - Reference: 3.3.1.8.(1)

Service pits in repair garages have been added to the list of exceptions.

5. Rapid Transit Stations - Reference: 3.13.3.3.(3) and (4)

New provisions added permitting the use of Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems in service rooms within rapid transit stations.

6. Septic System Leaching Chambers - Reference: 8.7.3.5.(3)

Shallow buried trench systems have been added to the list of exceptions.

7. Temporary Health and Residential Facilities - Reference: Div. C, 1.3.7.2.(2)

A sunset date of **March 31, 2027** has been added.

8. BMEC Application Fees

A new provision allows for the waiver of application fees for *Canadian Manufacturers* (newly defined term).

9. Sewage System Reviews (*Pending Amendment*) – NOT applicable to Kitchener.

Due to the dissolution of several Public Health Units, responsibility for sewage system reviews will transition from the health unit to municipalities in certain regions.

- This change will come into effect on May 1, 2026, or Nov. 1, 2026, depending on the region.

Additional Amendments

The OBC was also amended on April 30, 2026, with provisions specific to Downtown Brampton.

Structure of the 2024 OBC

The 2024 Ontario Building Code regulation adopts the [National Building Code of Canada 2020](#), except where it is amended by the Ontario Amendment Document (that is, the “Ontario Amendments to the National Building Code of Canada 2020”). The full-length version of the Building Code is no longer available on E-laws. Email the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at Ontario.Amendment.Document@ontario.ca to request a copy of the latest Ontario Amendment Document.

Ontario Building Code Compendium

The Building Code Compendium (hard copy binder or PDF) consolidates the 2020 National Building Code and the Ontario Amendments into one single comprehensive document.

Important Notice

- The current hard copy and PDF versions are only up to date to the Jan. 16, 2025 amendment
- The Oct 31, 2025 amendment and both April 2026 amendments are not currently included
- Users must refer to the Ontario Amendment Document for the most current requirements

2024 OBC Amendment History (to Date)

O.Reg. 163/24	Filed on: April 10, 2024 Effective on: Jan. 1, 2025	
AMENDMENTS	FILED	EFFECTIVE
O.Reg. 203/24	May 29, 2024	Jan. 1, 2025
O.Reg. 447/24	Nov. 4, 2024	Nov. 4, 2024
O.Reg. 5/25	Jan. 16, 2025	Jan. 16, 2025
O.Reg. 247/25	Oct. 31, 2025	Nov. 3, 2025
O.Reg 110/26	April 20, 2026	April 20, 2026
O.Reg 119/26	April 30, 2026	April 30, 2026